Dheerujlall Baramlall Seetulsingh (Mauritius)

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| **Current Position** | Chairperson  Member | National Human Rights Commission, Mauritius since April 2001  Human Rights Council Advisory Committee 2018 to 2020 |
| **Previous Positions** | Member and Vice President | Human Rights Committee, Geneva International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights June 2014–End 2016 |
|  | Member | Human Rights Council Advisory Committee 2008–2014 |
|  | Judge | Supreme Court, Mauritius (1998–2001) |
|  | Solicitor General | Ministry of Justice and Attorney’s General’s Office (1994–1998) |
|  | Chairman | Tax Appeal Tribunal (1984–1994) and Termination of Contracts of Service Board |
|  | Member of Council and Chairman of Staff Committee | University of Mauritius (1984–1994) |
|  | Part Time Chairman | Stock Exchange Commission |
|  | Head of Department of Law | University of Mauritius (1992–1994) |
|  | Visiting Lecturer | University of Aix en Provence, France |
|  | Member | Law Reform Commission |
|  | Member | Council of Legal Education |
|  | From State Counsel to Principal State Counsel | Attorney General’s Office and Office of Director of Public Prosecutions  (1974–1984) |

Professional experience

Mr. Seetulsingh has produced important reports on the sugar cane industry, relations between millers and planters, the duties of Local Government councillors, the University of Mauritius, Legal studies and functioning of private secondary education.

As a Judge of the Supreme Court he has been responsible for several ground breaking judgments, namely on the electoral system and on human rights.

At the level of the National Human Rights Commission he has reported regularly on human rights issues in the country, especially the rights of suspects and victims, changing the attitude of the police, improving conditions of detention in prisons, respect for environmental laws, compliance with international norms and treaty obligations. He has contributed widely to imparting human rights education to police officers, prisons officers, trade unionists, teachers, students and members of the public at large.

He has assisted in setting up a National Preventive Mechanism to protect the rights of detainees as required by ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture. He is responsible for making recommendations for reviews of criminal convictions by the Supreme Court where there is fresh and compelling evidence.

Mr. Seetulsingh has participated actively in International Workshops and Conferences on issues linked to human rights such as HIV/AIDS, International and Regional Cooperation on Human Rights, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Rights of Older Persons at the level of the African Union, the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Commonwealth and Francophone Associations.

As Chairman of the Stock Exchange Commission he drafted rules to protect shareholders’ rights to enable greater participation in the running of public companies and to ensure good governance and democratization of the economy.

As Solicitor-General he was responsible for providing legal advice to Government and for drafting of laws, among others, on human rights and protection of citizens’ rights and for reporting to Treaty Bodies. He strengthened the mechanism to improve relations between employers and employees, thereby ensuring the protection of workers’ rights.

As a member of the Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Council. Mr. Seetulsingh participated actively in the drafting of the Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training. He contributed to the work on the right to food, on the rights of peasants, on the right to international solidarity, on the right to peace and more specifically on the Principles and Guidelines for the protection of persons affected by Leprosy. He chaired the Working Group on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights. He was on the Advisory Committee Working Group on Communications which deals with complaints against violations of human rights worldwide.

As a member and Vice-President of the Human Rights Committee set up under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Mr. Seetulsingh played an active part as Rapporteur or Member in Task Forces examining Country Reports and in Working Groups on Communications dealing with complaints of violations of human rights from individuals and contributed constructively to the jurisprudence of the Human Rights Committee. He participated in the discussions on the General Comment of the Committee dealing with the right to a fair trial and on the new draft General Comment on the right to life.