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Date and place of birth: 18 March 1948, Paramaribo, Suriname

Working languages: Dutch, English

Current position/function

Lecturer at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname
Lecturer in Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and Diplomatic and Consular Law.
On behalf of the University, participation in the National Commission on the Elimination of Child Labour. Advising the Board of the University on matters regarding human rights and exams Acting Chair of the Institute of Children's Rights. Chair of an NGO working with Indigenous and Maroons

Main professional activities

Lecturing at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname and as a consultant writing and presenting country reports to U.N. Human Rights Committee in New York and Geneva, Switzerland
Advising the Government on human rights cases and with other lawyers participating in human rights cases before the inter-American Human Rights Commission in Washington, D.C. and before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica
Training students of the university to participate in moot court competitions in The Hague (The European International Model United Nations – TEIMUN), Washington, D.C. (on the Inter-American Human Rights System), Trinidad and Tobago (before the Caribbean Court of Justice – CCJ) and at present for the World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in South Africa.

Educational background

Starting as a teacher at the elementary school, continued as a teacher of English and Dutch at a secondary school for more than 25 years. Studied law and graduated from the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (1998) and graduated in 2001 at the Law School of the American University in Washington, D.C. in the International Legal Program. Training in Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law in San José, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados

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

Preparing to participate in the writing and presentation of the universal periodic review in Geneva, Switzerland. As chair of the board of directors of Amazon Conservation Team-Suriname (NGO), the office is participating with the Government in mapping the areas of the Indigenous Peoples and the Maroons to fulfil the obligation by the Samaaka Lo and the Moiwana judgement issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In July 2010, will participate in the training of lawyers who are becoming judges, in Human Rights Law, at the Foundation for legal cooperation of Suriname-Netherlands. The counterpart is a judge.

List of most recent publications in the field

The role of NGOs in defending human rights (2005)
The principle of complementarity of the Rome Statute (ICC) (2007)
Relation of articles 28, 32 and 37 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with regard to the homicide in Nickerie (2008)
Human rights in Suriname (2010)