

Name and first name: WATERVAL MARGO

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

Working languages: Dutch and 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 Labor. Advising the Board of the University in matters regarding human rights and exams Acting Chair of the institute of Children's Right. 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 of country reports to U.N. Human Rights Committee in New York and Geneva, Switzerland.

Advising the Government in 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 Jose, 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, I 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 Jose, 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 presenting 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 fulfill the obligation by the Saramaka and the Mawaka judgment issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.. In July 2010 I will participate in the training of lawyers, who are becoming judges, in Human Rights Law, at the Foundation of the legal-cooperation Suriname-The Netherlands. The counterpart is a judge...

List of most recent publications in the field:

The role of NGO's in defending human rights (2005)

The principle of complementarity of the Rome Statute (ICC) (2007)

Relation of art. 28, 32 and 37 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child with regard to the homicide in Suriname (2008)

Human rights in Suriname (2010)