

**VACANCIES FOR INDEPENDENT UNITED NATIONS EXPERTS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, WITH EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Eight unremunerated United Nations expert positions established by the Human Rights Council will be filled at the Council's March 2018 session. Individuals seeking appointment should have extensive and internationally recognized professional experience and expertise in the field of human rights with an emphasis on the particular human rights issue to which the position relates.**

The "special procedures" of the Human Rights Council (HRC) are independent human rights experts with mandates to report and advise on human rights from a thematic or country-specific perspective. These experts report to the Human Rights Council – the main United Nations intergovernmental body dealing with human rights.

Experts serve in their independent and personal capacity. Their specific functions are defined in the HRC resolutions creating or extending their mandate. The work involves substantial time commitment, approximately three months per year, and includes examining, monitoring, advising and publicly reporting on either specific country situations (country mandates), or on thematic issues in all parts of the world (thematic mandates). Activities of special procedures also include undertaking country visits, acting on individual cases, conducting studies and engage in general advocacy activities. All mandate holders report annually to the HRC and most mandate holders also report to the General Assembly.

The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) is a subsidiary expert body of the Human Rights Council providing it with expertise and advice on the rights of indigenous peoples as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and assisting Member States, upon request, in achieving the ends of the Declaration through the promotion, protection and fulfilment of the rights of indigenous peoples. EMRIP experts are appointed in the same way as special procedure mandate holders.

Appointed experts are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in the United Nations offices in Geneva or another United Nations location and they do not receive any salary or other financial compensation except for allowances when they travel officially. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights provides support to the mandate holders.

**Appointments at the 37th session of the Human Rights Council (26 February - 23 March 2018)**

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa** [[HRC res. 33/25](#)]
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America** [[HRC res. 33/25](#)]
3. **Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order** [[HRC res. 36/4](#)]
4. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali** [[HRC res. 34/39](#)]\*
5. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence** [[HRC res. 36/7](#)]
6. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from African States** [[HRC res. 33/4](#)]
7. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Eastern European States** [[HRC res. 33/4](#)]
8. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** [[HRC res. 33/4](#)]

\* *Unforeseen vacancy due to a resignation of the current mandate holder.*

**New deadline for receipt of applications: 6 December 2017 (12 noon Greenwich Mean Time)**

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