How to start the application process:

The application process consists of two parts: the first part is a web-based survey and the second part is an application form in Word format. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed for the application to be processed.

**First part:** The [web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WebApplication_SMH_HRC27_Sept2014) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate/s applying for and nominating entity. **The web-based survey should only be completed once**, i.e. multiple selection is allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

**Second part:** The application form in Word which can be downloaded, completed and saved in Word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words. The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will be made available to concerned parties, including through the OHCHR public website.

Once completed, the application form in Word should be submitted by email to [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandate, a mandate-specific application form needs to be completed and sent for each mandate.

* A maximum of three reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
* **Application deadline: Monday, 30 June 2014 (midnight, GMT).**
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

General description of the selection process is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

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**An acknowledgment email will be sent when we receive both parts of the application process, i.e. the information through the web-based survey and the Word application form by email.**

**Thank you for your interest in the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family name: Tazi Sadeq | Sex:  Male  Female |
| First name: Houria | Date of birth (dd-mm-yy): 15-03-51 |
| Maiden name (if any): | Place of birth: Fez |
| Middle name: | Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Moroccan |
|  | Any other nationality: |

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

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| QUALIFICATIONS (200 words)  Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.) | -PhD in environmental law (political sciences) on "Law, Water and Sustainable Development" (1998) with distinction (Very Good) and accepted for publication. Registered at the Luxembourg University Foundation "F.U. L Belgium".  -Master’s, Post Graduate Degree, (3ème cycle), on “Unilateral Acts and the New International Law of the Sea”.  -Professor of environment law and administrative law at the Hassan II University of Casablanca.  - Holder of interdisciplinary UNESCO Chair for Sustainable Management of Water. Co-chair of two university programs on water and sustainable development; and water and civilization.  -Registered lawyer at the Casablanca Bar Association.  - Consultant on legal and institutional aspects of water law and sustainable development.  - Author of “du droit de l’eau au droit à l’eau au Maroc et ailleurs”, reference publication, published by the UNESCO and the United Nations University (478 pages)  -I master three UN languages: Arabic, French and English. |
| RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words)  Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)  Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights. (Please state how this was acquired.)  Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience.) | 24-year experience in water and environmental rights (WE). Drafting statements for CNDH to the UN HRC on W&E. Conference lecturer/Participant in international seminars organized by Global Environment Fund, International Commission on Sustainable Development, UNDP, UNESCO, USAID, World Bank, in Casablanca, Ouagadougou, Sao Paolo, Montreal, Manila, Beijing, Nairoubui, Johensbourgh, Paris, etc, on water and sanitation issues. Engaging with NGOs in advocacy for HR, including right to water, with the UN HR system, other regional and international mechanisms. Gathering information/elaborating and coordinating reports, studies, consultations, plans of action on the right to water and sanitation, water quality and management, sanitation systems, climate change and sustainable development, regional and international legal and institutional frameworks.Candidate and finalist for the post of president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.  Initiating an international process for the right to water and sanitation and their effectiveness in partnership with International Green Croos, International Secretariat for Water and the World Water Council (WWC), where I served as governor for three mandates.  Participatig in the establishment of the UNESCO Institute of Water Education in Netherlands.Participating/organizing trainings on Water and sanitation. |
| ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)  Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.) | -Nationally: Member of Regional Human Rights Commission of Casablanca. Focal point on environmental rights at CNDH, and working currently on a thematic report on the effectivness of right to water and healthy environment. Founding member and member of first board of Moroccan Oragnization for Human Rights. Founding and board member of Moroccan Society for Environment Law (1986-1998). Honorary Presidnt of Moroccan Association for Water (2013). Member of other NGOs.  -Regionally: Founding chair, Co-chair (1994-1998) and chairperson of Maghreb-Machreq Alliance for Water «ALMAE», (since 1998), Casablanca. Board member of Water Solidarity Europe (Strasbourg, since 1998).  - Internationally: Member of Board of Governors, WWC (three mandates 2001-2010) Marseille. President (1994-1997) and member board of International Secretariat for Water (Montreal). Member of Suez think-tank (Water Resources Advisory Committee (2002-2011).Member of Environment Law Commission, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Gland (since 1996). Member of Network of Environmental Law, Limoges. Elected Member of Steering Committee of Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (2000-2006), Geneva. Member of Academie de l’ethique, Paris, and Académie de l’eau, Paris. Initiator and chairperson of International Water and Sanitation Technology Fair. |
| flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time (200 words)  to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate.) | I have been involved in the human rights movement for 24 years at the national, regional and international levels, without any prejudice to my functions as a university professor and a lawyer. Throughout my experience, I have learned how to organize my work based on an already fixed agenda, which I have been able to adapt in several occasions to priority issues. I have been able to allocate the time required to discharge my formal work and to be involved in civil society activities, especially as president of ALMAE. I have engaged effectively with various international and national stakeholders in a variety of projects concerning water and environment through consultation works, reports and feasibility and field studies, trainings, lobbying and advocacy actions while respecting the deadlines and terms of references set for these works. I have been ready to travel to remote areas in the world and get acquainted with a number of legal and institutional frameworks in these areas. I will be ready to dedicate three months per year to the work of the mandate. |

**III. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)**

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| Dear Madam/Sir,  I have the honor to submit my application for the vacancy announced in the OHCHR website for the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation.  I have accumulated a 24-year experience in the field of human rights, particularly working on water-related issues.  As a consultant and human rights activists working in various national, regional and international civil society groups and think tanks, I have dedicated my works and research to national and international legal and institutional frameworks related to water, sanitation, sea, environment and sustainable development. The right to water and sanitation has been always a key issue and a unifying theme in these works, which were done based on processes of reflection and consensus at the national and international level.  I have linked my knowledge, competence, expertise and academic skills to my own convictions that the right to water and sanitation is of a paramount importance and should be guaranteed by duty bearers for all right holders nowadays more than ever.  To address the issue of water, the green economy and corporate social responsibility, I initiated and chaired the international water and saniation technology fair, which is now in its 4th edition.  Based on my field experience, I noticed that the water management has been always based on a technicist approach. I believe that water is a cross-cutting issue that must bring together all stakeholders: public sector, private sector, NGOs, university, elected officials, international organizations and financial institutions. I tried along with other NGOs I worked for to put the human being at the center of debate on access to this inalienable right.  As a president of Maghreb-Machreq Alliance for Water, a regional NGO, I have been engaged with other partners and stakeholders in leading an advocacy and lobbying action for a better protection and promotion of the right to water and sanitation. Indeed, we launched a process in partnership with International Green Cross, an international NGO chaired by former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, which led to an in-principle proposal regarding an international convention on the right to water. Later, I contributed to introducing this subject to the World Water Council (WWC), where I served as a governor. This enlarged the target groups of this work. This proposal constituted one of the themes that was discussed in detail at the world water forums, organized by the WWC in Mexico in 2006, in Istanbul in 2009 and in Marseille in 2012. In Morocco, the new constitution recognizes the right to water, clean environment and sustainable development. My national actions focus currently on the effectiveness of these rights and the mechanisms for their proper implementation. Internationally, the right to water has been recognized by the UN HR system, mainly throught CESCR observation 15 (Nov. 2002) and UNGA Resolution 64/29 (Jul. 2010). I am ready to contribute to any action amining at the implemntation of this right internationally.  I have also publications on environment law and water issues in national and international specialized journals, reports and papers, including “Du Droit de l’eau au droit à l’eau, au Maroc et ailleurs” (478 pages); “L’eau de A à Z” (being published); legal and management issues of sanitation system. I have also articles, including on the unavoidable question of water; water and sustainable developments; local participation in water management: empowering communities to take the lead, etc. My reports include governance and water social management; water as a source of civism, peace and regional development; drinking water and environmental sanitation, etc.  I have excellent command of oral and written French, Arabic and good level in English. I work well under the pressure of time and have a spirit of flexibility, readiness, availability and sense of responsibility.  I would be grateful if you would review my application form that describes my work experience in detail.  Yours sincerely  Houria Tazi Sadeq |

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills:**

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| **Languages** | **Read** | | **Write** | | **Speak** | |
| **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** |
| **Arabic** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Chinese** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Mother tongue** *(please specify)*: |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher).**

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| Name of degree and name of academic institution: | Years of attendance  (From/To): | Place and country: |
| PhD in environment law (political sciences) entitled, "Law , Water and Sustainable Development", from Hassan II University. | 1992-1998 | Casablanca, Morocco |
| -Master’s (3ème cycle), on Unilateral Acts and the New International Law of the Sea”. from Hassan II University. | 1983 | Casablanca, Morocco |
| BA in law (political sciences option) | 1975 | Casablanca, Morocco |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.**

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| Name of employer,  functional title,  main functions of position: | Years of work (From/To): | Place and country: |
| Univesity professor | 1979-2005 | Casablanca, Morocco |
| Lawyer and consultant | since 1996 | Casablanca, Morocco |
| UNESCO interdisciplinary chair holder for sustainable managament of water | since 1998 | Casablanca, Morocco |
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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)**

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

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| No |

2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in that past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?

*Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.*

*Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate-holders will act in their personal capacity.*

Yes

5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.

In the event of conflicts of interest between my current job and the mandate, I would be replaced by other colleagues at work. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur is of priority for me.

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