

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

SCHRIJVER, Nicolaas (The Netherlands)

Date and place of birth: 21 May 1954, Warmenhuizen, The Netherlands

Working languages: Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fair), Spanish (reading), Chinese (rudimentary understanding)

Current position/function:

State Councillor, Council of State (*Conseil d'État*), independent and principal legal advisory body of the Government and Parliament and the highest administrative court of the NL

Professor of Public International Law (part-time), Leiden University, Grotius Centre, Leiden University

President, *Institut de droit international* /International Law Institute, Geneva (member since 2007)

Honorary professor of The European Union and Co-operation with Developing Countries, *Université libre de Bruxelles*

Main professional activities:

Member (2009-2016) of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, including vice-chair.

Appeared as legal counsel before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, ad hoc law of the sea tribunals and as legal expert in international investment/ICSID proceedings

Member of the Committee of Inquiry on the War in Iraq, established by the Dutch government (2009-2010)

Working experience in UN system, including legal officer, Office of the Legal Counsel, United Nations

Chair of Public International Law, Leiden University and Academic Director Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University (2005-2017)

Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, Peace Palace, The Hague (since 2016)

Member of the Dutch Senate (2011-2017, part-time position) and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Co-operation

Member of the Parliamentary Assemblies of the OSCE and the Council of Europe, including member of its Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the leader of the Dutch delegation to Parliamentary Assembly

Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration

President of the International Law Association, London, 2010-2012; President Royal Netherlands Society of International Law, 2003-2011; Chair Academic Council on the United Nations System, New York/New Haven, 2000-2004; Co-founder European Society of International Law

Educational background:

Ph.D., Faculty of Law, University of Groningen, doctoral thesis *Sovereignty over Natural Resources: Balancing Rights and Duties in an Interdependent World*, 481 p., 2 March 1995

LL.M., Master's Degree in Law (LL.M), 18 August 1978

LL.B., Faculty of Law, University of Groningen, 30 June 1974

Diploma, Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki: Post-graduate diploma, *cum laude*, in International Law and Relations, August 1980

Hague Academy of International Law, 1980-1981

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Member (2009-2016) of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, including vice-chair

Member of the 5-member high-level UN Task Force on the Right to Development (2007-2010)

Chairperson Committee for the Freedom of Scientific Pursuit, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

From early career an expert member, chair or co-chair of various advisory committees of the Dutch government on issues relating to human rights, peace and security and development.

Member of the Committee of Legal Affairs and its Subcommittee on Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe

Various consultancy missions for UNDP and other UN organs on the human rights situation in specific countries

In-depth knowledge of the system for the global protection of human rights; acquired through academic education, advisory committees, NGO work, international consultancy, work in relation to Dutch parliament and international organizations, most notably United Nations, Council of Europe and European Union

Author of many publications on human rights, development and international co-operation

List of five most recent publications in the field:

'Fifty Years International Covenants. Improving the Global Protection of Human Rights by Bridging the Two Covenants', in *Netherlands Journal of Human Rights/NJCM-Bulletin*, vol. 41 (2016), no. 4 (December 2016), pp. 457-464

Counter-terrorism strategies in a fragmented international legal order: meeting the challenges (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013), co-edited with L.J. van den Herik, 760 p.

'The UN Human Rights Council: a new 'society of the committed' or just old wine in new bottles?', in *Leiden Journal of International Law*, vol. 20 (2007), no. 4, pp. 809-823

Sovereignty over Natural Resources: Balancing Rights and Duties, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1997, 456 p. (paperback re-issue, 2008)

The Evolution of Sustainable Development in International Law: Inception, Meaning and Status, Brill-Martinus Nijhoff Publishers: Leiden, 2008, 276 p. (second edition forthcoming in 2018)