How to start the application process:

The application process consists of two parts: the first part is a web-based survey and the second part is an application form in Word format. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed for the application to be processed.

**First part:** The [web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WebApplication_SMH_HRC29_June2015) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate/s applying for and nominating entity. **The web-based survey should only be completed once** per selection round, i.e. multiple selection is allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandate within a given selection round.

**Second part:** The application form in Word which can be downloaded, completed and saved in Word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words. The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will be made available to concerned parties, including through the OHCHR public website.

Once completed, the application form in Word should be submitted by email to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandate, a mandate-specific Word application form needs to be completed and submitted for each mandate.

* A maximum of three reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional documents such as CVs or lists of publications will be accepted.
* **Application deadline: 30 April 2015 (12.00 noon GMT)**
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

General description of the selection process is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

Please note that for Working Group appointments, only nationals of States belonging to the specific regional group are eligible. Please refer to the list of United Nations regional groups of Member States at <http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml>

In case of technical difficulties, or if you encountering problems completing or accessing any of the forms, the Secretariat may be contacted by email at hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or fax at + 41 22 917 9011.

**An acknowledgment email will be sent when we receive both parts of the application process, i.e. the information through the web-based survey and the Word application form by email.
Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family name:** VILLARAN DE LA PUENTE  | **5. Sex: ▢ Male x▢ Female** |
| **2. First name:** SUSANA  | **6. Date of birth (dd-mm-yy):** 16-ago-1949 |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):**        | **7. Place of birth:** LIMA - PERU |
| **4. Middle name:** MARIA DEL CARMEN  | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Peruvian |
|  | **9. Any other nationality:**  NO     |

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

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

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish**

I have academic studies in the field of education, sociology and journalism. I speak Spanish, English and French. During four years I was one of the 7 members of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (OAS), were I held the position of Rapporteur on the Rights of Women, handling cases and producing reports on discrimination and violence against women in Colombia, as well as Access to Justice for Women victims of discrimination and violence in the hemisphere. As Minister for Women and Human Development, I set up the National Plan against Violence Against Women and the National Program Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; while as Mayor of Lima, I created the Secretary of Women at the Metropolitan Municipality of Lima, developing specific policies and programs for prevention, punishment of violence against women, as well as support for women victims of violence. As the first Police Ombudsman of Peru, I created the Commission of Female Police, which enacted the first bill on sexual harassment in our country, among other activities. Finally, in my capacity as Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Coordinator of Peru, I supported and sponsored women victims of sexual and political violence during the internal armed conflict in my country.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience.)**

I have studied and applied the instruments of international law of human rights, both at the level of the universal system as well as at the hemispheric system in the Americas, from large Covenants and Conventions to the guidelines that make the doctrine of the various bodies of the universal system and the Inter American system. Through my participation as a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, I have applied both in the case system and country reports and specialized studies.

As an independent expert of the Committee on the Rights of the Child I applied the Convention for the Periodic Review of at least ten Member States, as well as in the development of guidelines for the Committee.

From the civil society, as a defender of human rights in the framework of the National Human Rights Coordinator, I have applied the rules of the various committees of the Universal System of Human Rights and have also implemented the Inter-American System, presenting cases to the Inter-American Human Rights System before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. These have been 20 intense years of deepening and widening my knowledge of the tools of the Universal System as well as the Inter-American Human Rights System.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words)

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

At the national level I have been Executive Secretary of the National Coordinator for Human Rights of Peru (the umbrella organization for human rights groups in Peru) for a period of two and a half years. As Minister for Women during the Transitional Government to democracy, I developed public policies and programs on women rights, children rights, and disabled people rights, indigenous peoples and afro-peruvian community rights. As Mayor of Lima, all our planning, policies and programs were gender and human rights oriented.

I have been a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, elected by the member States of the OAS for a four-year period (2002/2005). Finally, in 2008 I was elected by the United Nations General Assembly as an independent expert of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, but I had to resign to the post in 2011, after being elected Mayor of Lima, the capital city of Peru.

1. **FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME** (200 words)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate.)**

My current responsibility as President of the Foundation *Unidos para Transformar* (United to Transform) allows me to have the time required to fully perform the work related to the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences. I have experience in international travel and have good health to travel when it is required as a Rapporteur.

Additionally, over the years I have worked as a journalist in written media, radio and television media and social networks, with the tools for writing and communicating required in this case. Finally, as a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, I have taken the floor a few times in front of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Additionally, if I am member of Fuerza Socia, political party, I am no more interested to participate in electoral campaigns in the future.

**III. MOTIVATION LETTER** (600 word limit)

Dear members of the selection panel

To defend us women from the scourge of violence, product of a historical unequal distribution of power between men and women in all its forms and modalities, requires great personal commitment, knowledge of the subject, updated information, as well as a deep grasp of available legal tools such as international and regional instruments to prevent, punish and eradicate all forms of violence against women, as noted by the Convention of Belem Do Para. It also requires special skills for dialogue, consultation, research, communication and management of international relations; as well as the energy and the awareness to approach the human suffering of women produced by the different forms of violence.

As you can read above, my personal experience attests for a life committed to the defense of human rights for everyone at the national, hemispheric and international levels.

As Executive Secretary of the National Coordinator of Human Rights (which brings together all human rights organizations of civil society in Peru), I witnessed first-hand the ordeals of the victims of sexual and political rights violations during the Peruvian internal armed conflict, and worked with them to find justice.

As Minister for Women and Human Development, I committed myself with the prevention of violence in my country, by developing the National Plan Against Violence on Women, the National Program Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, as well as care programs for the victims.

As Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and as Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights I devoted myself to developing precautionary measures, achieving friendly settlements, and constructing case reports, both on specific fact-finding missions and on specialized issues, such as the reports “Women of Colombia, Victims of Discrimination and Violence” and “Access to Justice for Women Victims of Discrimination and Violence”.

Finally, as the first woman elected by popular vote as Mayor of Lima, a nine million city and the capital of Peru, I created the Secretary of Women, the first top level municipal office on gender issues, which implemented participatory budgeting mechanisms for women and funded programs for preventing violence against women, providing care for victims, prosecuting individual cases, and even working with male perpetrators—through the *Oye Varon* (Hey Man) Program.

As you can see, my direct experience in the three spheres in which the defense and promotion of human rights is played—civil society, the state, and international agencies,—allows me to comprehend the full scope of the issues and interactions of these worlds, to see the opportunities of cooperation among them, and to fully understand them, not just intellectually, but existentially.

I'm at a stage in my life that allows me to fully engage with the tasks required for the *Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences.* I have the time, good health, energy and an enormous will to commit myself to such an important task.

I sincerely hope that you give me the opportunity to continue serving women around the world in our common desire to defend our dignity, to promote our autonomy and to ensure, with great effort, our right to a life free of violence.

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills:**

**Mother tongue: spanish**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

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

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

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

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

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

 **Russian:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

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

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

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

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher).**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution:** | **Years of attendance****(from-to):** | **Place and country:** |
|    First Category Teacher in Higher Education, in Family and Psychology Education, , Instituto Superior de Educación Familiar    | 1966-1970      |     Lima – Peru  |
|      Two years at the Sociology Faculty in Chile at the Universidad Católica de Chile  | 1972 - 1973      |  Santiago - Chile      |
|      A year of journalism at the Journalism Superior School “Jaime Bauzate y Meza” – Peru  | 1980      |    Lima - Peru   |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.**

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| **Name of employer,****functional title,****main functions of position:** | **Years of work(from-to):** | **Place and country:** |
|      Mayor of Lima | 2011 - 2014 |   Municipality of Lima - Peru |
| Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child      | 2008-2011 | Geneva -Switzerland   |
| Ombudswoman for the Police      | 2002-2003      | Home Office Lima - Peru      |
| Minister for Women and Human Development of Peru      |   2000 - 2001 | Peru   |

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

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.**

   No

**2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:**

    No

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in that past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:**

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**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?**

***Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.***

***Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.***

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**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.**

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