

Annex II

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies
(please respect the specified amount of lines when filling out this form)

Name and first name: YEUNG SIK YUEN Young Kam John

Date and place of birth: 01-01-47, MAURITIUS

Working languages: ENGLISH AND FRENCH, spoken Hakka (Chinese minority dialect) and Mauritian creole dialect

Current position/function:
(5 lines maximum)

CHIEF JUSTICE OF MAURITIUS and/
Chairman, Judicial and Legal Service Commission
Commissioner, African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights and
Chairperson of Working Group on Rights of Older Persons &
Persons with Disabilities in Africa

Main professional activities:¹
(10 lines maximum)

As Chief Justice I have overall responsibility for the administration of the Justice system in Mauritius. As Chairman of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission I am directly responsible with recruitment of Judges, Magistrates and State Law Officers. I am due to retire in December 2013 upon reaching retiring age after serving 41 years in the Judiciary.

I also serve on the African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights as Commissioner until my term ends in November 2013. As Chairperson of the Working Group on Rights of Older Persons & Persons with Disabilities in Africa a first Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons has been drafted and is presently before the African Union Commission.

Educational background:
(5 lines maximum)

Secondary school at St Joseph's College, Mauritius with English, French and Latin at 'A' level
LLB (Honours) Leeds University, England (1969)
Called to English Bar (Lincoln's Inn) 1970
Université Paris II (Panthéon) French Law 1970-1972

¹ It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination requires participation in two annual sessions (February/March and August) of three weeks duration

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:
(10 lines maximum)

Served with UN Sub-commission for the Promotion & Protection of Human Rights (1998 - 2002)
Served with Working Group on Minorities of Sub-commission (1999 - 2002)
Commissioner of African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights (2007 - to date)
Chairman, Working Group on Rights of Older Persons &
Persons with Disabilities in Africa
Member of Southern African Chief Justices Association
Honorary Benchler of the Middle Temple (2009)
Honorary Benchler of Lincoln's Inn (2009)

List of most recent publications in the field:
(5 lines)

Author of UN Working Paper on Human Rights Problems & Protection of the Roma (August 2000) [E/CN.4/Sub. 2/2000/28]
Author UN Working Paper on Human Rights and Weapons of Mass Destruction, or With Indiscriminate Effect, or of a Nature to Cause Superfluous Injury or Unnecessary Suffering (August 2002) [E/CN. 4/Sub. 2/2002/38], with update (August 2003) [E/CN. 4/Sub. 2/2003/35]; Author of Chapter on "Rights of Older Persons and persons with Disabilities in Africa" in the book "The African Regional Human Rights System: 30 years after the ACHPR and beyond" (2011)