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Election, in accordance with articles 34, paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of 9 members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2022

Election of 9 members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the 15th Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters from 14 to 16 June, 2022, for the purpose of electing 9 members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2022 (see section I). The names of persons nominated by States parties appear in section II. The names of the other 9 members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2024 appear in section III.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 34 of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a Note Verbale dated 1 December 2021, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 9 members of the Committee within 4 months. Per decision of the Bureau of the Conference of States parties (COSP) on 17 June 2021, the 15th session of the COSP is tentatively scheduled to take place at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 14-16 June 2022, during which the election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with disabilities will be conducted. As a result, the deadline for nomination of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is 13 April 2022. All the curricula vitae received by 13 April 2022 are included in document CRPD/CSP/2022/CRP.1. Addenda to this note has been issued for nominations received after the deadline of 13 April 2022.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 34 of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of 13 persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document.

4. In addition, in compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the current situation with respect to the composition of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution and gender representation, professional background and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members, is contained in sections I and II of the present document along with the biographical data of current members found on the webpage of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (<https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/crpd/membership>).

5. In its resolution 68/268 (para. 13), the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.

- In its current composition eleven experts of the Committee are women, and 7 are men; with their geographical distribution as follows: four members from the Asia-Pacific regional group, five experts from Latin America and the Caribbean, four from Africa, one from Eastern Europe and four from Western Europe and other States.
- All of the nine experts whose mandates expire on 31 December 2022, two members are from African States, two from Asia-Pacific States, one from Eastern European States, two from Latin America and Caribbean States and two from Western European and other States.

I. List of the nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2022

The professional backgrounds, legal systems, and further biographical data of the members may be found on the webpage of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities "Membership" by clicking on the name of the individual members: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2022/fifteenth-conference-states-parties-and-2022-elections>

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Mr. Danlami Basharu	Nigeria	01.01.2015
Ms. Mara Cristina GABRILLI	Brazil	01.01.2019
Ms. Amalia GAMIO	Mexico	01.01.2019
Ms. Rosemary KAYESS	Australia	01.01.2019
Ms. Miyeon KIM	Republic of Korea	01.01.2019
Mr Jonas RUSKUS	Lithuania	01.01.2015
Ms. Gertrude Oforiwa FEFOAME	Ghana	01.01.2019
Mr. Markus SCHEFER	Switzerland	01.01.2019
Ms. Risnawati UTAMI	Indonesia	01.01.2019

II. List of persons nominated by States parties

<i>Member</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Mr. Muhannad Salah AL-AZZEH	Jordan
Ms. Natalia Guala BEATHYATE	Uruguay
Ms. Rehab Mohammed BORESLE	Kuwait
Ms. Gertrude Oforiwa FEFOAME	Ghana
Ms. Amalia GAMIO RIOS	Mexico
Ms. Sif HOLST	Denmark
Mr. Stanislav Alexandrovich IVANOV	Russian Federation
Ms. Laverne JACOBS	Canada
Ms. Rosemary KAYESS	Australia
Ms. Miyeon KIM	Republic of Korea
Mr. Alfred Kouadio KOUASSI	Ivory Coast
Mr. Markus SCHEFER	Switzerland
Ms. Sanja SKENDERIJA	Bosnia and Herzegovina

The curricula vitae of the persons nominated, as provided by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annexes.

III. List of the nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities until 31 December 2024

The professional backgrounds, legal systems, and further biographical data of the members may be found on the webpage of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities "Membership" by clicking on the name of the individual members: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/crpd/membership>

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Ms. Rosa Idalia ALDANA SALGUERO	Guatemala	01.01.2021
M. Abdelmajid MAKNI*	Morocco	20.10.2021
Ms. Gerel DONDOVDORJ	Mongolia	01.01.2021
Ms. Vivian FERNÁNDEZ DE TORRIJOS	Panamá	01.01.2021
Ms. Odelia FITOUSSI	Israel	01.01.2021
Mr. Samuel Njuguna KABUE	Kenya	01.01.2017
Mr. Robert George MARTIN	New Zealand	01.01.2017
Mr. Floyd MORRIS	Jamaica	01.01.2021
Ms. Saowalak THONGKUAY	Thailand	01.01.2021

** Appointed, pursuant to article 34 (9) of the Convention) to serve for the remainder of the term of former Committee member Ms. Soumia Amrani.*

Annex

Curriculum Vitae of candidates

Mr. Muhannad ALAZZEH (Jordan)

- Date and place of birth: 5/6/1970
- Place of residence: Jordan-Amman
- Nationality: Jordanian
- United Nations working languages: English - arabic

Current position/function:

- Secretary General for the Higher council for the Rights of Persons with Disability, in addition to oversee and supervise the administrative issues as well as the budget, I'm responsible to conduct the following tasks:
- Chaired the Legal Committee (composed of 8 members from government and independent entities) to draft a new inclusive 'Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' that would be in conformity with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and advocated relentlessly for its final passage into law in 2017, as the Kingdom and the region's first-ever anti-discrimination piece of legislation.
- Drafted and launched Jordan's '10-year National Strategy for Accessibility,' Spring 2019.
- Drafted and launched Jordan's '10-year National Strategy for Deinstitutionalization,' Fall 2019.
- Drafted and launched Jordan's '10-year National Strategy for Inclusive Education,' Winter 2020.
- Finalized agreement with the Ministry of Health on the 'Diagnostic Re-Testing of Persons with Disabilities' and the establishment of diagnostic standards for this purpose.

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- CRPD Shadow Report: Led the research, development, drafting and advocacy efforts related to the first Civil Society Status Report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2012, a two-year initiative engaging a coalition of more than 20 civil society organizations and outreach effort to more than 400 individuals across the Kingdom.
- Advocacy: Led the design and implementation of strategic advocacy efforts in support of national-level disability rights campaigns and legislative reform efforts.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

- PHD degree in criminal law and bioethics, Alexandria University 2002.

- Post graduate diploma in public policy, good governance and democratization, the International institute for social studies (ISS) Netherlands, 2009.
- The summer law school on the Disability rights, NUI Galway University – Ireland 2016;
- Human Dimension and human rights, Office for Democratic institutions and human rights- Poland, 2012;
- South project training on advocacy and the rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York, 2006-2007;
- Several courses on the CRPD and human rights between 2005 and 2008 through internal capacity development programs by Humanity and Inclusion (Handicap International).

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on our lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- I'm legally blind.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

- I supported the drafting process of the new law on the rights of Persons with Disabilities in Pakistan, 2013.
- I provided full draft for a regional law on the rights of Persons with Disabilities and executive regulations with support by WHO, 2014.
- Draft the first regional monitoring report about the status of the implementation of the CRPD in the gulf countries through GCC, 2015.
- Conduct several researches and legal analysis regarding the harmonization between the national laws in the Arab countries and the cRPD.
- Training delivery for judges, government employees, DPOs and the human rights organizations about the CRPD general and thematic subjects..

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Co-Author in:
 - Book entitled: Global Perspectives on Disability Activism and Advocacy Our Way, Routledge U.K, 2020;
 - International study entitled: Disability-specific forms of deprivation of liberty, NUI Galway, 2019.
- Author of:
 - 30 Questions Guide: 30 questions and answers about reasonable accommodation in the work place for Persons with Disabilities, the Civil society program – USAID, 2012.

- What to Say and What not to Say, a guidebook on how to use the rights based terminology in the media when talking about disability rights/issues, 2012.
- The Manual '60:60 Questions and Answers on Monitoring the CRPD and Preparing the Official States and Civil Society UN reports,' commissioned by the GCC, Bahrain, 2013.
- The Technical Requirements for an effective implementation and monitoring of the CRPD, a comparative research commissioned by the GCC, 2012.

Ms. Natalia Guala BEATHYATE (Uruguay)

- Lugar y fecha de nacimiento: Buenos Aires, Argentina, 27 de abril de 1983
- Lugar de residencia: Madrid, España
- Nacionalidad: Uruguaya
- Idiomas de trabajo: Español, Inglés, Portugués

Cargo o función actual:

- Responsable de Alianzas y Programas Internacionales del Grupo Social ONCE, posición desde la cual ejerce la Secretaría Técnica del Programa Iberoamericano de Discapacidad, así como la coordinación de asistencia técnica en políticas de discapacidad para el Programa EUROsociAL+. Tiene a su cargo la estrategia de partenariados con organizaciones internacionales, relaciones institucionales con representaciones diplomáticas y organización de eventos paralelos en foros internacionales (COSP, HLPF, COP, etc.).

Otras actividades principales en el ámbito de los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Directora Ejecutiva de la Unión Latinoamericana de Ciegos entre 2009 y 2016, organización regional que representa a las personas con discapacidad visual de 19 países.
- Consultora en Derechos Humanos para el Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD); Responsable de Campañas y Activismo para Amnistía Internacional Uruguay; Coordinadora de proyectos de promoción de la educación inclusiva y de acceso a la información pública para personas con discapacidad financiados por el Banco Mundial, UNESCO y la cooperación finlandesa.
- Delegada por Uruguay ante la Unión Latinoamericana de Ciegos (ULAC), ante la Unión Mundial de Ciegos (UMC), Secretaria General y Vicepresidenta de la Unión Nacional de Ciegos del Uruguay (UNCU).

Educación, particularmente la relacionada con los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Licenciada en Relaciones Internacionales, Licenciada en Ciencias de la Comunicación y Posgrado de Especialización en Marketing por la Universidad de la República (Uruguay). Diploma de Especialización en Gerencia Social y Políticas de Discapacidad por FLACSO Chile. Diploma de Especialización en Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo por la AECID (España).

Indique si se identifica como una persona con discapacidad o elabore sobre su experiencia de vida relacionada con personas con discapacidad:

- Se identifica como una persona con discapacidad visual congénita. Participa en OPD desde el año 2001, como Secretaria General, Vicepresidenta, delegada en foros y Asambleas internacionales del movimiento de la discapacidad (ULAC, UMC, RIADIS e IDA).

Experticia relevante en el ámbito de los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Por favor elabore sobre las áreas de experticia en la Convención sobre Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad y experiencia relacionada
- Apoyo la implementación de la CDPD a través de asistencia técnica a organismos gubernamentales (Programa EUROsociAL+) y de la formulación e implementación del Programa Iberoamericano de Discapacidad. Ha participado en las negociaciones para la renovación de la década para las personas con discapacidad de la OEA 2016-2026, así como en el asesoramiento a agencias de NNUU en la implementación de la UNDIS, entre otras actuaciones.

Publicaciones más recientes en el ámbito de los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Material de consulta sobre educación inclusiva: Apoyo a docentes, 6/05/21. Serie: Cohesión social en la práctica (EUROsociAL+), ISBN/ISSN: 978-84-09-29655-2
- Promoción del empleo de personas con discapacidad: Recopilación de normativas y buenas prácticas en algunos países de Europa y de América Latina, 20/03/20. Serie: Herramientas EUROsociAL 32/2020

Ms. Rehab Mohammed BORESLE (Kuwait)

- **Date and place of birth:** 16 April 1964, Kuwait City – Kuwait
- Place of residence: Kuwait City – Kuwait
- Nationality: Kuwaiti
- United Nations working languages: Arabic (fluent), English (good), French (beginner).

Current position/function:

- Member of the Public Authority for the Disabled Higher Council since 2014, Founder and Chairperson of the Kuwaiti Society for Guardians of the Disabled since its inception in 2005, Founder and Chairperson of Al-Tomoooh Kuwaiti Sport Club for the intellectual disability 2018.

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Vice Chairman of the Gulf Disability Society of the Gulf Cooperation Council, representative of the State of Kuwait International Visitor Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities (October 2011),
- Honorary President of the Special Team to raise awareness about intellectual disabilities (2007), as well as being Vice Chairman of Inclusion International – MENA region (2012-2016).
- Member of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee – Chair of the Sports for the Disabled Subcommittee(2017- 2016),
- Chair of the Sports for the Disabled Development Committee – Public Sports Authority) (2016)

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Bachelor of Political Science and Economics – Kuwait University
- Masters and Higher Diploma in Management Information Systems – Gulf University Bahrain

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- I am a mother of two young children with learning difficulties; I am also an Aunt of a girl with intellectual disability, and an Aunt to a girl with Down syndrome. I have gained vast experience in working with multiple cases that suffer from many disabilities through my volunteer work for 20 years, and volunteered in the work of regional and international institutions

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities**Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.**

- Advisor to the parliamentary committee charged with drafting the Law for Persons with Disabilities (2010)

- Workshops for senior government sector stakeholders on the rights of persons with disabilities in Kuwait
- Adoption of the issues of adolescence, adulthood and marriage for persons with disabilities and organized a regional conference at the level of the Gulf States
- Responsible for frequent campaigns to spread the culture of effective social integration in the fields of education and society.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Printing the booklet of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and distributing it in all international forums in Arabic and English in the size of the handbag (500,000 copies per language).
- Printing 200,000 copies of Kuwaiti Law No. 8 of 2010 on the rights of persons with disabilities and distributing them in service centers.
- Printing two self-supporting magazines and distributing about 200,000 copies.
- Printing 500,000 copies of the song awareness (*"Give Me the Chance, and See What I Can Do"*).

Ms. Gertrude Oforiwa FEFOAME (Ghana)

- Date and place of birth: 23-09-1957, Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana
- Place of residence: Accra, Ghana
- Nationality: Ghanaian
- United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

- Member, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Global Advocacy Manager for Social Inclusion, Sightsavers
- Member of the Board, Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations (GFD)
- Africa President, International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment
- Member, International Communication Rights Alliance

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Leading the work of Sightsavers in implementation and monitoring of the CRPD and other human rights mechanisms; empowering organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and civil society organisations to engage on human rights and development issues, including the impact of COVID-19; expert support to the UN on disability, involved in the negotiation of ensuring disability inclusion in Beijing and worked assiduously from then until the current Generation Equality Forum processes; technical support to States and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in the development and ratification of the Africa Protocol on Disability; driving ICEVI's work to enhance quality of education through influencing governments' implementation of the CRPD and SDGs; advising on human rights to GFD, with a focus on gender.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- M.A. Theology and Mission, Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture, Ghana (2016); Exec. M.A. Governance and leadership. Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (2010); United Nations Human Rights System, Distance learning course (2010); B.A. Education (Special Education), University College of Education, Ghana (1995)

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- As a woman with a disability (visual impairment) in a developing country, I have first-hand experience and knowledge of the stigma and discrimination faced by people with disabilities and the negative impact on their lives, community, and opportunity.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

- I am an advocate on disability and gender issues which I bring to bear on the work of the CRPD Committee as chair of the working group on women and girls with disabilities. With extensive experience and expertise in policy formulation and close engagement with OPDs, I am also able to reflect the perspectives of persons with disabilities as chair of the task force of general comment on article 27.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Fefoame, G. (2021) Access to health for women with disabilities. MMS Health for All Podcast; Fefoame, G. (2020) I wasn't left behind, but most learners with disabilities still are. African Arguments; Fefoame, G. (2018) The blind campaigner who is fighting to empower women with disabilities, Chatham House; Fefoame, G. (2017) Bold Women Can tackle workplace challenge of Disability. World Economic Forum

Ms. Amalia GAMIO RIOS (Mexico)

- Lugar y fecha de nacimiento: 7 de agosto de 1951
- Lugar de residencia: México
- Nacionalidad: Mexicana
- Idiomas de trabajo Inglés, español, italiano 70%.

Cargo o función actual:

- Experta independiente en el Comité sobre los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad de Naciones Unidas, Período 2019-2022 Vice presidenta para el bienio 2021-2022./ Miembro de varias organizaciones de la sociedad civil de y para personas con discapacidad./ Docente en el Instituto de Derechos Humanos de Campeche./ Asesora de abogados que defienden posibles deportaciones a México desde Estados Unidos de personas con discapacidad psicosocial.

Otras actividades principales en el ámbito de los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Coordinadora. Programa sobre Discapacidad de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos CDMX/
- Coordinadora del Programa sobre Discapacidad del IMSS/. Coordinadora del Programa de Discapacidad del Consejo Nacional para Prevenir la Discriminación/. Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores. Desde 2002 hasta su aprobación participó en los trabajos para la elaboración del borrador de la Convención sobre los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad./ Experta Independiente en el Comité de la Convención Interamericana para la Eliminación de Todas las Formas de Discriminación contra las Personas con Discapacidad OEA./ Como miembro del Conapred: Coordinadora del grupo sobre los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad de la Subcomisión de Grupos Vulnerables de la Comisión de Política Gubernamental en Materia de Derechos Humanos de la Secretaría de Gobernación.

Educación, particularmente la relacionada con los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Médica especialista en rehabilitación./ Maestría en Inclusión de Personas con Discapacidad./ Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores: Foro Internacional por la no Discriminación./ Programa de Cooperación sobre Derechos Humanos México-Comisión Europea: Seminario sobre Instrumentos de Protección Regional e Internacional de los Derechos Humanos./ Universidad La Salle: Diplomado en lengua de señas mex./ IJ UNAM: Diplomado sobre no discriminación.

Indique si se identifica como una persona con discapacidad o elabore sobre su experiencia de vida relacionada con personas con discapacidad.

- Aliada de las personas con discapacidad desde 1984; siendo Directora del Centro de Rehabilitación Zapara del DIF, promoví con la Secretaría de Educación Pública la inclusión a escuelas regulares de los niños con discapacidad que se encontraban segregados en esa escuela

Experticia relevante en el ámbito de los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Por favor elabore sobre las áreas de experticia en la Convención sobre Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad y experiencia relacionada
- Capacitadora en foros y seminarios sobre discapacidad, convocada por gobiernos, academia y organización civil internacional y mi país./ Asesora de Organizaciones de personas con discapacidad, universidades y la Cámara de Diputados en diferentes períodos/. Experta en la CDPD, fui parte de la Delegación Mexicana en el borrador y su aprobación. Experta Independiente (Vicepresidenta) de su Comité 2019-2022 incentivando varias grupos de trabajo.

Publicaciones más recientes en el ámbito de los derechos de las personas con discapacidad:

- Visiones y Revisiones de la Discapacidad. Fondo de Cultura Económica “Discapacidad en México: el derecho a no ser invisible. Legislación, educación, estadística.
- El derecho a la no discriminación=todos los derechos para todos. Manual de Liderazgo Social contra la Discriminación. Instituto de Liderazgo Simón de Beauvoir a.c. Capítulo iii: caras diversas de la discriminación. Iii.8 por ser persona con discapacidad.

Ms. Sif HOLST (Denmark)

- Date and place of birth: 27th March 1975, Odense, Denmark
- Place of residence: Copenhagen, Denmark
- Nationality: Danish
- United Nations working languages: English (fluent), French (basic).....

Current position/function:

- I am a member of the board of The Danish Institute for Human Rights and the vice chair of Disabled People's Organisations Denmark (DPOD). I am also a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and a member of the Council of Nordic Cooperation on Disability and serve on a large number of boards and committees (see examples below)

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- I serve as the chair of the Danish Disability Fund, working with development aid for disability organisations in the Global South. I am the vice chair of Knowledge center on Disability, chair of the Danish accessibility scheme God Adgang, council member on the Danish Health Technology Council and board member of SUS Social Development Center. I am also a member of the Danish Disabled Person's Air Travel Council and work with for example the Danish Academy for Architecture, the Danish Technical University, DTU and the Design School in Kolding on universal design, with the Danish Outdoor Council and Copenhagen University on persons with disabilities and access to nature, with the Danish sports organization and the University of Southern Denmark on Fitness for all.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

- Basic education and training on several topics, such as adult education, accessibility, development projects, evidence-based health practices and health economics.

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- I was born with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. I have been a wheelchair user for more than 20 years. I have experienced discrimination and many obstacles, but I raised myself up and have worked for change on an individual, local, national, and international level.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities**Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.**

- I have extensive expertise on accessibility, health, rehabilitation and employment. But also a lot of experience when it comes to equality, women with disabilities, awareness-raising, equal recognition before the law, independent living, personal mobility, education, adequate standard of

living, participation in political and public life, participation in cultural life, data collection and international cooperation.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Book, translated title: Let us talk about pain (2020)
- Article, translated title: The Blind Spot of the World (2018)
- Contribution to Anthology, translated title: Children and youth in development work, on children and youth with disability and the CRPD-convention (2006).
- For further publication visit <http://sifholst.dk/>

Mr. Stanislav Alexandrovich IVANOV (Russian Federation)

- Date and place of birth: 19 May 1970, Novosibirsk, USSR.
- Working languages: Russian, English, Russian sign language and international sign language.

Current position/function:

- 13.11.2020 - present - President of the All-Russian Society of the Deaf (VOG, www.voginfo.ru).

Education:

- Boarding school No. 12 for hearing-impaired children in Iskitim (1988);
- Diploma of higher education of the Moscow State Academy of Physical Culture with a degree in physical culture and sports (1995);
- Master's degree in management of the Russian State Social University (2014).

Main professional activities:

- **1988** – present – member of the VOG;
- **1995-2001** – physical education teacher at a boarding school for deaf and hard hearing children;
- **2006-2010** – Advisor of the Department of Adaptive Physical Culture and Sports of the Department of State Policy in the Field of Physical Culture and sports of the Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Russian Federation;
- **2006-2020** – Vice President of the All-Russian Sports Federation of Sports for the Deaf (www.osfsg.ru);
- **2006** – present – Member of the Executive Committee of the Deaflympic Committee of Russia (www.deaflymp.ru);
- **2010-04.02.2020** – Vice President of VOG;
- **2010** – present – Member of the Central Board of VOG;
- **2018** – present – President of the Organization of the Deaf Youth “Success” (MOGU);
- **25.10.2018 – 04.02.2020** – Acting President of VOG;
- **2019-2023** – elected member of the Council of the World Federation of the Deaf (<http://wfdeaf.org>).

Other activities:

- Participated in the development and contributes to the implementation of the State Program “Accessible Environment for 2010-2025”;
- One of the initiators of the adoption of amendments to the Federal Law dated 30.12.2012 No. 296-FZ “On social protection of disabled people” in terms of increasing the status of the Russian sign language as a full-fledged linguistic system;

- Participated in the development of the Federal Law dated 01.12.2014, No. 419-FZ “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation on Social Protection of Disabled Persons in Connection with the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”;
- Member of the Presidential Commission for the Disabled;
- Member of the Coordinating Council for Control over the Implementation of Activities of the State Program “Accessible Environment”;
- Member of the Interdepartmental Commission for the Development of Adaptive Physical Culture and Sports of the Presidential Council for the Development of Physical Culture and Sports;
- Member of the Council of the Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation for the development of adaptive physical culture and sports;
- Member of the Council of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation on the education of persons with disabilities and disabled people;
- One of the founders of the Abilympics movement in Russia and organizer of the first Russian Abilympics Championship in 2015, as well as organizer of the preparation and participation of the Russian national team in the Abilympics World Championship 2016 in Bordeaux (France);
- Permanent member of the organizing committee of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation for the preparation of the Russian Abilympics championship, as well as a member of the Organizing Committee for preparation for the 2022 Abilympics international championship in Moscow;
- Initiator and elected President of a company registered in the Netherlands in 2015, the International Association DeafSkills, created with the aim of promoting availability and employment of young people with hearing impairments;
- Headed the implementation by MOGU of UNDEF grant project “Involving Russian youth with hearing impairments in social processes and employment”;
- Member of commissions on education and employment of people with disabilities of the international organization Rehabilitation International Global.

Awards and titles:

- Champion of the 2005 Deaflympics in beach volleyball, European champion in volleyball, multiple winner and medalist of official international and all-Russian competitions;
- Awarded the 2nd degree medal of the Order of Merit to the Fatherland, the badge “Excellence in Physical Culture and Sports” of the Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation, certificates of honor of the Ministry of Labor of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Education of the

Russian Federation, gratitude from the Ministry of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation, 2 and 3 degrees badges of the VOG “For Special Merits”, other public awards;

- Has the grade 3 class rank of the adviser of the state civil service of the Russian Federation, the sporting title “Master of Sports of the USSR, International Class”, the honorary sporting title “Honored Master of Sports of Russia”.

Ms. Laverne JACOBS (Canada)

- Date and place of birth: 21 April 1972, Toronto, Canada.
- Nationality: Canadian
- United Nations working languages: English and French

Current position/function:

- Laverne Jacobs is a law professor at the University of Windsor, Canada who specializes in law and persons with disabilities, human rights law; disability rights; disability equality; disability inclusion; administrative law; comparative law; access to justice and intersectionality.

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Laverne Jacobs is Founding Director of The Law, Disability & Social Change Project, a research and public advocacy centre in Canada. She is also Co-Director of the Disability Rights Working Group of the Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality & Anti-Discrimination Law at the University of California, Berkeley. Her work has been used by advocacy groups, government, and courts. She completed comparative law research as a consultant for the development of Canada's *Accessible Canada Act*. She has expertise in developing and implementing accessibility laws. She also has expertise in accessible transportation policy and human rights among other areas. She has presented on COVID recovery and people with disabilities. She is a former human rights adjudicator. She is the lead author of Canada's first law and disability textbook.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

- B.A. (Hons.) — McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1994 (French Language and Literature); LL.B. & B.C.L. — McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1999 (degrees in both Common Law and Civil Law); Ph.D. — Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada, 2009 (Administrative Law)

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- Due to a spinal cord injury, I am a person with a disability and a wheelchair user. My concern for global disability inclusion stems from my professional work as a disability scholar and advocate & from my personal experiences of inaccessibility and inequality.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

- I have expertise in several CRPD-related areas including: accessibility, access to justice, community living, transportation, medical assistance in dying, gendered & intersectional disability discrimination, and conducting effective consultation and policymaking with persons with disabilities. I

have published or presented extensively in these areas, developed policy, appeared before Senate, supported litigation by OPDs.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Laverne Jacobs et al., *The Annotated Accessible Canada Act (2021); Law and Disability in Canada (2021); “Accessibility for Manitobans Act: Ambitions and Achievements in Antidiscrimination & Citizen Participation” (2016); Laverne Jacobs, “Universality of the Human Condition: Theorizing Transportation Inequality Claims by Persons with Disabilities in Canada, 1976-2016” (2018); ‘Humanizing’ Disability Law” (2016)*

Ms. Rosemary KAYESS (Australia)

- Date and place of birth: 27th March 1963, Camden Australia
- Place of residence: Sydney, Australia
- Nationality: Australia

United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

- Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- Senior Lecturer in international human rights law and anti-discrimination law at University of New South Wales (UNSW). Senior Research Fellow at Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW. Visiting Professor, Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland (Galway).

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Chairperson, Australian Centre for Disability Law. Expert Member, Strategic Engagement Advisory Group, Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability. Fellow, Australian Discrimination Law Experts' Group.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) UNSW,
- Bachelor Social Science (Hons) UNSW,
- International Disability Law Summer School NUIG (Galway)

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- Yes, I am a woman with a mobility impairment resulting from a spinal cord injury. As a result I am a wheelchair user.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

- Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Designated specialist, Australian Government delegation for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and successfully facilitated the UN negotiations for the text of Article 24 Education, June 2002–August 2006. Human Rights lawyer and legal academic. Legal advisor, Australian civil society CRPD shadow report project group, 2013 and 2019.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- P Gooding and R Kayess (2021) 'Human Rights and Disability: An Australian Experience' in P Gerber and M Castan, *Contemporary Perspectives on Human Rights Law in Australia*, Thomson Reuters.

- Kayess R; Sands T, 2020, *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Shining a light on Social Transformation*, UNSW Social Policy Research Centre, Sydney.
- Kayess, R. & Smith, B. (2017) *Human Rights Charters and Disability* in Colin Campbell (ed) *Australian Charters of Rights a Decade on*. Federation Press.
- Kayess, R., & French, P. J. (2008). 'Out of Darkness into Light? Introducing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.' *Human Rights Law Review*, 8, 1-34.

Ms. Miyeon KIM (Republic of Korea)

- Date and place of birth: 03 June 1966
- Place of residence: 1101-306, Westaybyeollae, 27 Deoksong 3-ro, Namyangju-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea
- Nationality: Republic of Korea
- United Nations working languages: English.

Current position/function:

- Vice-Chair, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- Focal point of CRPD to the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. Founder & Board Member, Korea Disability Law Association (KDLA).
- Advisor, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).
- President, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy (KOCUN).
- President, Women with Disabilities Art and Cultural Network (WDACN).

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Member, the Korea Constitutional Court Candidate Recommendation Committee. Member, the Korea Supreme Court Candidate Recommendation Committee.
- Consultant, Disability and Development Division, World Bank (WB).
- Executive Director, the International Conference on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) and Women with Disabilities: One Decade after the UN CRPD and Going Forward.
- Speaker, High-Level Meeting of Women with Disabilities in Political and Public Leadership: Towards Beijing+25.
- Member, the Committee for New Decade of Asia Pacific 2012-2022, Social Welfare and Health Ministry of Korea.
- Coordinator, International Disability Caucus Women's Committee (IDC-WC).
- 2020 Gold Star of International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State.
- Member, International Planning Committee of Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) Forum 2008.
- Regional Board Member, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) Candidate, HANYANG UNIVERSITY School of Law; Expected Graduation August 2023.
- Master of Law, SUNGKYUNKWAN UNIVERSITY.
- Completion of Master's Program in Social Welfare, CHUNG-ANG UNIVERSITY.
- Bachelor of Arts, ACTS University.
- Bachelor of Science in Food & Nutrition, HANYANG UNIVERSITY.

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- I am a woman with mobility and physical impairment resulting from Polio that I suffered when I was 11 months old. Now I am an electronic wheelchair user.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

- The initial draft of the UN CRPD did not explicitly consider women and girls with disabilities; however, I proposed to include Article 6 Women with Disabilities and gender perspective in the Convention, as a coordinator of the Women's Committee of the International Disabilities Caucus with opinion leaders from diverse social, cultural, and historical backgrounds from all around the world. As a result, the CRPD became the first international human rights treaty that explicitly incorporated gender perspective.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities: (Five lines maximum)

- Miyeon Kim, (2022) "Eliminating Intersectional Discrimination for Women with Disabilities-The Application of UN Human Rights Norms", Department of Law Graduate School, Sungkyunkwan University.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), "Political Participation of Persons with Intellectual or Psychosocial Disabilities", United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Inclusion International, 2021, A review board.
- Edited by Maya Sabatello and Marianne Schulze, "Human Rights and Disability Advocacy," a volume in the series Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013, Co-Writer.

Mr. Alfred Kouadio KOUASSI (Ivory Coast)

- Date and place of birth: Born on 14/ 09/ 1971 in Kouakro (Bouaké), Ivory Coast
- Place of residence: Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- Nationality: Ivorian
- United Nations working languages: French read and spoken, English read and moderately spoken

Current position/function:

- Human Rights Advisor, representative of organizations promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities at the National Council for Human Rights (CNDH) following the election held on 26 February 2019 between promotion organizations, protection and defence of the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Expert trainer on legal instruments for the protection of persons with disabilities.

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- 2013-2018: Central Commissioner for Human Rights at the National Human Rights Commission of Côte d'Ivoire (CNDHCI), representing organizations for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities following an election of representatives by organizations for the promotion, protection and defence of the rights of persons with disabilities.
- 2012- June 2013: In position at the Ministry of Solidarity, Family, Women and Children, especially at the Socio-educational Complex of Yopougon in charge of projects.
- 2003-2011: Posted to the Ministry of Social Affairs, assigned to the Federation of Associations of Persons with Disabilities of Côte d'Ivoire (FAHCI) to take care of students with disabilities.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Certificates of the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg (2013/2014)
- Training certificate on the development of the training kit on the right to access to justice for persons with disabilities (2017)
- Certificate of training of trainers on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2017)
- Training on investigation and reporting on human rights violations (2013)

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- I am a person with a disability in both lower limbs. I basically move around with a wheelchair without which I cannot move.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please provide details regarding your areas of expertise in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as related experiences.

- As a member of the INDH, I work on all rights recognized by the Convention.
- I regularly promote the Convention to parliamentarians, judicial police officers (OPJ), journalists, pupils, students, security officers, officials, community leaders, people, civil society organizations and members of disability organizations in Côte d'Ivoire.

List of the most recent publications of the applicant in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Capacity building of men and media structures to better address disability issues (September 2020)
- Understanding and accepting invisible disabilities in Ivorian society (June 2021)
- Coastal erosion and degradation of protected areas, what adaptation and mitigation measures for vulnerable populations (November 2021)

Mr. Markus SCHEFER (Suisse)

- Date and place of birth: 4 February 1965, Teufen/Appenzell Ausserrhoden (Switzerland)
- Nationality: Swiss
- United Nations working languages: English, French

Current position/function:

- Professor of Constitutional and Administrative, Law Faculty, University of Basel
- Member of the CRPD Committee (since 2019)

Please refer to the attached CV for details on the topics below

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Markus Schefer works as an academic as well as a practitioner on the rights of persons with disabilities. He publishes academic books and articles and has written the main treaties on Swiss disabilities rights law. He has drafted the laws of three cantons and is in the process of drafting several others. He has advised members of the Swiss parliament and of parliaments of cantons on how to frame their motions. He works closely with organizations of persons with disabilities. He advises them on legal issues in all areas of disabilities rights law, participates in their processes of strategic litigation, and is currently drafting the text of a popular initiative aimed at amending the Federal constitution with provisions to guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities. He organizes an annual conference and several online conferences on disabilities rights.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

- I graduated with a law degree from the University of Berne. I completed my Ph.D. on the methods the US Supreme Court employs interpreting individual rights. I wrote my professoral thesis on the core contents of individual rights. I teach classes on anti-discrimination law and on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- I do not have a disability. However, for two decades now I have had extensive and close contact with persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, on a professional as well as a personal level.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

- I have extensive expertise at general international human rights law, which allows me to interpret the CRPD from that background. As rapporteur of communications, I prepare the Committee's individual communications

and present them to the Plenary. I put a specific focus on the right of access to justice, the requirement to set up focal points and monitoring mechanisms, and on the general obligations under the Convention.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- A Guide to Disabilities Rights Legislation, forthcoming January 2022 (653 p.); Non-Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities with Respect to Building and Public Transportation, 2011 (30 p.); Accessible Construction, 2016 (20 p.); Swiss Disability Law, 2014 (567 p.); Non-Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities in Services, Education and Work, 2011 (30 p.).

Ms. Sanja SKENDERIJA (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

- Date and place of birth: 17 October, 1982, Republic of Croatia, Šibenik
- Place of residence: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Srpska, Laktaši
- Nationality: Serbian
- United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

- Senior Associate for Family and Child Protection

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Monitoring activities from the The Strategy for Improving the Social Position of People with Disabilities in the Republic of Srpska 2017-2026, work on IPA 2 project Mapping needs of Roma and Persons with disabilities, and many other activities related with this topics

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

- Education in supervision in psychosocial work, Advanced level of training of Cognitive – Behavior Therapy, Bachelor of Psychology, and other trainings

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

- Yes, during many years of work in the field of social protection, my daily work is related with people in social needs, which are, inter alia, persons with disabilities. Through participation in working groups regarding the development of strategic documents related to persons with disabilities, through professional supervision in social care institutions, I provide professional support to professionals in the field of social protection

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

- Work on The Strategy for Improving the Social Position of People with Disabilities in the Republic of Srpska 2017-2026, work on drafting the Law on Social Protection and drafting a rulebook under the Law related to the field of social protection, which concerns persons with disabilities

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

- Publications: Bulletin of social, family and child care 2012 – participation in the drafting of the report, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska, Banja Luka, 2013
- Publications: Bulletin of social, family and child care 2013 – participation in the drafting of the report, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska, Banja Luka, 2014

- Rulebook on the procedure for determining the list of bodily injuries
 - Manual on the Application of the Rulebook on Needs Assessment and Guidance of Children and Youth with Disabilities with instructions for the Bartel test for children, currently in development, and others listed in my CV
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