



BIOGRAPHIES OF BENEFICIARY FELLOWS (2 September – 23 November 2018)

- 1. Afghanistan (Fellow)
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Mr. Sayed Reza Rahmani has been an official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan since 2016. He assists Directorate for Human Rights and Women's International Affairs in communicating with other Ministries and Foreign Agencies on the subject of Human Rights issues including CRC, CRPD and UPR. He has been bestowed upon an Advocacy License from the prestigious Afghanistan Independent Bar Association, and has acted as a Defense Advocate in Courts. He has been handling cases of violation against women's rights too. Mr. Rahmani holds a Bachelor of Law and Political Science from Balkh University, Afghanistan in 2012.

This is his first time in attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Subject of Research Paper: "A case study of Sikhs freedom of religion in Afghanistan" Fellowship Programme

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Ms. Dechen Wangmo serves as the Chief, Europe, Americas and Africa Division, Department of Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs since August 2017. She has been working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the last 13 years. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the dealing agency in the Government of Bhutan on matters related to human rights issues. The Ministry oversees and coordinates implementation of Bhutan's human rights obligations in close consultation with primary stakeholders. As part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she got the opportunity to work both within and outside Bhutan and on various issues some of which are directly related to human rights. She started her career with the Department of Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs in 2001. Ms. Dechen Wangmo holds a Bachelor's in Economics from Sherubtse College in Bhutan and a Master's in Public Policy from the National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo, Japan. This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council.

<u>Subject of Research Paper:</u> "A comparative Study on LGBT Rights and Issues in South Asia" Fellowship Programme