

Questionnaire for candidates¹

General questions – Please reply in writing by 28 April 2024

1. Name:
2. Nationality:
3. Current position:

4. The ICCPR provides that Committee experts/members be independent. Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any position with or on behalf of your Government (Executive branch)?
5. If you are elected, what other positions or professional activities do you intend to engage in while serving as a Committee member?
6. Please indicate any current or potential conflict of interest that may prevent you from exercising independence and impartiality in your work as a member of a UN treaty body.
7. Was the nomination process for your candidacy a transparent and participatory process? Were civil society, academia or the National Human Rights Institution involved?
8. The commitments of a Committee member are very time-consuming both during and in-between sessions, which can extend for 4 to 6 weeks, three times a year. Would you be in a position to dedicate this significant amount of time to the work of the Committee, whether in person or online?

Specific questions linked to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – Please reply to those questions in a 3 min intervention at the event

1. In a few words, how would you describe the role of the Human Rights Committee?
2. The ICCPR requires members to possess “recognized competence in the field of human rights, consideration being given to the usefulness of the participation of some persons having legal experience”. Please explain how you qualify as an expert.
3. In your view, what is the main purpose of the Committee’s Concluding Observations (COBs)? Do you believe it is useful to refer to the recommendations of other UN human rights mechanisms such as Special Rapporteurs in the Committee’s COBs?
4. The Committee has roughly 1,300 individual communications pending decision, thus this is also a major part of their work. Please indicate the experience you have that equips you to deliberate and adopt views on individual communications.

¹ Based on the questionnaire prepared by TB-Net and IDA, and additional input by civil society experts working on and with the HRCttee.

5. If, during a Constructive Dialogue, you learned from OHCHR that a member of the State party's official delegation had been directly responsible for serious human rights violations that were being discussed with the delegation during the Dialogue, would you raise this matter during the Dialogue? Please explain your reasons
6. From your point of view, how is gender balance and representation, as well as diversity of backgrounds, relevant for the composition of the Human Rights Committee and to its mandate and work?
7. In your view, what is the role of civil society and NHRI engagement with the Committee in relation to its mandated functions?
8. What is the biggest challenge the Human Rights Committee faces currently that is within its mandate to remedy? If you are elected, what would you do to address it?
9. What are your views about experts' use of social media in relation to the Committee's work?