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Senior Expert, Finnish Human Rights Centre (NHRI)

Position on the MB

Alternate Member

Term of office on MB

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Additional Information

Ms Leikas works as senior expert and deputy to the Director in the Finnish Human Rights Centre (NHRI, since 2012). Additionally, she acts as secretary for the 38-member Human Rights Delegation, a part of the Finnish NHRI. She is also chairperson of the ENNHRI Legal Working Group.

Ms. Leikas has close to 20 years of experience in working with human rights, both on national and international level. She has a wide experience in international human rights convention based monitoring, promotion of human rights as well as related negotiations. Her main field of responsibilities covers monitoring and reporting in general and national minorities, indigenous people and violence against women as thematic entities. Earlier she has also worked extensively on the rights of persons with disabilities.