

MARCIA V. J. KRAN
Canadian candidate for the Human Rights Committee
2017-2020 term, election on June 23, 2016

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- International lawyer with 35 years of experience in human rights and international law
- Senior manager roles in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Development Programme
- Former professor of international human rights law at the University of British Columbia
- Expert on human rights from the multilateral, national, academic and NGO perspectives

WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent Consultant on Development and Human Rights	March 2014 – present Vancouver, Canada
Director, Research and Right to Development Division Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	January 2009 – October 2013 Geneva, Switzerland
Head of Policy and Programmes and Officer in Charge UN Development Programme Regional Centre for Asia-Pacific	May 2006 – January 2009 Bangkok, Thailand
Democratic Governance Team Leader/Manager UN Development Programme Regional Centre for Europe/CIS	September 2003 – May 2006 Bratislava, Slovak Republic
Director, Criminal Justice Reform Programme Open Society Institute	February 2001 – January 2003 Budapest, Hungary
Project Manager, Technical Cooperation Branch UN Centre for Human Rights	August 1995 – June 1996 Geneva, Switzerland
Senior Associate, International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy University of British Columbia Faculty of Law	February 1994 – August 1995 Vancouver, Canada
Professional Officer, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch United Nations Office in Vienna	September 1991 – January 1992 May 1992 – September 1993 Vienna, Austria
Legal Policy Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section Department of Justice (Canada)	December 1989 – Sept. 1991 January – May 1992 Ottawa, Canada

Research Associate, International Human Rights Programme
University of Toronto Faculty of Law

June 1989 – November 1989
Toronto, Canada

Crown Prosecutor / Crown Attorney
Department of the Attorney-General (Manitoba, Canada)

September 1981 – August 1987
Winnipeg, Canada

EDUCATION

Leadership and Sustainable Development Program UN Staff System College, Italy	2010
UN Secretariat Leadership Programme for Directors Switzerland	2009
Certificate in Human Rights and Peace Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece	1993
Master of Arts in International Human Rights University of Toronto, Canada	1988 - 1989
Diploma in Social Sciences International Graduate School, University of Stockholm, Sweden	1987 - 1988
Bachelor of Arts in History and Psychology University of Manitoba, Canada	1981 - 1987
Bachelor of Law University of Manitoba, Canada	1977 - 1980

MAJOR HONORS AND AWARDS

Walter Tarnopolsky Award for Human Rights, an annual award presented by the International Commission of Jurists (Canada) to a Canadian who has made an outstanding contribution to domestic or international human rights	2005
Celebrated Alumnus Award, University of Manitoba, Canada	2006