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The entire application process consists of two parts: **1. online survey** and **2. application form in Word format**. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.

**First part:** **online survey** (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/858683>) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity.

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* **APPLICATION DEADLINE: 23 JANUARY 2018 (12:00 NOON GREENWICH MEAN TIME / GMT)**
* **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
* **Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.**

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**You will receive an acknowledgment e-mail when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by e-mail.  
Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Chammas | **5. Year of birth:** 1962 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Elsie | **6. Place of birth:** Lebanon |
| **3. Other name, if any:** Eddé | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Lebanese |
| **4. Gender:** Female | **8. Any other nationality:** French |

**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.)**

In the last 19 years I have been delivering workshops as a motivational speaker, for the Youth Participation for a number of NGOs and private sectors, and also President Founder of Generis for developing Youth Association. Generis a non-governmental organization based in Lebanon, which has allowed me to implement strategic litigation, protect youth rights and lobby them to be addressed by the constitution as future men and women.

Furthermore, I have founded a cultural center which has a public library that contains thousands of books that managed to attract people to explore the center and its social, cultural and artistic activities for all ages, as everyone has the right to culture.

Through the center I have also managed to expand the network to international partnership for people to engage with one another across the continents to learn about the cultural diversities and tolerance.

I believe this kind of experience could help people to be engaged more in the society, to accept and respect one another, to be the change that could help bringing peace and conflicts resolution.

I have a virtual column in a national media.

In addition, I have excellent verbal and written communication in French, Arabic, and English.

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.)**

My 19 years work (1999-present) as president and founder of a Cultural center and the NGO Generis in Lebanon, helped me to be active on an international platform through Anna Lindh Foundation and Erasmus+ Program, executing intercultural exchanges, forums, trainings, and cross cultural actions with international partners, and allowed to be aware of international instruments to promote people's dignity.

I have run as an independent candidate for the local municipality in Beit Mery - Lebanon, May 2016, aiming to promote youth participation as decision-makers, and women involvement in political life.

I have been active in a women’s association for families in need scholarship, and another association that deals with the physically and mentally handicapped.

I am a devoted scout since my childhood which gave me the sense of commitment, responsibility, openness and solidarity.

Since 2010 I’m the vice president of Caritas Lebanon in order to promote the dignity of the most vulnerable people. I work through Caritas in cooperation with ministries, authorities and NGOs.

I currently network with the civil society movements in Lebanon in order to promote and protect the rights to freedom, better living and better community engagement through a peaceful process and acceptance of each others.

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

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

    On the occasion of my professional and civic activities I have been recognized and invited to participate in various national and international forums on youth and youth participation and their rights, as well as President of Generis Developing Youth Association I have been able to advise, disseminate and advocate for widening space for the youth future men and women in the MENA and Euro Mediterranean region.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please listsignificant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that you have written or public statements, or pronouncements that you have made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:**  Conducting research on Youth cultural practices in Lebanon

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**    2013

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Generis fundraising dinners

**Event organizer:**  Generis Developing Youth Association

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 2011,2012,2013,2014

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** “Paris Liban - Liban Paris” a virtual intercultural exchange project between Parisian and Lebanese schools

**Event organizer:**  Generis and “Mairie de Paris”, Ministry of Culture Lebanon, Ministry of education Lebanon, Cultural Mission french embassy in Lebanon, Club Paris Lecture, Secrétariat général des écoles catholiques du Liban

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 2008/2010

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

“On the trail of Dr Richard Pococke” a Youth intercultural exchange in Ireland between Lebanese and Irish students

**Event organizer:**   Generis and Irish Lebanese cultural foundation

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 2013

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):

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 (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

I have taken note that the work of the mandate holders is unpaid.

I am available to perform my duty and I have no traveling restrictions.

As I am self-employed there is a considerable degree of flexibility in the organization of my working arrangements and commitments, my current position shares the common interest as per the mandate which will allow me to contribute to both at the same time.

I do not see any difficulties in being available to undertake the activities involved in the mandate or in dedicating the estimated three months per year that this would entail.

**III. MOTIVATION LETTER** (600 word limit, must be included below and not in a separate e-mail or as an attachment)

I am Elsie Chammas Eddé, French-Lebanese mother of three, and a firm believer in assembling people through activities to teach them the sense of communicating together, understanding, accepting and respecting each other. in my belief, teaching people tolerance is a key solution to reach conflicts resolutions and peace.

I have spent 19 years campaigning for Human rights and education and constitutional reform to allow more space specifically for the youth to play a vital role in their own country. I have specialized in youth as future Men and women development and empowerment by creating an intercultural and social platform for dialogue.

In 1999, I was designated as social and cultural Chargée d’affaires in the region where I live, Beit Mery Lebanon, so I founded and launched the "Espace Culturel" in 2003, a Lebanese cultural center to be a platform for exchange of views between individuals, groups with different ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds and heritage on the basis of mutual understanding and respect. My aim through “Espace Culturel” is to provide a healthy environment for people from around the country, to read, discover and participate in many cultural, artistic and social activities.

I have also worked on creating opportunities and cultural exchanges for young adults, whether locally or internationally, bringing them together from different socio-cultural milieus and religions. I have managed to build international bridges for them by linking the NGO Generis-Lebanon to Anna Lindh Foundation Network, and taking part in Erasmus+ Program, to create an international coalition between People.

In April 2016, I worked hard to obtain the accreditation of Generis for EVS - European Voluntary Service Program, under ERASMUS+ Program, allowing the NGO to send and host volunteers in the Euro Mediterranean region, for cultural and experience exchange. I also signed a MOU with other institutions for exchanging volunteers.

I have launched "Global Citizenship Summer Camps” a program to educate young adults globally on public participation, human rights, duties and responsibilities to be advocated in their own countries.

I am currently working with different NGOs in Lebanon on “our vision our responsibility” program in universities, through this program students and teachers will learn about Lebanese democratic structure and processes.

Notably as founder and Executive Director of the NGO Generis, and "Espace Culturel (1999 - present), I gained a national reputation for my effective advocacy for bigger space for People and woman role minorities.

I apply today as Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly   
and of association. I wish to devote myself to study the cultural practices in countries with conflicts, and share the values in which I believe: Education, Communication, solidarity, openness, tolerance, and respect.

My aim is to communicate my experience and bring together people strategically to build a better tomorrow.

That’s why I consider myself being able to make a difference specifically in countries with conflicts.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Arabic**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating type of degree, subject, and whether full or part-time, ex. *Masters in law, University of xxx, part-time)*.**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| Diplom**a** of **Analyst programmer, IUT de Villetaneuse - Université de Paris - full time** | 1981-1985 | P**aris - France** |
| M**aster in Computer science, Lebanese university, Faculté des sciences - Full time** | 1994-1996 | Beirut - Leb**anon** |
| Communic**a**tion **and public relation - Par correspondance - CNED: centre National d'études à distance** | 1997-1998 | p**ar correspondance**  From Leb**anon** |
| Hum**a**n resources Diplom**a**, full time, Grett**a tertiaire** | 2007-2008 | P**aris - France** |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with your current occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were not full-time.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005): | **Place and country:** |
| Executive director of Generis for developing Youth and “Espace Culturel” | 1999 - present | Lebanon |
| PROMOTEAM - “Beirut Antique fair ” et “Beirut Wedding Fair” organizer | 1997-1999 | Beirut -Lebanon |
| Hotel Al Bustan - event coordinator | 1997 | Beit Mery - Lebanon |
| French Lycée - computer teacher | 1990-1991 | Khobar- Saudi Arabia |
| SERAL: Société Etudes Réalisation Automatisme Loriot, Analyst programmer and building automation systems | 1985-1987 | Paris -  France |
| EUROCAT, Stage de fin d’études: Programmation en batch et en temps réel .Langage COBOL sur IBM | 1985 | Paris -   France |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of 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 the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

          No

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the 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 the candidate discharges the 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? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)**

***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

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate 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.**

     In case my regular professional activity requires some adjustment, I will gladly do it, however, I do not see any conflict of interest between my activities and the mandate for which I am applying.

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.  
  
Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by   
e-mail (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

**Please review your application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:**   Elsie Chammas Eddé

**Date:**   January 23, 2018

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