

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

Name and first name: Yigezu, Imeru Tamerat

Date and place of birth: 15 November 1958, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

Member, Human Rights Committee (2021-to date)

Special Rapporteur, Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (2023-to date)

Consultant in the field of international law, human rights, democracy and governance, child rights, environment and climate change, water rights and governance and negotiations skills.

Main professional activities:

Member, Human Rights Committee (2021-2024)

Special Rapporteur, Follow-up to Concluding Observations, Human Rights Committee (2023-date)

Member, Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2012-2018)

Member, Working Group on Communications (WGC) of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2014-2018); also Chair/Rapporteur of the WGC (2015-2018)

Member of the International Board, Plan International (development and humanitarian organization advancing children's rights and equality for girls (2016-2018)

Associate Professor (part-time), International law, Human rights law, International Environmental law and natural resources, Law Faculty, Addis Ababa University, (2006-2017)

Educational background:

LLM (Merit), International Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1991/92)

LLB (Chancellor's Medal), Law Faculty, Addis Ababa University (1987)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Special Rapporteur, Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (2023-to date).

Participated in an individual capacity in the UN Treaty Body Focused Review, Freetown Sierra Leone, 7-11 December, 2021.

As a Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council on two thematic areas, contributed to the understanding of the nature and contents of States' obligations regarding violations of civil and political rights and was instrumental in getting the UN Human Rights Council to take further actions.

As a Member and Chair/Rapporteur of the Working Group on Communications of the Human Rights Council dealt with the screening and admissibility of hundreds of cases of alleged gross violations of civil and political rights.

List of most recent publications in the field:

As a Member of the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council produced two reports, namely:

“Study on the Implementation of the Principles and Guidelines for the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons affected by Leprosy, A/HRC/35/38, OHCHR, 4 May 2017

“Progress Report containing recommendations on mechanisms to assess the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights” A/HRC/28/74, 10 February 2015
