***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 18 DECEMBER 2018 AT 12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME***

* *The application process consists of two parts:* ***(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/913788*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/913788)*) and* ***(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC40.aspx*](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC40.aspx)*)*
* *Candidates should indicate in question 10 of Section I for which indigenous sociocultural region they are applying and then include in the motivation letter in Section III why they are applying for the specific indigenous sociocultural region.*
* *Once fully completed, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* [*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)
* *A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or pdf format). For EMRIP candidates, preferably one of the three letters should be from an organization or entity representing indigenous peoples.*
* *No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or supplementary reference letters) will be accepted.*
* *Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email 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 email. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.*
* *General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at* [*http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx*](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx)
* *Please note that an application will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.***
* *In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (*[*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)*) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).*

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** LOUNES | | **5. Year of birth:** 1955 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Belkacem | | **6. Place of birth:** Isser, Algeria |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Algerian |
| **4. Gender:** Male | | **8. Any other nationality:** |
| **9. Indigenous origin:** Amazigh (indigenous people of North Africa) | | |
| **10. Please indicate for which indigenous sociocultural region you are applying (please tick a box):** | **Africa**  **Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation,   Central Asia and Transcaucasia**  **Central and South America, and the Caribbean**  **Pacific** | |

**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 hold a doctorate in economics and social sciences, I am a university professor for thirty years. I received high-level training in the area of human and peoples' rights (political, economic, social, cultural and linguistic rights).

I have more than twenty years of professional experience in the field of protection and promotion of human rights, particularly with regard to indigenous peoples. I have participated as a speaker or trainer in many seminars and international meetings concerning individual and collective human rights. I have written dozens of articles published in the press and I am the author and co-author of two studies on indigenous issues, conducted in partnership with the University of Pretoria and APMM.

In 2016, I was appointed an expert member of the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples in Africa, which reports to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. This position allowed me to enrich my knowledge of African national legislations and the diversity of the problems of the indigenous peoples of this continent.

I acquired a very good written and oral mastery of the French and Arabic languages, and I have a good written and oral mastery of the English and Spanish languages.

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 acquired a very good knowledge of international human rights instruments, standards and principles as mentioned in the UN Charter, International Conventions and Covenants, Declarations and adopted programs of action by the UN and at regional level by the African Union. I gained this deep knowledge through the theoretical training I received but also through my participation in international meetings and my contributions to the various sessions of the treaty bodies, working groups and international forums and conferences.

My knowledge of normative instruments is accompanied by the knowledge and practice of the institutional mandates of the United Nations and the African Union. These mandates (Human Rights Council, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Treaty Bodies, Special Rapporteurs, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Expert Mechanism, Working Groups, ...) make it possible to follow concretely the application of international standards in the different countries.

I began to focus on human rights issues in the early 1990s, volunteering with various NGOs such as FIDH, Amnesty International, and the Amazigh World Congress. I have been active in this field for almost thirty years now.

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

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

My human rights skills are first and foremost knowledge of human rights situations as experienced by individuals and peoples or communities in several African countries, but also at the world level. This is complemented by my knowledge of the laws and mechanisms put in place by States to protect and promote human rights but also the work of NGOs and civil society at the national and international levels. My knowledge of regional and international instruments and mechanisms complements my field of expertise in this area. These were acquired through the experience provided by my regular attendance at regional and international meetings, my contribution to the writing of studies and reports alternative to state reports, advocacy work, field visits in different countries and exchanges with institutional and private actors acting in the field of human rights. The constant confrontation between norms and realities in the field is very enriching for the analysis and consolidation of experience and skills.

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:** "What legal protection for indigenous peoples in Algeria?" Pretoria University, 2009

**Journal/Publisher:** Pretoria University, Faculty of law, Centre for human rights

**Date of publication:** 2009

**Web link, if available:** http://www.chr.up.ac.za/

**2. Title of publication:** "The cry of the mountain", co-author of the study on the situation of marginalization of mountain indigenous peoples and their solutions to climate change.

**Journal/Publisher:** APMM-CMA

**Date of publication:** 2016

**Web link, if available:** www.mountain-peoples.org

**3. Title of publication:** Indigenous peoples in North Africa, in indigenous world.

**Journal/Publisher:** IWGIA Editions

**Date of publication:** Yearbook of IWGIA since 2013

**Web link, if available:** www.iwgia.org

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

- Participation and presentation of papers on indigenous issues to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, UN, New York, since 2008 and EMRIP, Geneva, since 2010

- Participation and presentation of alternative reports on behalf of the NGO AWC, in several meetings of the WGIP of the African Commission on Human and peoples’s Rights since 2007, Banjul, Gambia.

- Speaker on indigenous issues in Africa, the World Summit of Indigenous Peoples, Alta, Norway, in June 2013

- Participation and communication "Global Consultation Workshop with indigenous peoples on the Review for a Strengthened European Union (EU) Policy on Indigenous Peoples", New York, April 26, 2015

- Participation and work on the impact of climate change on indigenous peoples in Africa at the World Summit climate and territories, Lyon, France, 1-2 July 2015.

- Participation on behalf of the World Amazigh Congress (AWC) to the COP21 and COP22, organizing and conducting two conferences on the threats of climate change on indigenous peoples of Africa, Paris, Marrakech, 2015/2016 .

- Presentation of the synthesis of the WGIP study on extractive industries and their impact on IP rights in Africa, Dialogue Seminar of Uganda, Kampala, 26-28 November 2018.

* 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:** UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

**Event organizer:** United Nations, NY

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018

**Web link, if available:** www.congres-mondial-amazigh.org

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Expert Mecanism on Indigenous Peoples

**Event organizer:** United Nations, Geneva

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

**Web link, if available:** www.congres-mondial-amazigh.org

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Working Group on Indigenous peoples of Africa

**Event organizer:** African Commission on Human and People's Rights, Kampala, Uganda

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 26, 27 november 2018

**Web link, if available:** http://www.achpr.org/news/2018/12/d355/

**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 know that the work that a member of EMRIP has to provide requires a great deal of flexibility and availability in order to be able to take on the various tasks that are incumbent on him, such as participating in the drafting of reports, participating in sessions and other meetings in Geneva, New York and other countries, participate to the visits, meet with stakeholders, etc. As a university professor, I have course obligations of about eight hours a week for twenty weeks a year. This leaves me a lot of free time and opportunities to organize myself. I therefore commit myself to devote more than three months of my time to the tasks concerning my mission within EMRIP.

I have also noted that my work for EMRIP is unpaid. In this regard, I declare that my current income is totally sufficient for me and I am not looking for paid work. My activity in EMRIP is much more a personal commitment to human rights than a search for remuneration.

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING WHY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE SPECIFIC INDIGENOUS SOCIOCULTURAL REGION**(600 word limit, must be included below and not in a separate email or as an attachment)

I was born in Algeria in the Amazigh indigenous community during the French colonial period. In this context and from my early age, I witnessed various forms of discrimination, injustice and abuse that violated the rights, freedom and dignity of innocent people. This marked my spirit and led me to gradually build a character of defender of the rights of victims in general.

Thereafter, I wanted to acquire professional skills to effectively combat discrimination and injustice and defend the rights and freedoms of individuals and communities, including the Amazigh community to which I belong. I therefore undertook to document the issue of human rights in general and indigenous peoples in particular, to train academically but also by volunteering for associations operating in the socio-cultural field and solidarity and then NGOs for the protection and promotion of human rights. This volunteer work in associations and NGOs has helped me a lot to improve my knowledge of law and my abilities, including listening and analyzing complex situations.

Over time, my personal interest in human rights has grown and expanded to the international arena where I discovered new actors, instruments and mechanisms, as well as the virtues of collaborative work with specialized NGOs and organizations of global civil society. In the 1990s and early 2000s, I have participated, as chairman of the NGO World Amazigh Congress in drafting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Parallel to my professional activity of university professor, I was able to blossom in a personal capacity and finally to be passionate for this mission that I am given to me: to render service to the most vulnerable (people, peoples or communities) by defending their rights. This led me to know a wide variety of situations on all continents and particularly in Africa and to discover new tools and strategies for the defense and protection of human rights.

In 2016, I joined the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples (WGIP) of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights as an indigenous expert. Together with my colleagues in this group, we conducted studies, conducted country visits and organized several training seminars and dialogue meetings with different stakeholders (governments, indigenous representatives, NGOs, companies) to get them to find compromises in favor of preserving indigenous peoples' rights and enabling them to secure their existence and their future.

The world is still confronted with the real and permanent challenge posed by the risk of the disappearance of indigenous peoples and communities, which would be a disaster for humanity. Indeed, indigenous peoples living in symbiosis with nature, ensure cultural diversity and carry adapted solutions including climate change through their traditional knowledge and skills. That is why, and more than ever, I wish to continue this work of protecting and defending indigenous peoples and communities. So far I have done it at regional African level and I want to continue it now globally within EMRIP.

I note indeed that the scope and effectiveness of our work within African WGIP is limited. I consider that EMRIP is a forum that is at a higher level and has broader powers, which necessarily has a wider and more decisive impact on the progress of the rights of indigenous peoples. It is mainly this reason that sharpens my interest and motivates me to be part of the EMRIP team. My academic qualifications and my teacher work also allowed me to acquire and develop good analytical and drafting skills.

And finally, I personally keen to put my expertise at the service of the rights of people and peoples in general, especially the most vulnerable among them.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Amazigh**

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

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

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

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

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **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: **not 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:** |
| doctorate economic and social sciences | 1981-1984 | Grenoble University, France |
| graduate of advanced studies on prospective economic | 1979-1981 | Grenoble University, France |
| Statistics engineer  National Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics | 1975-1979 | National Institute of Statistics, Algiers, Algeria |
| Training courses and internships in the field of human rights | 1999-2000, 2006-2007 | Unitar, HCHR |

**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:** |
| Professor of Economics and social siences | 1993-2018 | Socioeconomic Institute, Grenoble, France |
| Professor of Economics | 1988-1993 | Higher Institute of Management and Planning, Algiers, Algeria |
| Statstics Ingeener | 1986-1988 | Ministry of Housing, Algiers, Algeria |
| Expert member of Working Group on Indigenous Peoples | 2016-2018 | ACHPR, Gambia |

**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.**

If I am admitted as Expert member of EMRIP, I agree to resign from my position as an expert member of WGIP of Africa.

**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   
email (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

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

**Name:** Belkacem LOUNES

**Date:** 16/12/2018

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1. The short **online survey** 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. The same name, gender and nationality should be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). 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 also be posted as received on the OHCHR public website. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)