***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 APRIL 2020 AT 12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/937632*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/937632)

*and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC44.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC44.aspx)*)*

* *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).*
* *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.*
* *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.***
* *General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx) *and* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx)
* *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:** Mofokeng | **5. Year of birth:** 1982 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Tlaleng | **6. Place of birth:** Qwa-qwa, South Africa |
| **3. Other name, if any:** Petronella | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** South African |
| **4. Gender:** Female | **8. Any other nationality:** N/A |

**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 obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery degree at the end of 2007 from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Republic of South Africa. I have communication skills in English, professional writing and speaking.

For the past 13 years a Medical Doctor, I have gained experience in public and public sector facilities, managed a private practice for the past 4 years with 10 years experience in civil society organizing and advocacy for universal health access, HIV care, youth friendly services, family planning. The areas of impact are global health politics, policy development, health communication, content production, healthcare provider training and community mobilization. I have managed international grants, proposal writing, and reporting. I have advised and completed projects for public entities such as government departments, institutions of higher learning, parastatals and private sector organizations such as philanthropies, news and media companies.

I have worked as a consultant on research analysis and policy briefs, informing strategic litigation, designing and implementing campaigns. As Commissioner at the Commission on Gender Equality, my work is mandated by the constitution to promote and protect human rights in policy, service provision and governance in pursuit of health.

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.)**

As a medical expert of 13 years, I work to domesticate instruments such as The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Maputo Protocol, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as a compass. I attended the 50th Commission on Population Development (CPD) as a medical expert and later in 2017, I presented the first ever civil society statement at the 36th Regular session at the Human Rights Council on using human rights standard for access to safe abortion care. I have knowledge on instruments and experience in reporting to the United Nations, example, presenting the country progress to the first Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism. In March 2020, I led the delegation from the National Human Rights Institute, the CGE of South Africa to the 77th CEDAW Pre-sessional working group meeting as they prepare for the country report in October 2020.

As Commissioner, I employ and ensure human rights standard into research, bioethics, investigative hearings, access to services, community advocacy and legal outreach projects informed by instruments ratified by South Africa.

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

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

Commissioner: Appointed by the President of South Africa to the Commission on Gender Equality (CGE) to develop, protect and attain gender equality as mandate by the constitution to ensure gender equality. Technical expert for Investigative Hearings/ Legal Reports: ‘Forced Sterilisation on HIV positive women, South Africa’, ‘The State of Shelters Report’, Country CEDAW progress report, 77th PSWG

Good governance: I have 5 years of board membership, some of the latest being the Safe Abortion Action Fund, Global Advisory Board for Sexual Health and Wellbeing, Accountability International and Chair of the Soul City Institute board.

Expert Advisor: Gates foundation, Global Health Strategies, Right to Care, Population Action Fund, Women 20, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, International Conference on Family Planning, International Women’s Health Coalition

Training/Facilitator: Advocacy training for healthcare professionals, have had contact sessions with 500 nursing and medical professionals at 8 health campuses in South Africa, guest lecture Douglass College of Rutgers’ Douglass Friends of UNFPA. Winner of the 120under40 leader in Family Planning, 2016. Named a Goalkeeper by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2018

Areas of focus have been on gender equality, policy, maternal and neonatal health, universal health access, post violence care, menstrual health, HIV management.

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:** NHI is not the magic pill to fix women's reproductive healthcare

**Journal/Publisher:** Times Live

**Date of publication:** 8 July 2018

**Web link, if available:** https://www.timeslive.co.za/sunday-times/opinion-and-analysis/2018-07-07-nhi-is-not-the-magic-pill-to-fix-womens-reproductive-healthcare/

**2. Title of publication:** Violence Against Women Is Blocking Development

**Journal/Publisher:** Project Syndicate

**Date of publication:** 21 February 2020

**Web link, if available:** https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/violence-against-women-blocking-development-by-tlaleng-mofokeng-2020-02

**3. Title of publication:** CGE CEDAW Report

**Journal/Publisher:** OHCHR, The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), UN Treaty Body Database

**Date of publication:** 2 March 2020

**Web link, if available:** https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCEDAW%2fIFS%2fZAF%2f41747&Lang=en

**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 Web TV: General Debate Item:8 - Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [42:00]

**Event organizer:** 29th Meeting, 36th Regular Session Human Rights Council

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 25 September 2017

**Web link, if available:** http://webtv.un.org/search/item8-general-debate-29th-meeting-36th-regular-session-human-rights-council-/5587951189001/?term=&lan=english&page=5

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Interview: Practice of forced sterilisation with Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng

**Event organizer:** SABC Digital News

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 24 February 2020

**Web link, if available:** https://youtu.be/6bgV729pgJg

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Building Trust One Tweet at a Time: Using Digital Media to Build a Strong, Credible Brand in the Public Health Sector Webinar [18:40]

**Event organizer:** Gates Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 23 June 2018

**Web link, if available:** https://youtu.be/B2ymc\_McPXg

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

Title: Undaunted: Stories from the Front Line

Publisher: The Aspen Institute

Date of Publication: 23 June 2018

Web link: https://youtu.be/uVGHcQPs0PE

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”.**

In my role as the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health I would be dedicated to monitoring the states commitments to the obligations to respect, protect and fulfil the right to health. Crucial to this is the resourcing of and accountability to creating conditions that ensure universal health access.

I have worked in the frontline of issues impacting health and know the intersection of gender, class, disability, climate change, migration impacts on health.

Through empathy, servitude and thought leadership, I am conscientious and have the time required per year to dedicate for various tasks of the office. I will continue to utilize my expertise informed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to achieve Vision 2030 and beyond. Key is to ensure that governments, private sector, communities and UN agencies work together to ensure people achieve their full potential; can access information to enable informed choices, free from discrimination, coercion, and violence. It is an honor to be positioned, through the OHCHR, to ensure the attainment of the highest possible standard of health for all.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether you have been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if you are self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words)**:**

**III. Motivation Letter**(600 word limit. Must be included in the space below and not in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

As a child growing up in Apartheid South Africa, I was only 12 years old when, together with billions of people, watched Mr Nelson Mandela sign into law the Constitution of South Africa in 1996. Later as a young adult, I read on the action of the United Nations (UN) on South Africa in 1967 and the shared values of equality, equity and freedom from oppression contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the Constitution of South Africa. The African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights adopted in 1981 provides a regional thread to the work to defend and promote human rights on the continent.

The World Health Organisation’s (WHO) definition of health, the principles of medicine ‘being an advocate for the patient and communities’ informs my work of more than a decade as a doctor. As a medical student, it was evident how health is determined by various factors, I was determined to ensure that my work looks specifically to the rights of children, women, persons with disabilities or persons living with HIV/AIDS. Across the globe, factors such as biological or socio-economic and discrimination can be compounding factors to ill-health and inequality.

I have been an advisor to the Technical Committee for the National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Framework Strategy in South Africa, successfully mobilizing across movements working on issues of children and adolescents, persons with disabilities, migrants and persons living with HIV/AIDS. I have briefed the United States Senate congressional staff on the impact of the Global Gag Rule globally and in the region. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995) has been instrumental in my ability to affirm human rights to health, holding governments accountable. On matters of gender-based violence, I have worked as a first responder and have been an expert witness in court, leaning on the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) to defend rights of the abused with an interest to ensure access to post violence care.

In 2017 I briefed UNFPA Executive Director and UN Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the region. In 2019, I briefed the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, on her country visit to South Africa. I was invited in 2020, to a 2-day meeting with UNAIDS Executive Director, during her global consultative process to inform the strategy for UNAIDS. I understand the importance of collaboration within UN entities in promoting respect for human rights.

In my current role as Commissioner at the Commission on Gender Equality (CGE), a national human right institution, I led the country delegation to the 77th session, Pre-working sessional group, presenting South Africa’s progress in March 2020. I monitor implementation of recommendations, international treaties and resolutions, budgets and allocation trends to hold public and private entities accountable. My lived experience of being a woman, from the global south, in Africa, together with my expertise in the field of human rights and health, in working with government, global aid agencies, civil society, human rights institutions; working through data, investigations and hearings; recommending policy or legislative changes, I will draw on my strengths and advance on the expansive experience and unwavering commitment to human rights, to ensure the gains previously made are protected, that the mandate of the Special Rapporteur is achieved for individuals, communities across the world. Mine is a duty of servitude to ensure the right of everyone to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:**  **English**

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

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

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

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

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not 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: **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 academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, 1975-1977, University of XXX, part-time)*. If space in the table is insufficient, you may list more than one degree in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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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 Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Full time | 2003-2007 | Durban, South Africa |
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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 (most recent) occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, you may list more than one position in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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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:** |
| Commission on Gender Euality, Commissioner, Technical Expert, Oversight, Advance Gender Equality. Full time. | 2019- | Johannesburg, South Africa |
| DISA Clinic, Medical Director | 2016-2020 | Sandton, South Africa |
| Independent Consultant/Contractor | 2011-2019 | South Africa |
| Gauteng Department of Health, Senior Medical Officer | 2008-2010 | Johannesburg, South Arica |
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**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.**

N/A

**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:** Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng

**Date:** 14 April 2020

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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 must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form in Word format** 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 eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)