



Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155)

Election of nine members of the Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2013

Note by the Secretary-General*

Addendum

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, 25 June 2014.
2. The curricula vitae of 11 candidates received by 25 April 2014 are reproduced in document CRC/SP/46.
3. The annexes to the present document contain the biographical data of two further candidates, received after 25 April 2014.

* Late submission.



Annex I

Sambala Traoré (Mali)

Date and place of birth:

1 January 1954, Didiéni, Kolokani Circle, Mali

Working languages:

French; English

Current position/function:

Counsel, Judicial Section, Supreme Court of Mali

Counsel, Criminal Chamber and Second Civil Chamber

Main professional activities:

1. Drafting reports
2. Participating in hearings of the Criminal Chamber and Second Civil Chamber

Educational background:

1. Baccalaureate in Philosophy and Languages from Sankoré High School, Bamako (June 1975)
2. Maîtrise en droit privé (Master's degree in private law), National School of Administration, specializing in Legal Sciences (1979)
3. Diplôme (diploma), International Department of the National Legal Service Training College, Paris, France (1981)
4. Doctorat en droit public (PhD. in public law), University of West Paris-Nanterre La Défense, France (defended on 9 December 2008)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Participation in national seminars on the promotion and protection of children's rights

Instructor at the Seminar on complications of female genital mutilation

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

1. "Les droits de l'enfant au Mali" (Children's rights in Mali), www.ahjucaf.org/les-droits-de-l-enfant-au-Mali.html
2. Statement regarding children's rights made at a conference organized by Association des Hautes Juridictions Francophones in Hanoi, September 2009
3. "L'influence de la Convention des Nations Unies relative aux droits de l'enfant sur le droit positif et la politique du Mali" (Influence of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on positive law and policy in Mali), National Center for the Reproduction of PhD Theses, <http://www.diffusiontheses.fr/57713-these-de-traore-sambala.html>

Annex II

Clarence Joseph Nelson (Samoa)

Date and place of birth:

22 December 1955, Apia, Samoa

Working languages:

English; Samoan

Current position/function:

Justice of the Supreme Court of Samoa; ad hoc Justice of the Samoa Court of Appeal and Judge of the Land and Titles Court (Appellate Division)

National Co-ordinator, Samoa for the Pacific Judicial Development Programme (PJDP)

Main professional activities:

As a sitting judge, adjudication of all disputes (civil, criminal, constitutional or otherwise) that come before the Supreme Court, the highest trial court in Samoa

Also trained to engage in other forms of alternative dispute resolution such as mediation

Active supporter of the Samoa Victim Support Group and its activities

Assisting in the development of the Olomanu Juvenile Facility

Chairing various statutory committees and tribunals as and when required

Conducting coronial inquests into unnatural deaths and the causes thereof

Co-ordinating and undertaking in-country and regional training workshops for the PJDP

Planning and implementing as National Coordinator for PJDP judicial and other training activities including those for the establishment of new Therapeutic Courts for Samoa

Educational background:

1971 – graduated proxime accessit, St. Josephs College, Apia, Samoa

Awarded New Zealand Government Scholarship to undertake further studies in New Zealand

1977 – Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

2002 – Youth Justice Training, Suva, Fiji

2009 – Certified national and regional Trainer for the Pacific Judicial Development Programme

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Patron – Pacific Island Lawyers for Human Rights Network

Mentor – Samoa Victim Support Group

Advocate for children's rights and protection of young victims of sexual violence

Served 5 years as Member, South Pacific Council of Youth & Children's Courts

Involved in creation and set-up of the Olomanu Juvenile Facility, a minimum security facility specifically designed for the housing of juvenile offenders

Established and ran for a number of years the 1st Youth Court in Samoa, including assisting in the drafting and implementation of its enabling legislation the Young Offenders Act 2007

Presented and facilitated at in-country and international workshops on human rights issues in particular on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the rights of children in the Pacific

List of most recent publications in the field:

Landmark court decision in *Police v. Vailopa* [2009] WSSC 69 (special requirements for Police interviews of child suspects)

Role of the media in the Youth & Family Courts of Samoa, *Chronicle* (International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates, IAYFJM), July 2013, p. 38

Support from the CRC, IAYFJM *Chronicle*, January 2010 p. 16
