How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Web-based survey and the second part is an application form in word which can be downloaded, completed and returned by email. Both parts and all sections of the application form should be filled in for the application to be processed.

The **first part**, i.e. the [Web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HRC25_SPmandateholders_EMRIPexperts) 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**, i.e. multiple selection allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

This is the **second part, i.e.** of 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, 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 Internet.

Once completed the application form in Word should be submitted by email to hrcemrip@ohchr.org and saved as YOURSURNAME\_Yourname\_doc (i.e SMITH\_John\_doc).

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandates, an application form needs to be completed and sent for each mandate.

* A maximum of 3 reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
* **Application Deadline: 31 October 2013 (midnight, GMT)**.
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: Littlechild  | Sex: [x]  Male [ ]  Female |
| First Name: Wilton  | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 1-Apr-44 |
| Maiden name (if any):        | Place of birth: Hobbema Alberta |
| Middle name: Jacob  | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Canada |
|  | Any other nationality: Cree |
| * Candidates to the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)**

Indigenous origin:Cree, Maskwacis |

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

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

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| 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 official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.) | Dr. Littlechild has exceptional educational qualifications and professional experience in the field of human rights. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree, an honourary Doctor of Laws degree, and a Master's degree in Physical Education. He has been involved in international advocacy for over 35 years. In 1977, he served as Chairperson of the ILO Convention No. 107 Session at the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Kiruna, Sweden; in 1983 to 1988 he participated in drafting amendments to the ILO Convention No. 107 which lead to the ILO Convention No. 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, acting as an official delegate to the General Assembly and meetings to draft ILO Convention No. 169. Furthermore, in 1985 and 1986, he Chaired the Working Group to Consolidate the Indigenous Draft of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. From 1982 to 2006, Dr. Littlechild participated in the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on the Draft Declaration and in all Inter-Sesssional Working Groups, often acting as Co-Chairperson. He has excellent oral and written communications skills, in English and Cree, and some conversational skills in French, and was named one of 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century in 2004.  |
| 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. | Dr. Littlechild has acquired extensive knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles, through his involvement with the United Nations. Since 1977, has gained knowledge through his work as a participant at approximately 150 International Conferences, UN Expert Seminars, UN Expert Group Meetings and other fora relevant to Indigenous peoples’ issues. He served as Co-Rapporteur of the 2nd UN Expert Seminar on the Treaties, Agreements and other Constructive Arrangements between States and Indigenous Peoples (2006) and the Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the 1st UN Expert Seminar on Treaties (2003); the first Indigenous Special Rapporteur and Chairperson to the UN Expert Seminar on Private Industry (2001); the Chairperson of the Denver Text of the OAS Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Denver, Colorado, USA, 1995); 1 of 5 Experts to draft the Consolidated Text of the OAS Declaration (Washington, 1995); and a Member and Vice-President, Indigenous Parliament of the Americas (1988-1993). He also served as a participant in the UN Study on Treaties and its lead-up (1984 to 1999).Through these functions, Dr. Littlechild has gained a broad-based knowledge of institutional mandates related to the work of the United Nations and of the Inter-American human rights system.  |

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| ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired). | Dr. Littlechild is recognized at national, regional and international levels for extraordinary levels of competency in the area of human rights. He served as an Expert on the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples from 2011 to the present, where his competency in advancing the human rights of Indigenous peoples, has been recognized by his UN colleagues. He demonstrated leadership in completing the Expert Mechanism’s studies and Advice, chairing the Study on access to justice; chairing the Follow-up Report on indigenous peoples and the right to participate in decision-making, with a focus on extractive industries; and taking an active role in drafting the Study on the role of languages and culture in the promotion and protection of the rights and identity of indigenous peoples. He served as Chair of the 5th and 6th Sessions of Expert Mechanism, taking a lead role in drafting session reports and conference room papers. In addition to numerous appointments identified, the Economic and Social Council appointed him to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a Member (North America) from 2000 to 2007, as the Rapporteur for the first 6 sessions.Also participated in sessions of WIPO, ILO, WHO and the UPR. |
| 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) | Wilton Littlechild is willing to work upon request and as required. He has demonstrated this willingness over the course of his current term as a member and Chair of the Expert Mechanism. He has always gone over and above the call of duty. His voluntary hours on United Nations matters for the last four years are as follow: Year 2010 – 270 hours; Year 2011 – 255 hours; Year 2012 – 844 hours; Years 2013 – 406 hours. In addition, Mr. Littlechild's mandate with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Canada finishes on July 1, 2014. This will free up more time to spend on matters pertaining to the Expert Mechanism. He travelled extensively engaging with stakeholders, including the Treaty Chief of Alberta, First Nations Chiefs of Canada, Maskwacis Chiefs and Métis Nations, and reporting to them on an ongoing basis. He reports at various related meetings, conferences and events at the international and regional levels, including the preparatory meetings on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in Alta, Norway and the upcoming Global Conference on Indigenous Women in Peru. He meets with States members to ensure up-to-date status of activities is communicated consistently.  |

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

**Please indicate all language skills**

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| **Languages** | **Read** | **Write** | **Speak** |
|  | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** |
| **Arabic** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Chinese** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **English** | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  |
| **French** | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  |
| **Russian** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Spanish** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **Mother tongue:** **Cree** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

**IV. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)**

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| It is a great honour for me to put forth my candidacy to serve as the Expert Member of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for the Western Europe and Other Groups Region. I believe I have the requisite expertise and experience in the field of the Expert Mechanism’s mandate and that I will continue to serve is this role in an independent, impartial, objective manner with personal integrity. I have received written support for my candidacy from Ambassador Golberg, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations. My motivation for serving as an Expert is to advance the rights of Indigenous peoples through the fulfillment of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism, to provide the Human Rights Council with thematic advice, through studies and research, on the rights of Indigenous peoples, as directed by the Council and in consideration and/or approval of proposals submitted by the Expert Mechanism to the Council. To date, I have been actively involved in preparing the Expert Mechanism session reports, chairing the Study on access to justice in the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, chairing the Follow-up Report on indigenous peoples and the right to participate in decision-making (extractive industries), and preparing the reports on the Questionnaire on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. I have demonstrated my commitment to advance the mandate of the Expert Mechanism, through my active participation in the work of the Expert Mechanism, in many related UN meetings (such as the Forum on Business and Human Rights and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues), and in many regional and global meetings of Indigenous peoples (including the upcoming Global Conference on Indigenous Women). Should I be appointed as an Expert for a second term, there are several areas of work on which I would like to focus in fulfilling the mandate of the Expert Mechanism. First, I would like to continue to participate in the study on access to justice in the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, with a focus on restorative justice and indigenous juridical systems, particularly as they relate to achieving peace and reconciliation, and an examination of access to justice related to indigenous women, children and youth and persons with disabilities. I am also particularly interested in the questionnaire survey to seek the views of States and indigenous peoples on best practices regarding the implementation of the UN Declaration and the study on promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples in natural disaster risk reduction, prevention and preparedness initiatives, including consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned in the elaboration of national plans for natural disaster risk reduction. In the upcoming years, I would like to work towards the development of a UN conflict resolution mechanism, which has been under consideration since 2004. I believe that the Expert Mechanism is well placed to conduct preliminary work, including research, on how this could be effectively implemented within the UN system. This mechanism has most recently been called for in the Alta Outcome Document leading to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples to be held in September 2014 as a high level panel of the UN General Assembly. I believe that an independent tribunal on the rights of Indigenous peoples could serve to promote peace among States, Indigenous peoples and others. This will foster the development of partnerships based on mutual respect, consistent with the UN Declaration. Treaties between States and Indigenous peoples are peace Treaties and have been a way throughout history of advancing peace.  |

**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** | **Place and Country** |
| Honouray Doctrate of Laws Degree - Univeristy of Alberta | 2007 | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada |
| Bachelor of Laws Degree -Univeristy of Alberta  | 1976 | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada |
| Masters in Physical Education Degree - Univeristy of Alberta | 1975 | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada |
| Bachelor of Physical Education Degree - Univeristy of Alberta | 1967 | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

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

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| Name of EmployerFunctional TitleMain functions of position | Years of Attendance/Work | Place and Country |
| Self employed as a Lawyer specilializing in Indigenous issues at the local, regional, national and international levels. | 1977-2009 | Maskwacis, Alberta, Canada |
| Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) - appointed by the Prime Minister of Canada to serve as a Commissioner - Mandate of TRC:(a) Acknowledge Residential School experiences, impacts and consequences; (b) Provide a holistic, culturally appropriate and safe setting for former students, their families and communities as they come forward to the Commission; (c) Witness,’ support, promote and facilitate truth and reconciliation events at both the national and community levels; (d) Promote awareness and public education of Canadians about the IRS system and its impacts; (e) Identify sources and create as complete an historical record as possible of the Indian Residential School (IRS) system and legacy. The record shall be preserved and made accessible to the public for future study and use; (f) Produce and submit to the Parties of the Agreement a report including recommendations to the Government of Canada concerning the IRS system and experience including: the history, purpose, operation and supervision of the IRS system, the effect and consequences of IRS (including systemic harms, intergenerational consequences and the impact on human dignity) and the ongoing legacy of the residential schools; (g) Support commemoration of former IRS students and their families in accordance with the Commemoration Policy Directive.  | 2009-Present | Canada |
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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS (of 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.

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| 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:

No

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*

Yes, the Candidate complies with these provisions.

5. Should the candidate be appointed as an expert, 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.

Not applicable.

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Thank you for your interest.