***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 29 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/741841*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/741841)*) and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from*[*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc52*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc52)*)*
* *Candidates should indicate in question 10 of Section I (Personal data) below for which indigenous sociocultural region (i.e., Asia or the Arctic) 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, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* *ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.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 additional reference letters) will be accepted.*
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* *In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (**ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org**) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).*

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Dhamai  | **5. Year of birth:** 1978 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Binota Moy  | **6. Place of birth:** Khagrachari District, Bangladesh |
| **3. Other name, if any:**        | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Bangladeshi |
| **4. Gender:** Male  | **8. Any other nationality:** Australian |
| **9. Indigenous origin:** Tripura Indigenous  |
| **10. Please indicate for which indigenous sociocultural region you are applying (please tick a box):** | [x]  **Asia****[ ]  The Arctic** |

**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 limit)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; and 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).**

My degree the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts (MA) in the Philosophy from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, has been prepared me for a career of human rights and indigenous peoples rights. I also have a Master on Environmental Management and Development from the Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University (ANU) and currently a Doctoral Candidate from the School of Regulation and Global Governance at ANU. I worked with the indigenous peoples organizations in Bangladesh on Indigenous Peoples rights (2001 to 2006) and with the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) as the Asia Regional Coordinator of the Human Rights Campaign and Policy Advocacy Program (2008 – 2012). I was a United Nations Indigenous Fellow (2007) at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) in Geneva for four months where I received a United Nations Human Rights Training certificate. I have excellent communication skills orally and in writing in Kokborok (mother tongue), Bangla (national language of Bangladesh) and English.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words limit)

**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 and particularly in the area of the mandate (please state how this was acquired).**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate (please state years of experience).**

My work allowed me to deepen my understanding of international human rights instruments and mechanisms relating to indigenous peoples and provided ample opportunities to work with various indigenous peoples leaders and organizations, UN human rights mandate holders including the Special Rapporteur, members of the UN Permanent Forum and the EMRIP. My knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles commenced with my work with the AIPP on the drafting numerous reports, studies and statements, such as, studies on the human rights situation of indigenous peoples in Asia, legal studies of indigenous peoples, traditional livelihood and indigenous peoples, and published. He conducted and facilitated training on human rights and indigenous peoples rights including the promotion of the UNDRIP in the Asia region. He has been involved in the negotiation on the establishment of the EMRIP in 2007, as well as, mandate review process in 2016 in line with the WCIP 2014 outcome document. He currently holds the mandate as expert member from the Asia and Chair-Rapporteur (2022-2023) in the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 2020 - 2023 and have through this work acquired in-depth knowledge about the EMRIP mandate.

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

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

I gained my competency through a combination of study and practical field experiences. This includes UNOHCHR Indigenous Fellowship, participating in the UN human rights mechanisms meetings, drafting reports and statements. I was one of the founding members of the Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defender (IPHRD) Network in the Asia region under the AIPP and created platform to increase awareness and support on cases of human rights violations committed against indigenous peoples and their communities. I started my career working with the Indigenous student’s organizations and Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples (Adivasi) Forum at the national level. My competence is reflected in appointments such as the Member of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples (2015 - April 2020), Executive Council Member of AIPP (2013 to 2021), and a Board member of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2019 to date). From 2012 to 2014, I served as the Co-representative of the Asia region to the Indigenous Peoples’ Global Coordinating Group (GCG) for the UN High-Level Plenary meeting known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (NY, UN Headquarter, 2014). I believe that all these roles have given me an opportunity to demonstrate a leadership of Indigenous Peoples issues and rights at the national, Asia regional and international forum.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events in which the candidate has participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** EMRIP study on treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition (Study lead and co-writer).

**Journal/Publisher:** EMRIP

**Date of publication:** 2022

**Web link, if available:** https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrc-subsidiaries/expert-mechanism-on-indigenous-peoples/treaties-agreements-and-other-constructive-arrangements-between-indigenous-peoples-and-states

**2. Title of publication:** Report on efforts to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: indigenous peoples and the right to self-determination (co-writer)

**Journal/Publisher:** EMRIP

**Date of publication:** 2021

**Web link, if available:** https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/report-self-determination-under-un-declaration-rights-indigenous-peoples

**3. Title of publication:** Study on Rights of the indigenous child under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (co-writer)

**Journal/Publisher:** EMRIP

**Date of publication:** 2021

**Web link, if available:** https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/call-submissions-study-rights-indigenous-child-under-un-declaration-rights

**If more than three publications, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200 words limit):i) The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), IWGIA - The Indigenous World 2022, pp.730-738; ii) From 2009 to 2017, I have regularly been contributed article on the situation of indigenous peoples in Bangladesh to the Indigenous World - an annual publication of the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), Copenhagen, Denmark; iii) Published article in the annual magazine 'Songhoti (Solidarity)' of the Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum on the issue of human rights, migration, enhanced participation, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in with respect to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** Interactive Dialogue with the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**Event organizer:** 51st Session of the Human Rights Council

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 28 September 2022

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** Annual panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples: The impact of social and economic recovery plans in the COVID-19 context on Indigenous Peoples, with special focus on food security

**Event organizer:** 51st Session of the Human Rights Council

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 28 September 2022

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:**  International Processes and Mechanisms on Indigenous Peoples Rights; Asia regional Indigenous Youth Conference, 11-16 November 2022, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**Event organizer:** Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Thailand.

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 11 November 2022

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200 words limit):1) Interactive dialogue with the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development to exchange good practices, on 1 November 2022, sixth session of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development; 2) Opening remarks at the 'Expert workshop on possible way to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Human Rights Council' on 21 November 2022, organised by the OHCHR.

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words limit)

**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 two country visits per year; drafting reports according to established deadlines; organizing and participating in consultations and meetings; addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned; providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to the mandate; and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.**

**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 a salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

I have been EMRIP expert member since my appointment in 2020, and have dedicated the time needed in order for me to fufil my mandate in an effective way. I have been the Vice-chair of EMRIP 2021-2022, and currently the Chair. Because of my research (PhD) study, I am currently based in Canberra, Australia. I could easily accommodate my schedule for carrying out the mandate work. I have the flexibility needed to attend both the annual session in Geneva, inter-sessional meetings and can also make my self available for any other necessary representation of EMRIP within the mandate. I have been involved in the preparation for the country engagements conducted by EMRIP in 2023, and have also dedicated time to drafting reports and studies and to meetings and communication with my EMRIP colleagues.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):**

[x]  **Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is 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 limit)**:**

My nomination has been endorsed by the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP). The Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) is an umbrella organization of 47 indigenous organizations in 14 countries in Asia. It includes 14 national indigenous federations, 15 subnational indigenous organizations and 18 local indigenous organizations. Of these, six are Indigenous Women's Organizations and four Indigenous Youth Organizations.

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE, AND WHY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE SPECIFIC INDIGENOUS SOCIOCULTURAL REGION**(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below; cannot be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be written by the candidates themselves even if nominated by another entity.)

Practically 20 years now, human rights and indigenous peoples rights have not just been my passion and work but a fundamental commitment. I have been and continue to be particularly interested in what practical steps can be taken to promote indigenous peoples rights exists national, Asia regional and international human rights mechanisms including the promotion of the UNDRIP and the ILO Convention No 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Asia contexts.

I am applying for the final term as the EMRIP mandate holder from the Asia region, as I have been the mandate holder for the past 3 years have received positive feedback to the work that I have done together with colleagues in the Expert Mechanism on the rights of Indigenous Peoples. I have a particular interest in particular the part of the mandate that gives the EMRIP a possibility to engage on the national level with states and indigenous peoples in capacity building, facilitation of dialogue and technical advise in various type of issues (known in EMRIP as country engagement). I have participated in preparation for the country engagements that EMRIP will undertake in 2023.

I am currently the Chair-Rapporteur of the EMRIP and have been guiding our study and report (OP6, A/HRC/RES/51/18), which is to be presented at the 2023 EMRIP session in Geneva, and I therefore hope that the Human Rights Council through the process with appointing the mandate holder from the Asia, will put emphasis on the need for continuity in the EMRIP work. We have currently three new mandate holders and will get one new member from Arctic for the next 3 year period. Thus, I see that in order for EMRIP to be able to effectively implement the mandate given to us by the Human Rights Council, continuity should be one important aspect to consider. It is also notable that the first two years of my activities as the EMRIP Member from Asia (2020-2023) has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am very motivated to continue my work and am also very grateful for the opportunity given to me by the Human Rights Council to serve as EMRIP member from the Asia 2020-2023, a mandate which I have found to be of great importance and value for the further strengthening of indigenous peoples human rights globally, and for the facilitation of dialogue between states and indigenous peoples.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Kokborok**

**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. EDUCATION**

**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, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Degree obtained** (please indicate YES or NO): | **Place and country:** |
| Doctoral Candidate (School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University)Topic: Advancing Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council. | Since 2018 - to present | NO | Canberra, Australia |
| Master of Environmental Management and Development (Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University) | 2015-2016 | YES | Canberra, Australia |
| Master of Arts (MA in Philosophy), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh | 2000-2001 | YES | Dhaka, Bangladesh |
| Bachelor of Arts (BA Hon.s), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. | 1997-1999 | YES | Dhaka, Bangladesh |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (or most recent) occupation.** **Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell 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; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Executive Council (EC) Member (Human Rights Program in charge of EC), Part-time, major responsibilities, among others: Represent and participate in AIPP activities where appropriate and requested; To provide advice or guidance to AIPP programme planning and implementation.  | 2013-2021 | Dhaka, Bangladesh/ Canberra, Australia |
| Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Human Rights Campaign and Policy Advocacy Program Coordinator (Full time). It covers 14 countries with 47member organizations that include Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar/ Burma, Nepal, Philippines, Taiwan (China), Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. Key responsibilities were: i) Organize Asia regional annual preparatory meeting on UN human rights mechanisms and procedures relating to Indigenous Peoples (UNPFII, EMRIP and SRIP); ii) research and prepare evidence based advocacy paper for indigenous peoples rights; iii) coordinate indigenous peoples engagement to the UN human rights mechanisms including the, UNPFII, EMRIP, Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process of the Human Rights Council and ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism; iv) Conduct and facilitate human rights training on indigenous peoples rights at the community level;  | 2008-2012 | Chiang Mai, Thailand |
| National Consultant (Bangladesh Chapter), Charapa Consult, Denmark, major tasks to study: i) United Nations system efforts to promote Indigenous Peoples Rights, Bangladesh, ii) Review the country common assessment of the United Nations(UN) Development Assistance Forum of Bangladesh and the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples over the period 2009 to 2013. The report has already been published along with other five countries study by Tebtebba Foundation, and the recommendations has been taken into account at the UN level. | 2014 | Dhaka, Bangladesh |
| International Affairs Secretary (Part time), Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples (Adivasi) Forum, key responsibilities: To represent the organization and work for the interest of indigenous peoples in Bangladesh;Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples (Adivasi) Forum, Assistant General Secretary (Part time),Major responsibilities were; i) Advise in programme management and policy analysis on human rights related to the community and indigenous peoples in Bangladesh; ii) Support knowledge management and contribute to the development of contents of human rights, indigenous peoples and international human rights instruments for the local communities and indigenous peoples. Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples (Adivasi) Forum, Assistant General Secretary (Part time)Major responsibilities were: i) Conduct capacity building and awareness raising activities for indigenous yout'hs and student's organizations at the community and national level; ii) Organize campaign on issues affecting indigenous peoples in Bangladesh such as civil, political, social, cultural, economic and land rights; iii) Advocate and coordinate with other organizations for the realization and aspiration of the indigenous peoples rights in Bangladesh; iv) Establish a common platform for the indigenous students and organizations in Bangladesh for the social movement and awareness to promote, protect and recognition; v) Network with human rights organizations/institutions and civil society organizations for drawing support and assistance for Bangladeshi Indigenous Peoples; vi) Assist producing training materials on the community leadership and local governance in local languages in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh; vii) Facilitate the start-up of Community Organizers Training program in Bangladesh, and regularly coordinate exchange visits of new community trainers to Sabah, Malaysia.  | 2018 - present2013 - 20142004 - 2006 | Canberra, AustraliaDhaka, BangladeshDhaka, Bangladesh |
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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. 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 that the candidate will take.**

Not Applicable

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION
*To be completed by the candidate. The candidate’s name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.***

**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 (****ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org****).**

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

**Name:** Binota Moy Dhamai

**Date:** 23 November 2022

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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 or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form 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)