

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT

**Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas,
five members (one each) from five regional groups**

Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 55th session

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
(1) online survey¹ (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/687683>) and
(2) mandate-specific application form in Word format² (to be downloaded from <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc55>)
- Once fully completed, **in English or French only**, the Word application form should be saved in Word format and submitted by email to ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org
- A **maximum of up to three optional letters of support** may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).
- No additional documents (e.g., CVs, resumes or additional letters of support) will be accepted.
- Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e., the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by the Secretariat.
- Applications will only be considered if both parts and **all sections** of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline. Please read the instructions in this form carefully and fill the form fully in accordance with such instructions. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
- Candidates eligible for **Working Group mandates** are only nationals of the States belonging to the [regional groups](#) for which specific vacancies have been advertised.
- General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations> and <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: Khadka	5. Year of birth: 1949
2. First (given) name: Keshab Raj	6. Place of birth: Kathmandu
3. Other name, if any: X	7. Nationality (please indicate the one nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Nepali
4. Gender: Male	8. Any other nationality: X
9. Please indicate the region that you are applying for, according to your nationality (please tick a box):	<input type="checkbox"/> Member from African States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member from Asia-Pacific States <input type="checkbox"/> Member from Eastern European States <input type="checkbox"/> Member from Latin American and Caribbean States <input type="checkbox"/> Member from Western European and other States

¹ The **online survey** is used to collect information for administrative purposes such as personal data (i.e., name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form.

² The **mandate-specific application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process.

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II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS (200-word limit)

Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights, and 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).

Language: English, fluent both orally and in writing

MA in Economics and Ph D and specialising on agriculture Development, has lectured at university classes for 3 decades in English

Supervised and guided several MA desertations and Ph D theses in English including PhD theses in Food Sovereignty and Sustainable Food system

Active in Human Right movement in Nepal/South Asia. After the democratic restoration 1990 in Nepal, actively pursued the movement demanding to endorse ICESCR 1966 by the newly established Govt and successfully concluded when then PM KP Bhattarai signed it in 1992.

After this, there was Right to Food movement growing popular and in 2006 National Alliance of Right to Food Networks came into existence and myself in executive committee. Later, served as National Coordinator for 2017-2022 of the networks

Presented several papers and powerpoints in professional and subject specific int. and national seminars, conferences, meetings etc,

Addressed press conferences, interviews on mass media like TV, etc

Member expert of SAAPE (South Asian Association for Poverty Eradication) and works with concerned CSOs, NGOs, academia, media and lawyers of Countries in the region.

Executive Counciller, Nepal Agriculture Research Council, help developing Peasants breeds, Right to Food Consultant, Nepal Human Right Commission

Vice President, ANPFa, incharge of reseach and policy analysis Dept. Todate

2. RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200-word limit)

Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles (please indicate how this was acquired). Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the work of the United Nations or other international or regional organizations in the area of human rights, and particularly in the area of the mandate (please indicate how this was acquired).

Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate (please indicate years of experience).

Active in human rights movements in Nepal during 1980s when absolute monarchy had banned political parties in this country. Therefore, the int, HR documents were matter of serious study and daily discussions. As an academician, made many presentations on importance and vakue of international human rights among different stakeholders. After IC

ESCR was endorsed by the government of Nepal, many programs were launched in human rights Sector. Later in 2006-10, worked with Right and Democracy, a Canadian institution for human rights under Parliament, Carol Sandup, being person incharge for South Asia.

Conducted many research studies and programs on Economic, Social and Cultural rights. Had

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visited Montreal, Wottawa, Toronto at different occasions to present human rights situation in Nepal and South Asia at that time. Coorganised many programs with UN human rights program during Maoist insurgency 1998-2005

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200-word limit)

Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights (please explain how such competence was acquired).

4. PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events in which the candidate has participated in relation to the mandate.

4.1 Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Title of publication: Development Economics for the Least Developed Countries

Journal/Publisher: Book/Asia Publication House, Kathmandu, Nepal

Date of publication: 1998

Web link, if available:

2. Title of publication: Silver Jubilee of Food Sovereignty and its indigenization in Nepal

Journal/Publisher: Peasants Voice/ All Nepal Peasants Federation

Date of publication: May 2022

Web link, if available:

3. Title of publication: Food Sovereignty: Alternative Strategy for Development

Journal/Publisher: Book/ Janautthan Parishad, Anam Nagar, Kathmandu - 32

Date of publication: 2008

Web link, if available:

If more than three publications, kindly provide a summary of the rest (200-word limit):

1. UNDROP: An introduction and Guide to Farmers in Third World, Kisan Jgaran, Kathmandu 2019

2. Right to Food: A Case Study of Hunger Prone Karnali Hills with reference to Women and Dalits, Journal of Development Issues, Patan 2020

3. Market March in LDCs and Development Thematic, Book, Janautthan Parishad, Anam Nagar, Kathmandu-32 , 2014

There are more than 6 books and 350 articles published at different themes and topical issues over the period

4.2 Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in with respect to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:

Event organizer: National Alliance of Right to Food Networks

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Date of public statement/pronouncement: Public Statement to honor peoples' right to Food by Maoist Insurgents, many times during 2002-06 when they were at height

Web link, if available:

2. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement: South Asia Social Forum, Dhaka

Event organizer: Bangladesh Social Forum

Date of public statement/pronouncement: Public Statement/ July 2006

Web link, if available:

3. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement: World Food Day

Event organizer: FIAN, Nepal

Date of public statement/pronouncement: 16 Oct 2016

Web link, if available:

If more than three, kindly provide a summary of the rest (200-word limit):

5. FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200-word limit)
to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, such as participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York; travelling on two country visits per year; drafting reports according to established deadlines; organizing and participating in consultations and meetings; addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned; providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to the mandate; and engaging with a variety of stakeholders.

Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.

Happy to undertake all above said responsibilities under "experts on mission" conditions

Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive a salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of "experts on mission".

6. NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE

Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):

- Individual nominations (select this option if the candidate is self-nominating)
- Governments
- Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights system
- International organizations or their offices
- Non-governmental organizations
- National human rights institutions
- Other human rights bodies

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For third-party nominations, please provide the name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (200-word limit):

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE

600-word limit. Must be typed in the space below. Cannot be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be written by the candidates themselves, even if nominated by an other stakeholder.

Since decades, I've been working with Farmers Organization on different capacities of central committee member to Vice President and involved in intellectual discourses, organising grass-root peasantry, policy interventions at different levels of Public administrations and more often lead the mobilizations and mass demonstrations. I've participated and engaged in discourses both in IFAD's Farmers Forums, FAO's IPC meetings down to peasants struggles in neighboring countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, etc. I posses work experiences with both LVC and AFA leading their different programs, implementing them to successful conclusion. In this regard, the opportunities to be involved in Peasants Rights formulation meetings, along with ITPGRFA conditions benefitting farmers, has made me travelling different corners of the globe. For last two years I've been deeply involved in translating UNDROP in Nepali, lobbying Ministry of Agriculture Development to implement it in Nepal which is half success now as the legal drafting of Agriculture Act 2023 is completed and very soon a bill to that effect is going to be tabled in Nepalese Parliament.

My humble submission, jn this regard, is to contribute to the process of implementation of UNDROP at country level in different parts of the world, recognising different situations in regionwise/ countrywise. To explore and exploit the emerging situations, dialogues across the table of stakeholders, and policy articulations so that farmers, the ultimate food producers, become benefitted right holders and encoraged to feed humanity which is one of prime goal of every nation embodied in UNDROP and its aproval in UNGA. I enjoy working voluntarily in the cause of peasants right till now and much inspired by the result so far, thus deriving a meaning in life!!

Thanks

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills below.

1. Mother tongue: NEPALI

2. Knowledge of the six official languages of the United Nations:

Arabic: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:
Write: Easily or not easily:
Speak: Easily or not easily:

Chinese: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:
Write: Easily or not easily:
Speak: Easily or not easily:

English: Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **easily**
Write: Easily or not easily: **easily**
Speak: Easily or not easily: **easily**

French: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:
Write: Easily or not easily:
Speak: Easily or not easily:

Russian: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:
Write: Easily or not easily:
Speak: Easily or not easily:

Spanish: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:
Write: Easily or not easily:
Speak: Easily or not easily:

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V. EDUCATION

Please list the candidate's academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, academic institution and whether full- or part-time). If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in the additional cell below, separating them by a blank line.

Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:	Years of attendance (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present):	Degree obtained (please indicate YES or NO):	Place and country:
Name of degree: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Field of study: Economics, Geograrhy, English, Pol. Science, History Academic institution: Tribhuwan University Full or part-time: Full time	1969-72	Yes	Kathmandu, Nepal
Name of degree: Bachelor in Education Field of study: Teaching Technics, Learning Theories, Cariculum, Education Management and Admin, Philosophy, Education Psychology, 6-months practicum Academic institution: Tribhuwan, University Full or part-time: Full time	1972-74	Yes	Kathmandu, Nepal
Name of degree: Bachelor in Laws Field of study: Jurisprudence, Comparative Laws, Human Rights Law, Corporate Law, International Law and Int. Relations, Moot Court and 3-months Practicum Academic institution: Institute of Law, TU Full or part-time: Part-time	1972-74	Yes	Kathmandu, Nepal
Name of degree: Masters in Economics Field of study: Micro & Macro Economics, Hist. of Economic Thoughts, Monetary Economics, Public Finance, Capitalism vs Socialism, Research Method, Agri. Economics Academic institution: University Campus, TU Full or part-time: Full Time	1973-75	Yes	Kathmandu, Nepal
Name of degree: Ph D in Economics Field of study: Development Economics and Agriculture with reference to LLDCs, Nepal Academic institution: Delhi School of Economics and Patna University,	1987-91	Yes	Delhi, Patna, India

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Full or part-time: Full Time			
Additional:			

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VI. EMPLOYMENT

Please list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate's current (or most recent) occupation. Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in the additional cell below, separating them by a blank line. Please be as precise as possible since this section is important for assessing the eligibility of candidates in terms of professional experience.

<p align="center">Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position (brief description), full- or part-time:</p>	<p align="center">Years of work (provide a range from-to, e.g., 05/1999- 10/2005; for ongoing activities, please put, e.g., 08/2018- present):</p>	<p align="center">Place and country:</p>
<p>Name of employer: ANPFa/AFA/IFAD Functional title: Sub-Regional Coordinator Main functions of position: To organise and run national units in the countries of South Asia, viz., India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, travelling extensively these countries and visit member FOs, Capacity Enhancement of Farmer Leaders for Policy Dialogues and Interventions, Business and Entrepreneurship in Farming, Resource Mobilization and Credits, Recent trends including Sustainable Farming and Agroecology, Hold meetings and Assess their yearly progress reports, help formulate annual budgets, release funds, Publish annual reports Journal, knowledge generation, capacity enhancement and program implemetation, Accounts, etc Full- or part-time: Full time</p>	<p align="center">2013-2018</p>	<p align="center">All Nepal Peasants Federation(ANPFa) Kathmandu based</p>
<p>Name of employer: ANPFa Functional title: National Coordinator Main functions of position: Work with different Farmers Associations, Peasants groups, Agri. Cooperatives, Formed National Peasants Coalition, a common platform, Capacity Enhancement of Farmer Leaders for Policy Dialogues and Interventions, Business Orientation in Farming & Marketing , Hold meetings and Assess their quarterly progress reports of member farmers groups, formulate annual budgets, knowledge generation, capacity enhancement, Accounts, etc</p>	<p align="center">2009-12</p>	<p align="center">Kathmandu, Nepal</p>

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Full- or part-time: Part-Time		
Name of employer: Tribhuwan University Functional title: Professor Main functions of position: Lecture in Development Economics, Human development and Agri. Economics at MA Level, MA thesis guides and PH D Supervisor Full- or part-time: Full Time	1998-2012	Kathmandu, Nepal
Name of employer: Tribhuwan University Functional title: Lecturer, Reader Main functions of position: Lecture on Micro Economics, Public Finance, Comparative Economics, Marco Economics, International Economics etc Full- or part-time: Full Time	1978-1998	Kathmandu, Nepal
Name of employer: Department of Economics, TU Functional title: Head of Department Main functions of position: Besides class lectures, organise symposiums and Conferences on topical issues of the Day in National and Int.Economy, Participate and represent in different programmes both National and International, Publish Economic Journal, hold Research seminars for Ph D candidates Full- or part-time: Full Time	2004-12	Kathmandu Nepal
Name of employer: National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal Functional title: Advisor Main functions of position: Advise on formulation of New Periodic Plan, midium term plan assessment, policy issues of the day, etc as and when needed Full- or part-time: Part time	2006-10	Kathmandu
Name of employer: Nepal Bank Limited Functional title: Chairman, Board of Directors Main functions of position: Chair the Board Meetings and deliberate decisions, review portfollio management, Encourage New Products, enhance prestige of the Bank Full- or part-time: Part Time	2010-2015	Kathmandu
Name of employer: United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Nepal Functional title: Expert Main functions of position: Help formulate and Publish Human Development Report, Nepal 2012 Full- or part-time: Part Time	2011-12	Lalitpur, Nepal
Additional: National Coordinator, Alliance for Right to Food Networks, Nepal,secretariat at ANPFa, 2016-21		

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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)**

***To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate's
behalf.***

1. Does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

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 the mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in the 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 the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (please answer YES if the candidate complies; NO if the candidate does not comply, and provide an explanation).

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, the candidate 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 a 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 that the candidate will take in this regard.

No

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VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

To be completed by the candidate. The candidate's name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.

Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the Secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org).

I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.

Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.

Name: Keshab Raj Khadka

Date: 29 Nov 2033
