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### Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

## Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The following persons have been nominated by their Governments for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues:\*

#### African States

Vital Bamberze (Burundi)  
Bornface Museke Mate (Namibia)  
Alexis Nsabiyera (Burundi)  
Jean Baptiste Sindyigaya (Burundi)

#### Asia-Pacific States

Zhang Xiaolan\*\* (China)

#### Eastern European States

Grigory E. Lukiyantsev (Russian Federation)

#### Latin American and Caribbean States

Irma Pineda Santiago (Mexico)  
Tarcila Rivera Zea\*\* (Peru)  
Lourdes Licenia Tibán Guala\*\* (Ecuador)

#### Western European and other States

Tove Søvndahl Gant (Denmark)

2. The curricula vitae of the candidates are set out in the annex to the present note.

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\* Information on the terms of office and pattern for election to the Permanent Forum and list of nominees from Governments is contained in document [E/2019/9/Add.5](#).

\*\* Seeking re-election.



## Annex

### **Curricula vitae of the candidates for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues\***

#### **Vital Bambanze (Burundi)**

[Original: French]

Mr. Bambanze is a member of the Batwa community of Burundi. He was born on 21 July 1972 in Shore, Gitobe Commune, in Kirundo Province.

He is a former member of the Burundi Senate (2010–2015), where he represented the Batwa people, and a founding member and current Director of Unissons-nous pour la Promotion des Batwa (Unite for the Promotion of the Batwa people), an organization established in 1999 by the Batwa, for the Batwa.

He is also currently a member of the National Committee on Reducing Emissions from Forest Degradation and Conserving Carbon Stock (REDD+) established by Presidential Decree No. 100/233 of 25 November 2016.

Mr. Bambanze has held various positions both regionally and internationally as a representative of indigenous peoples, including:

From 2011 to 2012: Member and Chair of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

From 2006 to 2016: Chair of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC). A participant in the sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues since its establishment (2002–2017);

From 2003 to 2006: Adviser to the World Bank on indigenous peoples in Africa, in connection with the Bank's small grants programme for indigenous organizations.

With respect to capacity building, Mr. Bambanze has been involved in training relating to land issues and was subsequently appointed by Presidential Decree to the Commission Nationale Terres et Autres Biens (National Commission on Land and Other Assets) (CNTB) which has been tasked with compensating people whose property and land were seized in the context of the upheavals which affected Burundi between independence and 2007.

His knowledge of indigenous issues was reinforced through the award of a fellowship through the Indigenous Fellowship Programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (April 2003–October 2003).

He has also participated in sessions of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and of the Working Group on the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples.

Mr. Bambanze has been a member and Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and has taken part, and continues to take part as needed, in the sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. He has also participated in a number of sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Mr. Bambanze has published two works:

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- *Ethnic and Racial Minorities and Movement Towards Political Inclusion in East Africa: The Case of the Batwa in Burundi*, co-authored with Mr. Jean Pierre Amani.
- *La vision du monde chez les Batwa du Burundi à travers les interdits liés à la poterie et aux étapes de la vie* (The worldview of the Batwa of Burundi through prohibitions relating to pottery and the stages of life), based on a survey conducted in Bubanza and Kirundo Provinces; the thesis was presented and publicly defended with a view to obtaining a degree in African Languages and Literatures.

Mr. Bambanze speaks and writes French, English, Kirundi and Kiswahili fluently.

## **Bornface Museke Mate (Namibia)**

### **Educational Background**

April 2010 – University of Namibia, Baccwreus Juris (Bjuris) Degree

Course majors: Criminal Law, Law of Civil Procedure, Law of Contract, Labour Law and Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law.

October 2011 – Certificate – Institute for Development And Empowerment In Africa (Ldea)

Course majors: Meeting Procedures, Minute Taking and English Writing Skills.

July 2012 – Certificate – International Centre for Training And Development In Southern Africa

Course major: Legal Writing and Drafting Skills.

November 2004 – Grade 12 Hgcse And Igcse Certificates, Caprivi Senior Secondary School

Subjects: English, Silozi. History, Geography, Development Studies and Environmental Management.

### **Professional experience:**

01 August 2015 to Date: Development Planner, Office of The President

- Ensuring that people from the Marginalized Communities (San, Ovatie and Ovatombo) are integrated into the Education system of Namibia at all levels.
- Implementing sustainable projects in the regions for Marginalized Communities.
- Ensuring compliance with national and international legal instruments relating to the rights of Indigenous (Marginalized Communities in Namibia).

01 August 2015–31 August 2016: Personal Assistant to the Deputy Minister, Division of Marginalized Communities

- Taking minutes of all meetings with the Honorable Deputy Minister
- Drafting the Speeches of the Honorable Deputy Minister and Preparing his diary
- Drafting legal documents, memos and all correspondence etc.
- Liaison person for the Office of the Deputy Minister, Office of the Permanent Secretary, all Departments within the Division, internal and external Stakeholders.
- Ensuring smooth operation of the Office of the Deputy Minister
- Performing any other tasks as assigned.

01 November 2010–19 February 2015: Legal Officer, Ministry of Justice, Department: Legal Services and International Cooperation

- Responsible for Liaising with the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation in drafting bilateral Agreements between Namibia and other countries.
- Drafting Namibia's Human Rights country reports and Authenticating foreign public documents.

- Drafting legal opinions for government Offices and Ministries through the Office of the Attorney General including travelling and representing Namibia at the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, and at the United Nations among other duties.

10 March 2010–29 October 2010: Temporal Legal Officer, Ministry of Justice, Directorate, Legal Services and International Cooperation

- Responsible for Liaising with the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation in drafting bilateral Agreements between Namibia and other countries.
- Drafting Namibia’s Human Rights country reports and Authenticating foreign public documents.
- Drafting legal opinions for government Offices and Ministries through the Office of the Attorney General including travelling and representing Namibia at the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, and at the United Nations among other duties.

December 2007–January 2008 And December 2009–January 2009: Temporal Legal Clerk And General Assistant

- Dealing with maintenance matters and attending to court cases occasionally.
- Attending to marriage enquiries, Admission of Guilt Register and facilitating Liquor licensing applications.

## Alexis Nsabiyera (Burundi)

[Original: French]

Mr. Nsabiyera was born in 1989 in Runyunza, Kirundo Commune, Kirundo Province.

He is the coordinator of the Union for the Development of the Batwa people of Burundi (UDBB).

He attended primary school and community middle school in Rukuramigabo, followed by Lycée Kirundo and Lycée Jabe, graduating from the latter with a diploma in general humanities and a State diploma in 2015.

Since 2010, he has been involved in outreach efforts to promote school attendance by Batwa children. In 2018, he also led an outreach campaign to encourage young people in the Batwa community to enlist in national defence and security forces.

Mr. Nsabiyera oversaw training on combating malaria and tuberculosis for the Batwa people in Ruyigi Province and rural Bujumbura Province in 2018 and in Kirundo Province in 2017.

Mr. Nsabiyera served as a national observer for the 2018 referendum. Since the manipulation that took place in 2018, he has been very active in calling for compliance with the quota set for Batwa military recruits. He led outreach campaigns in Batwa communities to increase their participation in the 2015 presidential and legislative elections in Burundi.

In 2018, he attended a training course for lawyers and other civil society actors in Bujumbura on the protection of victims, witnesses and other persons at risk. In 2017, he attended a training course on human rights and peaceful conflict resolution in Ngozi Province.

## Jean Baptiste Sindayigaya (Burundi)

[Original: French]

Born on 25 December 1982 in Kirundo Province, Mr. Sindayigaya is one of the leaders of the indigenous Batwa community in Burundi. He represents the Batwa people in the Commission Nationale Terres et Autres Biens (National Commission on Land and Other Assets) (CNTB). He is a founding member, director and legal representative of Union des Jeunes Autochtones pour le Développement Communautaire (UJEDECO), a non-governmental organization established in 2009 by indigenous young people to defend the interests of the Batwa. He has promoted legal marriage in the Batwa community in Burundi since 2007.

Mr. Sindayigaya is a contact point for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. In 2014, he was a member of a national committee tasked with drafting a concept note to request a grant from the Global Fund for the period 2018–2020.

He has served in various capacities in Burundi. He has been a member of CNTB since 2012. From June 2012 to February 2013, he was the Assistant to the CNTB Provincial Delegation in Ngozi. From February 2013 to April 2014, he was the Assistant to the CNTB Provincial Delegation in Makamba. From April 2014 to 2016, he was the Head of the CNTB Provincial Delegation in Bujumbura. From May 2016 to 2018, he was the Assistant to the Provincial Delegation in Muyinga, Cankuzo, Kayanza and Muramvya. He is a founding member and director of UJEDECO. In 2003, he was appointed Commissioner for the dissemination of legal texts relating to human rights and the rights of citizens. In 2012, he was a member of the technical committee established in connection with national civil society consultations in collaboration with the Government of Burundi.

He has participated in the following training courses: “Gukingirwa Ku Rugero Rumweimbere Y’amategoko”–“Gushigikira Amashirahamwe”; national human rights observer training offered in Burundi by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with the financial support of the European Union from 2005 to 2007; accounts and financial management for non-profit organizations, 29 March to 2 April 2010; accounts management for non-profit organizations, 12 to 16 April 2010; *Trans-African Climate Caravan of Hope*, 9 September to 14 December 2011, Durban, South Africa; an introductory course on access and benefit-sharing and intellectual property rights, 13 to 14 June 2012, Bujumbura; the African Regional Indigenous and Local Community preparatory meeting for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Bujumbura, 9 to 12 June 2012; the International Forum of Indigenous Peoples of Central Africa, Impfondo, Republic of the Congo, 10 to 22 February 2014; First East African Community (EAC) Youth Conference: “The EAC Youth: Think. Speak. Participate”, 5 to 6 December 2014, Arusha, Tanzania; training on indigenous and tribal peoples, Turin, Italy; law and development course, 13 to 17 April 2014 and 2015. From January 2017 to June 2017, he organized training workshops on combating malaria in Burundi, funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, for Batwa leaders from all Burundi provinces.

## **Zhang Xiaoan (China)**

Born in Jiangsu Province of China, in November, 1953.

### **Education:**

Graduated from Zhejiang University

Graduate Institute of International Relations Studies in Geneva.

### **Professional experience:**

2017 December	Expert member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2014 January:	Member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Association of China
2010 May–2014 January	Vice-President and Director-General of the United Nations Association of China
2005 February–2010 March	Counselor, Embassy of China to Israel
2003 June–2005 February	Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Association of China
1999 March–2003 April	Counselor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
1996 May–1999 March	First Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
1992 May–1996 May	Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
1985 June–1992 May	Third Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conference, MFA (Studied in Graduate Institute of International Relations Studies in Geneva from 1988 to 1991)

## **Grigory E. Lukiyantsev (Russian Federation)**

Born on 1 March 1972 in Washington D.C., United States of America. Graduated with honors from the International Law Faculty of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University), Moscow, the Russian Federation (1994). Ph.D. degree in International Law (1998).

Has worked in the foreign service of the Russian Federation since 1994 both at headquarters (Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights) and abroad. Was posted at the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva (1997–2001) and at the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations in New York (2007–2013, Senior Counselor and Head of the Human Rights and Social Issues Division and alternate representative to the United Nations Security Council).

Current position – Deputy Director of the Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Agent of the Russian Federation before the International Court of Justice in the Case Concerning the Application of the International Convention on the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; member of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe; Vice-Chair of the Drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions of the CDDH.

Member of the delegations of the Russian Federation to numerous multilateral fora, including the United Nations General Assembly (alternate representative in the Third Committee in 2003–2018), Human Rights Council, Commission on Human Rights, Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations (WGIP), Working Group on a Permanent Forum for Indigenous People, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and its Standing Committee, Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies and the Forum of the “Alliance of Civilizations”, Meetings of the Ministerial Council of the OSCE, Human Dimension Implementation Meetings (HDIM) of the OSCE (Deputy Head of delegation in 2013–2018). Participated in the negotiation process on the Draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Underwent human rights training at the Council of Europe and at the Danish Center for Human Rights.

Participated as a trainer in training sessions on the functioning of the United Nations human rights machinery organized by the United Nations Office on Peacebuilding (Tajikistan), UNICEF (Armenia) and the OSCE (Uzbekistan). Lectured on human rights to the «Group of Friends of Human Rights» at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) and to departing heads and deputy heads of diplomatic missions at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Russian Federation.

Consultant to a number of post-graduates on writing Ph.D. theses with special emphasis on issues of combatting racism and racial discrimination, protection of national minorities and indigenous peoples, including comparative studies between universal and regional human rights instruments, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention (ILO Convention 169). Author of two books and over 20 articles on international cooperation in the field of human rights.

Participated as an expert in academic seminars and conferences on protection and promotion of human rights both in the Russian Federation and abroad (USA, Switzerland, Belgium, China, Brazil, United Kingdom) with special focus on human rights monitoring and control, human rights treaty bodies and their strengthening, dialogue among cultures and civilizations, reform of the United Nations human rights machinery, oriental culture and human rights.

## Irma Pineda Santiago (Mexico)

[Original: Spanish]

### Date and place of birth

Juchitán, Oaxaca. 30 July 1974

### Education

1991–1996 Bachelor's degree in Communication, Autonomous University of the State of Mexico (UAEM), Toluca, Mexico.

2010–2012 Master's degree in Education and Cultural Diversity, National Pedagogical University (UPN).

Certificate in Social Communication and Government, National Institute of Public Administration (INAP). Coursework and workshops on education and female leadership; cultural diversity, indigenous languages and cultures at Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir, Vasconcelos University (UNIVAS) and National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

### Professional experience

#### Academic experience

National Pedagogical University, Unit 203, Ixtepec, Oaxaca (since 2010).

- Lecturer, degree programme in preschool and primary education in the indigenous context.
- Lecturer, degree programme in the field of educational intervention and intercultural communication, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

National Autonomous University of Mexico: University programme for the study of cultural diversity and interculturalism (PUIC).

- Full Professor, Educational project: Mexico, a multicultural nation (2010–2018).
- Creator, online course on indigenous women.
- Substitute lecturer on topics in the fields of indigenous education, literature in indigenous languages, and indigenous women (2005–2010).

Host of the Lenguas de América Carlos Montemayor International Poetry Festival (2010–2016).

Vasconcelos University, Istmo campus, Tehuantepec, Oaxaca (2007–2011).

- Lecturer, degree programme in education.
- Lecturer, degree programme in communication.

Escuela Normal Superior Federal de Oaxaca (ENSFO), Juchitán campus, Juchitán, Oaxaca (2004–2008).

- Lecturer, degree programme in Spanish

### Institutional experience

- 2018 to Present Chamber of Deputies, Thematic Advisor on Education, Science and Culture for the Morena Parliamentary Group, Mexico City.
- 2007–2011 Regional liaison for the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Instituto Nacional de Lenguas Indígenas (INALI).
- 2007–2009 Advisor, Training Programme for Authors writing in Indigenous Languages, Instituto Veracruzano de Cultura (IVEC).
- 2001–2004 Head, Department of Community Cultural Development; Head, Department for the Dissemination of Indigenous Cultures, Folk and Indigenous Cultures Directorate, Mexico City.
- 2000–2001 Graphics editor, *La Jornada*, Mexico City.
- 1996–2000 Head of Information, Social Communication Coordination and Public Relations, Democratic Revolution Party parliamentary group (GPPRD), Senate of the Republic, Mexico City.

### Publications

Co-author:

- *Sombra Roja. Diecisiete poetas mexicanas.* (Vaso Roto Ediciones, 2016).
- *Oralidad y escritura. Experiencias desde la literatura indígena.* (Dirección General de Culturas Populares, 2014).
- *Rigo es amor: una rocola a 16 voces*, Ed. Cristina Rivera-Garza (Ed. Tusquets, 2013).
- *De la Oralidad a la Palabra Escrita. Estudio sobre el rescate de las voces originarias del Sur de México* (Colegio de Guerrero A.C, 2012).
- *Cosmovisión y Literatura de los Binigula 'sa* (Universidad del Istmo, 2011).
- *Verba Manent* (University of Siena, Italy, 2011).
- *Nuestras Lenguas* (Dirección General de Educación Indígena, 2004).

Collections of poetry:

- *Naxiña' Ruilui'ladxe' – Rojo Deseo* (Pluralia Ediciones, 2018).
- *Guié'ni zinebe – La Flor que se llevó* (Pluralia Ediciones, INBA-CONACULTA, 2013).
- *Doo yoo ne ga'bia' – De la Casa del Ombligo a las Nueve Cuartas* (CDI, 2009).
- *Xilase qui rié di' sicasí rié nisa guiigu' – La nostalgia no se marcha como el agua de los ríos* (ELIAC, 2008).
- *Xilase Nisado' – Nostalgias del Mar* (SEP, col. Espejo de Urania, 2006).
- *Ndaani' Gueela' – En el Vientre de la Noche* (Casa de la Cultura de Juchitán; Fundación Cultural de Trabajadores de Pascual y del Arte A.C.; La Tibia de Rocinante, 2005).
- *Huhuexochitlajtoli – Diidxaguie' yooxho'- Viejos Poemas* (co-authored with Mr. Mardonio Carballo, 2006).

**Awards and grants**

- Recognized by the Chamber of Deputies of the State of Oaxaca for her contributions to building a more equal society on the occasion of the International Day of Women, Oaxaca, State of Oaxaca (March 2013).
- Literary grant, Sistema Nacional de Creadores de Arte de México, National Council for Culture and Arts (CONACULTA), National Fund for Culture and Arts (FONCA) (2013–2015).
- Writing residency, Helen Riaboff Whiteley Center, University of Washington, United States of America (2013).
- Writing grant, Young Artists Programme, National Fund for Culture and Arts (FONCA), Mexico (2008–2009).
- Writing grants, Support Programme for Authors writing in Indigenous Languages, FONCA, Mexico (2000 and 2005).
- Residency, International Literary Translation Centre, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Alberta, Canada (2004).
- Residency, Casa de Arte y Cultura, Calles y Sueños, Chicago, Illinois, United States of America (1998).

## **Tarcila Rivera Zea (Peru)**

[Original: Spanish]

Ms. Rivera Zea is one of the most well-known indigenous activists in Peru and around the world. For more than 30 years she has defended indigenous rights through her organization, Chirapaq, and through the networks and institutions to which it belongs.

She has received awards and honours from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Ford Foundation, the Fundación Fuego Sagrado and the Peruvian Ministry of Culture for her distinguished career and valuable contribution to the promotion and defence of indigenous cultures and peoples.

She has been appointed a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the period 2017–2019.

### **Her life story: from the mountains of Peru to the United Nations**

Born in Ayacucho, one of the poorest regions of Peru, Ms. Rivera Zea came to the country's capital at the age of 10 and worked as a domestic worker, experiencing first-hand the discrimination and deracination facing indigenous migrants.

In the 1970s, after completing her studies in the Vatican and in Argentina, she worked for the Ministry of Culture as an archives and library specialist. In the 1980s, she worked as a journalist for the magazine *Pueblo Indio*, for which she collected testimonies by indigenous women raped during the internal armed conflict. In recognition of her work, she was invited to attend specialization courses on human rights at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, the Netherlands, and at Equitas, an international centre for human rights education in Charlottetown, Canada.

Since 1987, she has participated in the drafting of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and in the establishment of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She has also contributed to the creation of policies aimed at empowering and increasing the visibility of indigenous women through the United Nations World Conferences on Women and other forums.

In 2012, she was invited to become a member of the UN-Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group.

### **Chirapaq and its international role**

She is the founder and executive director of Chirapaq Centre for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, an association that promotes the affirmation of cultural identity and provides leadership training for indigenous women and young people, many of whom now hold public offices in their communities and local governments. Chirapaq has had consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 2014.

Ms. Rivera Zea is also the founder of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA) and the International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI), which promote leadership and political participation by millions of indigenous women around the globe.

## Lourdes Licenia Tibán Guala (Ecuador)

[Original: Spanish]

### Education

Central University of Ecuador

Doctor of Jurisprudence and Lawyer of the Tribunals and Courts of the Republic of Ecuador.

Master's in Social Science with a specialization in indigenous affairs, Latin American Social Sciences Institute (FLACSO) (1998–2001).

Master's in Economics with a specialization in decentralization and local development, University of the Americas (UDLA), Ecuador (2003–2004).

Master's in Constitutional Law, Autonomous Regional University of the Andes (UNIANDES) (2010–2013).

Human rights and the development of indigenous peoples in Latin America, Centre for Research and Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology (CIESAS), Mexico (1998).

The rights of indigenous peoples, indigenous rights continuing education programme, American University Washington College of Law.

### Professional experience

- Expert member from the Latin America and the Caribbean region, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2017–2019).
- Legislator and member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Ecuador elected by nationwide popular vote (2013–2017).
- Legislator and member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Ecuador elected by popular vote from Cotopaxi Province (2009–2013).
- National Executive Secretary of the Council for the Development of the Indigenous Nationalities and Peoples of Ecuador (CODENPE), with the rank of Minister of State (2005–2009).
- Member of the Ethics Committee of the Pachakutik Plurinational Unity Movement.
- Vice-President, Indigenous and Campesino Movement of Cotopaxi (MICC).
- Director of Education, Union of Campesino Organizations of Mulalillo (UNOCAM).
- Expert, Legal Team, Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (CONAIE) (November 1998 to June 1999).
- President, Women of Chirinche Bajo (1987).

### Publications

“El movimiento indígena del Ecuador y su participación política” (The indigenous movement in Ecuador and its political engagement), *Revista de la Cultura de Anáhuac*, No. 99, Mexico, 1998.

*Estado Intercultural, Plurinacional y Derechos Colectivos en el Ecuador* (The intercultural and plurinational State and collective rights in Ecuador), No. 034323, October 2010.

*Yo soy Lourdes Tibán, La misma de siempre* (I am Lourdes Tibán, the same as ever), 2016.

*Neoconstitucionalismo y Pluralismo Jurídico en el Ecuador* (Neoconstitutionalism and legal pluralism in Ecuador), awaiting publication.

#### **Decorations and honours**

First Place, Best Life Story – Written Testimony category, Second Latin American Competition “Mujer, Imágenes y Testimonios” (Women, Images and Testimonies), October 2002.

Recipient of the Venus de Valdivia award presented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in recognition of achievements by a woman in the public sphere, 2003.

Recipient of “Mujer: Ejemplo a Seguir” award presented by the Mulalillo Parish Board, 2005.

Recipient of Best Public Servant with rank of Minister of State award, a decoration of merit presented by Mr. Alfredo Palacio, President of the Republic of Ecuador, 2006.

Recognized by the Autonomous Government of Cantón Salcedo for her commitment as national legislator to high-quality political representation at the national level, Salcedo, 19 September 2017.

## **Tove Søvndahl Gant (Denmark)**

Born 30 May, 1959 in Qaqortoq, Greenland

Ms. Søvndahl Gant brings with her a vast knowledge on the promotion of human rights, including indigenous peoples' rights, and sustainable development through international diplomacy and development cooperation. As an official of the Government of Greenland and in close cooperation with the government of Denmark, she has followed all key United Nations processes pertaining to indigenous peoples for nearly three decades. In the early years of the intergovernmental "Arctic Council" she also served as the Executive Secretary for its Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat and thereby helped facilitate the participation of Arctic Indigenous Peoples' organisations in the work of the Council as regards environmental protection and sustainable development of the Arctic.

Ms. Søvndahl Gant is currently, and until 2020, seconded to the Human Rights Division of the European External Action Service in Brussels. Besides holding the portfolio on indigenous peoples' rights worldwide, she is also responsible for a range of other human rights files such as, inter alia, the combatting of racism and xenophobia, non-discrimination, the rights of persons with disabilities and human rights and environment.

### **Education**

Policy adviser, Cand. Mag (Master's degree)

### **Professional experience:**

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| 2014–     | Policy adviser – seconded by the Danish Foreign Ministry to the Human Rights Division of the European External Action Service, Brussels, Belgium. Portfolio includes the rights of indigenous peoples  |
| 2007–2014 | Head of the Greenland Representation in Copenhagen, Denmark  |
| 2004–2007 | Seconded National Expert, the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office (DEVCO) in Brussels, Belgium. Engaged in programme management of European human rights funding and quality support in relation to the rights of indigenous peoples and other human rights' issues in EUs human rights programmes and general development cooperation activities |
| 2001–2004 | Senior Adviser at the Greenland Home Government, Denmark office (with direct reporting to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Nuuk, Greenland). Responsible for files related to sustainable development, human rights and indigenous peoples' rights and development issues vis-à-vis the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Arctic Council and the United Nations |
| 1997–2001 | Executive Secretary for the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat of the Arctic Council, Copenhagen, Denmark   |
| 1996–1997 | Counsellor, the Greenland Government's Representation in Denmark. Responsible for public relations and human rights/indigenous peoples' rights and liaison officer vis-à-vis the Danish Government, NGOs and Indigenous Peoples'   |

Organisations, the United Nations, ILO and the European Union and other international and regional organizations.

1994–1996 Head of Office for the then newly established “International Affairs’ Office” (today the Department of Foreign Affairs) of the Greenland Government, Nuuk, Greenland.

1990– Civil servant/official of the Greenland Government

**Memberships (only most relevant listed for brevity):**

2010–2019 Member and vice-chair of the Board of Governors for UArctic, University of the Arctic ([www.uarctic.org](http://www.uarctic.org))

2008–2012 Chairperson of the Board of Governors for Ilisimatusarfik, the University of Greenland

2000–2001 Member of a review team consisting of international indigenous experts appointed by the Danish Foreign Ministry/Danida (Danish Agency for International Development Cooperation) on Denmark’s support to Indigenous peoples.

1996–2002 Member of the Board of Trustees for United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples (Geneva). This membership included the membership of the Advisory Group for the United Nations International decade on the World’s Indigenous People and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People.

1996–1997 and from May 2002–2004 Member of the Council for International Development Cooperation – an advisory body to Danida.

Languages: Greenlandic, Danish and English, rudimentary understanding of French and German.

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