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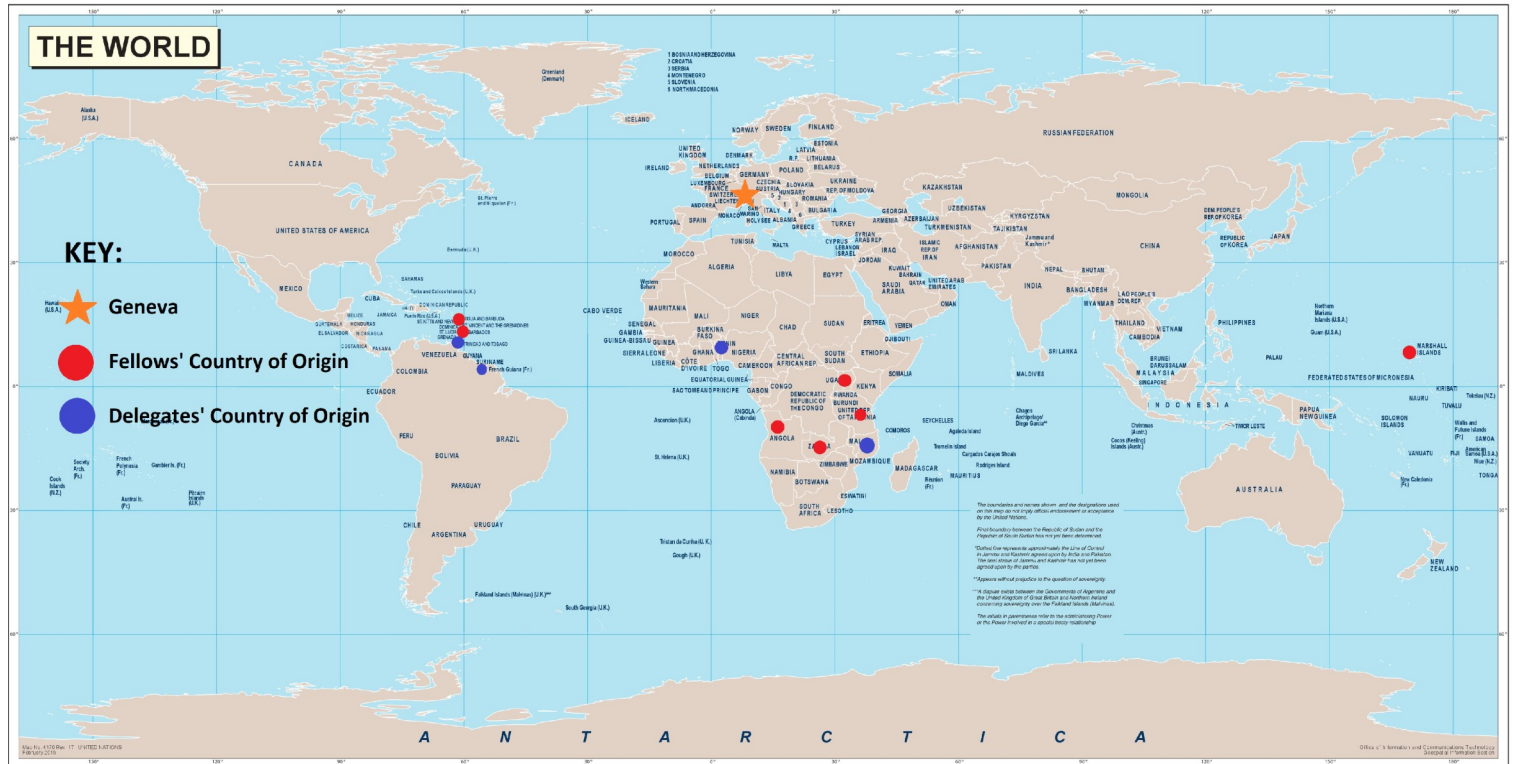
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# Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows HRC 42

## Countries of Origin



**Key for Biographies:**

- Africa
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**Delegates will be in Geneva: 3 - 27 September 2019**

**Fellows will be in Geneva: 3 September - 15 November 2019**

## ANGOLA (REPUBLIC OF)



**Mr. Cabral Laureano Neto**

***Second Secretary***

***Multilateral Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs***

Mr. Cabral Laureano Neto is a diplomat (Second Secretary) within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola, posted at the Multilateral Affairs Division in Luanda.

Currently Mr. Laureano holds the responsibility of Human Rights Desk at Ministerial level, making him the principal person responsible for human rights. He recently became a member of the Inter-ministerial Commission for the Elaboration of National Reports on Human Rights, under the umbrella of Angola's Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. This Commission monitors, protects and promotes human rights in the country. He has been a diplomat since 2008, and has vast experience in international relations and diplomacy at both bilateral and multilateral levels. During his period of service under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he served in various capacities, including the Bilateral Cooperation Division, North America Desk (America Division) and most recently as Head of Political and Consular Affairs at the Angolan Embassy in Zambia.

Mr. Neto holds a Bachelor (Honours) in International Relations from the High Institute of International Relations, Angola (2007) and a Master's in Philosophy of Public International Law, University of Lusaka, Zambia (2018).

**Subject of research paper: "Angola and the UPR: Working Towards the Enforcement Mechanisms on the Protection and Respect of Human Rights."**

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



## BENIN (REPUBLIC OF)



**Mr. Randal Oguidan**

***Head of Human Rights Section***

***Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation***

Mr. Randal Oguidan is a career diplomat who has worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation since 2004. Since October 2017, he has held the position of Head of the Human Rights Section in the Legal Affairs Department of the Ministry. He is in charge of monitoring all matters related to the promotion, protection and defence of human rights in Benin. In this capacity, he is a member of the National Committee for the Monitoring of the Implementation of International Instruments, focusing on those in the field of human rights. Mr. Oguidan is also a member of the National Committee for the Preparation of Benin's Periodic Reports on the implementation of these instruments.

Previously, he held various positions in his diplomatic career, including that of First Secretary at the Benin Embassy in Brussels between 2011 and 2017, where he was in charge of monitoring the activities of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and its specialized institutions, as well as matters relating to regional or sub-regional organizations in relation with the ACP Secretariat.

He holds a Master's in Diplomacy and International Relations from the National School of Administration and Magistracy of the University of Abomey-Calavi in Benin.

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



## GRENADA

*Without a Permanent Mission in Geneva*



**Mr. Robert Branch**  
*Senior Legal Counsel*  
*Attorney General's Chambers*



Mr. Robert Branch is a Senior Legal Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers of Grenada. In the post since 2010, he has responsibilities for covering human rights and other conventions which Grenada is party to. Mr. Branch represents the Ministry of Legal Affairs on the National Coordinating Committee for Human Rights and is also Grenada's lead expert for MESICIC and focal point for the UNCAC Review Mechanism.

Mr. Branch led the delegation which presented Grenada's 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR report in 2015. He was coordinator of the Constitution Reform Advisory Committee, which advised the Government on the refining of the human rights provisions in the 2016 referenda.

Mr. Branch holds an LLB with Honours from the University of the West Indies.

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

## MALAWI (REPUBLIC OF)



**Ms. Florencia Chimwemwe Mtingwi**  
*Foreign Service Officer*  
*Political Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*



Ms. Florencia Mtingwi works at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi under the Political Affairs Department. As a Political Officer, she is responsible for monitoring external political and social developments, with a view to advise the Government on their implications on Malawi and the international scene. Since May 2017, she has served in various roles including African Union Desk Officer as well as SADC and COMESA Desk Officer.

Ms. Mtingwi holds a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from the University of Malawi, Chancellor College.

**This her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council and also her first time in Geneva.**

## MARSHALL ISLANDS (REPUBLIC OF THE)



**Ms. Teri K. Elbon**  
**Gender in Development Manager**  
**Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs**



Ms. Teri K. Elbon is a Gender in Development Manager within the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. In the post since April of this year, Ms. Elbon holds principal responsibility for promoting and protecting the rights of women and men in the Marshall Islands by ensuring effective and efficient implementation of CEDAW and the Gender Mainstreaming Policy, as well as providing administrative and coordination support for other activities relating to women and girls.

She is active in strengthening the office's role through public awareness on CEDAW and thenational Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act. She was also actively involved in the Marshall Islands' recent National Review of the Beijing Platform for Action +25.

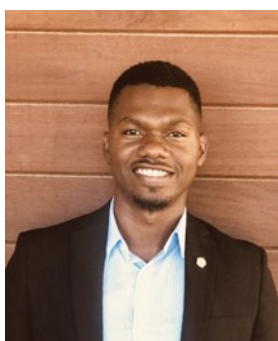
Ms. Elbon holds a Bachelor in History and Sociology from the University of the South Pacific.

**Subject of research paper:** *Climate Change and the Marshall Islands' Nuclear Legacy: The right to a clean, safe and healthy environment and the effects of climate change to the environment and communities, but most especially, its effects on women and girls.*

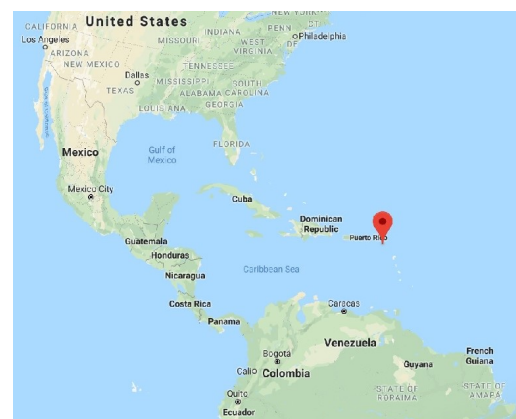
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## SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

**Without a Permanent Mission in Geneva**



**Mr. Sheldon Henry**  
**Foreign Service Officer**  
**North America Division and Human Rights,**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**



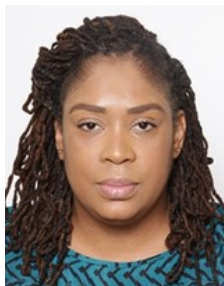
Mr. Sheldon Henry is a Foreign Service Officer overseeing the North America Desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2017. Additionally, Mr. Henry co-shares the responsibility of managing the Human Rights Desk. As the one overseeing the North America desk, Mr. Henry is responsible for monitoring and advising the Minister of Foreign Affairs on developments within this region that would affect the foreign policy of Saint Kitts and Nevis. He is also responsible for providing ways to strengthen bilateral relations with this region by developing strategies and project proposals for the overall development of Saint Kitts and Nevis. In his shared responsibility on human rights, Mr. Henry engaged in the preparation of Saint Kitts and Nevis' second UPR review in 2015 and is currently instrumental in the preparation and reporting for its third review in 2020.

**Subject of research paper:** *Examining refugee movement in the context of natural disasters and climate change: Exploring the contributions of the Human Rights Council to this issue and how Saint Kitts and Nevis can add value and help strengthen the protection agenda of this group of people.*

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

## SAINT LUCIA

*Without a Permanent Mission in Geneva*



**Ms. Zizi Aiyana Pitcairn**  
**Foreign Service Officer**  
**Department of External Affairs**

Ms. Pitcairn has been a Foreign Service Officer in the Department of External Affairs in Saint Lucia since May 2011. During this time, she has worked in the Political and Economic Department for a duration of three years, heading the CARICOM and OECS Desk. Ms. Pitcairn has been leading the Consular Division within the Department of External Affairs for the past four years, within which time she was appointed to be the Focal Point for the recently launched Trafficking in Persons Action Plan, headed by the Department of Home Affairs and National Security in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). In addition, she is also the CARICOM Single Market Economy (CSME) Focal Point within the Department of External Affairs.

Ms. Pitcairn has a Bachelor in Hospitality and Tourism Studies as well as professional certification in Diplomacy and Combatting Human Trafficking.

**Subject of research paper:** *How can the work conducted at the Human Rights Council in relation to the rights of migrants/refugees serve as a guide to the Government of Saint Lucia in responding to humanitarian crises in the Caribbean Region?*

**This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council and also her first time in Geneva.**



## SURINAME (REPUBLIC OF)

*Without a Permanent Mission in Geneva*



**Mr. Jürgen Tjin Liep Shie**  
**Foreign Service Officer**  
**Multilateral Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

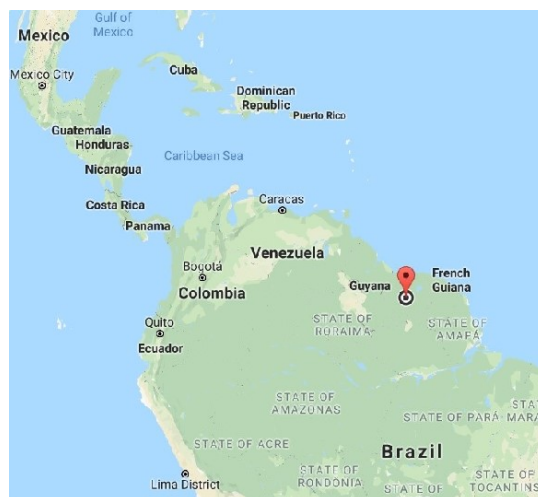
Mr. Jürgen Tjin Liep Shie is a Foreign Service Officer at the Multilateral Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His work relates to topics in relation to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the United Nations and the Organisation of American States. Furthermore, he is also the Focal Point of the Integral Child Protection Network in Suriname (IKBeN) on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Children's Rights).

He has been a career Foreign Service Officer within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2015. He was a member of the delegation of the Republic of Suriname to the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), hosted in Dhaka in 2018 as well as the delegation to the 72<sup>nd</sup> United Nations General Assembly in 2017.

Moreover, Mr. Tjin Liep Shie followed the training programs: 'Results-Based Management (RBM), Planning, Monitoring and Evaluating for Results', 'Introduction to Child Rights', and 'The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities'.

He holds a Bachelor in Public Administration from the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (2014) and is currently in the process of obtaining a Master's in Public Administration in Governance.

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



## UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



**Ms. Lucy Darabe Diganyeck**

**State Attorney**

**Human Rights Division, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs**

Ms. Lucy D. Diganyeck is a State Attorney working in the newly established Human Rights Division within the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, since November 2018. The Human Rights Division facilitates the State Party Reporting and Follow-up mandate of the Ministry and coordinates meeting all the state's obligations to the Human Rights Council. She is responsible for providing advice to the Government's ministries, departments and institutions on thematic human rights areas including children, environment and health. She is also actively involved in the drafting of the second National Human Rights Action Plan and is the Focal Person for the CEDAW.



Prior to working at the Ministry, she was based in the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, prosecuting in subordinate Courts and the High Court as well as handling appeals and applications in these jurisdictions. In this role she handled cases of human trafficking and trafficking in narcotic drugs. She also worked in monitoring the administration of criminal justice by collecting and compiling data of criminal cases handled by the Court of Appeal, High Court and Subordinate courts at a national level.

Ms. Diganyeck holds a Bachelor in Laws from Tumaini University, Iringa Tanzania (2005) and a Master's in International Human Rights Laws from Lund University, Sweden (2018).

**Subject of research paper:** *Taking stock of the implementation of Universal Periodic Review Recommendations on women's rights in Tanzania: Case study of Female Genital Mutilation.*

**This is her first time attending a regular session of the Human Rights Council and also her first time in Geneva.**

## UGANDA (REPUBLIC OF)



**Ms. Mary Namono**

**First Secretary**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Ms. Mary Namono is First Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda. Ms. Namono has served in the Department of International Law and Social Affairs since early July 2019 and holds principal responsibility for coordinating all legal correspondence with the United Nations as well as handling the human rights and social affairs aspects of the department.



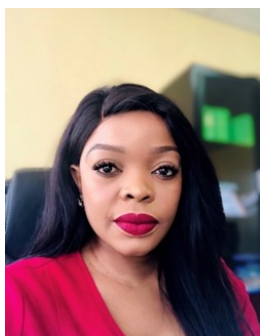
She has been a career Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since January 2011, with extensive experience in multilateral affairs including treaty negotiations, national reporting and human rights communications. She acquired this experience from the four years she served at the Uganda Permanent Mission in Addis Ababa, which is accredited to the Africa Union and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Ms. Namono is an LLB graduate of Makerere University, Uganda (2009) and holds a Master's in International Commercial Law from Salford University, United Kingdom (2017).

**Subject of the research paper:** *An analysis of the Special Procedure Mechanism of the Human Rights Council; a specific focus on the relations between the Government of Uganda and the Special Rapporteurs.*

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## ZAMBIA (REPUBLIC OF)



**Ms. Lois Kapeza**

***Legal Counsel***

***International Law and Agreements  
Department, Attorney General's Chambers,  
Ministry of Justice***



Ms. Lois Kapeza is a Legal Counsel in the International Law and Agreements Department of the Ministry of Justice, Attorney General's Chambers. She holds principal responsibility for perusing and negotiating agreements, contracts, treaties, conventions and documents to which the Government is a party or to which the Government has an interest. This includes treaties or conventions concluded under multilateral and regional organisations such as the United Nations, African Union, Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

In addition, she attends to all human rights issues and participates in the preparation and submission of periodic reports, such as for the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights to respective international treaty bodies, namely to the United Nations human rights treaty bodies and African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights respectively. She also prepares responses on behalf of Zambia and generally answers to all issues relating to international human rights on behalf of the Government.

In 2018, Ms. Kapeza was responsible for organizing a training on state party reporting on behalf of the Ministry of Justice in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for Southern Africa (OHCHR) and United Nations Development Programme for Zambia (UNDP). This training led to the launch of the newly established National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Ups (NMRF).

Ms. Kapeza holds a Bachelor (Honors) in Law from the University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom (2010) and was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court for Zambia in 2016.

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