***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 17 OCTOBER 2019 AT 12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME***

* *The application process consists of twocompulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/283689*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/283689)*)and* ***(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)****(to be downloaded from*[*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC43.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC43.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 the Secretariat.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:**Cansing Serrano | **5. Year of birth:** 1959 |
| **2. First (given) name:**Jannette | **6. Place of birth:** Matanao, Davao del Sur |
| **3. Other name, if any:**Jannette Serrano-Reisland or Lambinay Cansing | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Filipino |
| **4. Gender:**Female | **8. Any other nationality:** none |
| **9. Indigenous origin:** Blaan-Bagobo | |
| **10. Please indicate for which indigenous sociocultural region you are applying (please tick a box):** | **Arctic**  **Asia** |

**II. MANDATE-SPECIFICCOMPETENCE/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.)**

The candidate's solid educational background and extensive work experience on human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples speak volumes toherqualification to be a mandate holder.

She has in her portfolio two masteral degrees from refutable english speaking institute/university as a scholar and a college graduate with honors. She possessed a considerable knowledge and significant contribution in upholding the rights of indigenous peoples manifested in her publish and unpublish written work, speaking engagements in various field of indigenous rights within the country, Asia, Asia-Europe and at the level of the United Nations.

With her deep passion for the vulnerable, discriminated and the furthest behind, she has been in the thick of poverty reduction, peace negotiation,sustainable and inclusive development and climate resiliencypushing for the inalienability of basic human rights.

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.)**

Coming from Blaan and Bagobo ancestry, the applicant grew up in an indigenous community with specific vulnerabilities and grappling with the complex issues of poverty, conflict, neglect and discrimination.Even with her own playmates and in school she was degraded and maligned because of her ethnicity. As she grew up, these dismal experience became an impetus to fight for dignity, equality and freedom from discrimination.

For more than thirty years now, she works in poor, geographically isolated and neglected communities with various stakeholders for basic services assserting state obligation. She personally came to know human rights standards in her readings about the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenanton Civil and Political Rights and then the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. The advocacy then became clear.

The Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination is one of the document I am using in my work.

Human Rights issue came close to home when she was deeply engaged with the International Labour Organization-Manila in lobbying for the ratification of ILO 169. Together with many stakeholders, they were vigorously working for the Senate's ratification.

Her participation in the UN Forum on Indigenous issues exposed her to the core issues that are now part of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

1. **ESTABLISHEDCOMPETENCE** (200 words)

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

In her capacity as Chairperson and Commissioner for Central Mindano of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), she was able to distinctively pursue the implementation of Indigenous People's Rights Act(IPRA). For six years in the NCIP she lead and was part of,isinstrumental in recognizing indigenous rights to land. More than four million hectares of Titles were issued to millions of families. Harmonization of laws with other mandated agencies were also decisively started.

She blazed the trail in formulating policies on indigenous rights protection, social safeguards,women's rights, peace negotiation, poverty reduction and climate safety.

In Asia, she was part of of the Advisory Committee of the Regional Regional Initiative on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Development (RIPP)- 2 annual meetings, providing inputs on moving forward, strategies for expansion and engagement on indigenous peoples' issues in the region.

The workshop to raise capacity of ASEAN Member States where she was one of the Resource Persons inputs on IP principles in the protection of Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge was successful.

Her role in advocating for the approval of the UNDRIP by the Philippine Government is admirable. She spiritedly catalyzed indigenous leaders, media and members of the House of Representatives such that UNDRIP was adopted in the UN General Assembly.

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:** 7th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights and Ethnic, Linguistic and Religious Minorities

**Journal/Publisher:**Asia-Europe Foundation

**Date of publication:** February 2006

**Web link, if available:** https//www.asef.org >governance

**2. Title of publication:** Protecting Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expression: the Experience of Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines

**Journal/Publisher:** World Intellectual Property Organization

**Date of publication:** April 2006

**Web link, if available:**

https://www.wipo.int › igc › panels

**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:** UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). How the UNDRIP Got Adopted

**Event organizer:** Tebtebba Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** August 2006

**Web link, if available:** www.tebtebba.org › 20-un-declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Gov't Asked to Adopt UN Declaration on IP rights

**Event organizer:** Alipato Media Center

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** August 13-19

**Web link, if available:** https://www.bulatlat.com/news

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Recognition of Non-Islamized Indigenous Peoples Rights in the ARMM

**Event organizer:**  Elena Joaquin Damaso MPS

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

**Web link, if available:** https://iag2001.wordpress.com/policy-brief/1169-2/

**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”.**

Equipped with passion, good education and capacity, Jannette has the tenacity and the ability to work in any and in every circumstance inherent of a mandate holder. The Terms of Reference in her present job at the National Anti-Poverty Commission is based on deliverables and is part-time. Such that, she has the lee-way in doing other part-time work and can commit three months per year to work as a mandate holder.

As in the past, she is able to attend UN sessions in Geneva and New York or any other mission/project across Asia and the world. In any scheduled or unscheduled requirements, she can efficiently and effectively do the job as mandated.

When it comes to financial constraints, she can live with it and make adjustments on whatever is available. What matters is a legacy to leave behind for the indigenous peoples to benefit and enjoy even inter-generationally.

**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)

Representing Asia in the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous is a great honor for I am part of this region. It is challenging but equally worth serving. Asia is home to a traditional living culture being preserve and expressed by260 million indigenous peoples with 2,000 distinct ethno- linguistic groups widely disperse in the hills, slopes, mountains, low-lying areas and small islands.

Consistent with their cultural diversity and whether by self-ascription or ascription by others, Asian indigenous peoples are officially called in many names depending on the country or place of origin. For instance, in the Philippines, we are officially being referred to as indigenous peoples or indigenous cultural minorties but mainstream people refer to those in the Cordillera of the North as Igorot and Lumad for Mindanao IPs. Masyarat Adat for Indonesia; Scheduled Tribes and Adivasi for India, Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar, Vietnam and Lao PDR; Natives, Orang Asli and Orang Asal in Malaysia, and Ethnic Minorities, Hill tribes, Hill/Mountain People. It is noteworthy that these countries adopted the UNDRIP.

It is a delight to work in a region where an estimated seventy percent of the world's indigenous population lives. These people share the same spiritual connections to land as this is the material basis of their cultural integrity.Both people and land have ancient origins and are inextricably linked to one another.

The commonalities does not stop on "the good, the true and the beautiful", there are not so ugly side. The cycle of poverty and conflict exacerbated by geographic isolation has socially, culturally and politically marginalized the indigenous peoples of Asia, Their vulnerability to the impact of climate change as most of them live in most fragile ecosystems. Because these "peoples of the land" who depend on land and forest not only for their livelihood and house, but for their identity, spiritual roots and cultural heritage, can be pushed further to poverty.

Another disturbing issue is the role of indigenous women in many communities comprising a significant number in Asia. How do we address on what is called "triple discrimination"as they are discriminated for their gender, ethnicity and for being poor.

While the challenges are overwhelming, results of various studies and scoping of related research be done. It is prudent to seek the opinion of the indigenous peoples themselves. I believe that they have the solutions on the issues presented.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Blaan and Cebuano**

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

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

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

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academicqualifications(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:** |
| Bachelor of Science in Community Development, University of Southeastern Philippines, full time academic full scholar, Cum Laude | 1976-1980 | Mintal Davao City, Philippines |
| Masters in Development Management, Asian Institute of Management, full time | 1990-1991 | Makati City, Philippines |
| Masters in Development Administration, Australian National University, AusAid scholar, full time | 1999-2001 | Canberra, Australia |
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**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:** |
| National Anti-Poverty Commission, Consultant for Gender and Development and Indigenous Peoples, part-time | 2019- present | Quezon City, Philippines |
| Climate Change Commission, Senior Technical Advisor for Special Groups of Indigenous peoples, Bangsamoro and Urban poor, part time | 2017-2019 | Malacanang Complex, Manila |
| National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, Commissioner for Central Mindanao  Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer and Presiding Officer of the Commission en Banc  Commissioner for Central Mindanao, full time | 2003-2010  2005-2007 | Quezon City, Philippines |
| Member, Advisory Committee, Regional Initiative on Indigenous Peoples Rights and Development, UN Development Program Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, part-time | 2005-2007 | Bangkok, Thailand |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*Tobe 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. Mandateholders will act in their personal capacity.***

No

**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.**

**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:** Jannette Cansing Serrano

**Date:** October 17,2019

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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. The candidate’s application form will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)