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## Curso sobre Derecho Internacional de los Refugiados

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### Biografías de los Profesores

**Juan Carlos Murillo Gonzáles** es Asesor Jurídico Regional y Jefe de la Unidad Regional de la Oficina del ACNUR para el continente americano, basado en San José, Costa Rica, desde el año 2000. Es Funcionario del Alto Comisionado de Naciones Unidas para los Refugiados desde 1991.

Ha sido Oficial de Protección del ACNUR en Turquía y Guatemala, y Asesor Jurídico Regional del ACNUR para el Norte de Sudamérica, con sede en Caracas, Venezuela.

Ha escrito varios artículos sobre el tema la protección internacional de refugiados, derechos humanos y migración en distintas revistas especializadas, y participa activamente como capacitador en los programas de formación del ACNUR en el continente americano. Es profesor invitado en materia de derecho internacional de refugiados de la Universidad para la Paz (maestría de derechos humanos), de la Universidad de Santa Clara, California, EEUU (maestría de derechos humanos), del Instituto Raoul Wallenberg (Suecia), del Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos (Cátedra Nansen) y del Curso de Derecho Internacional del Comité Jurídico Interamericano de la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) en Río de Janeiro, Brasil.

Es abogado y Notario Público, graduado de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Costa Rica. Es de nacionalidad costarricense.

**Leslie E. Vélez** is the Senior Protection Officer at the UNHCR Regional Office in Washington, where she leads the U.S. Protection Unit.

Prior to joining UNHCR in May 2012, she was the director of Access to Justice at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). There Leslie oversaw LIRS' legal and social service programs which provide services to refugees, asylum-seekers, torture survivors and other immigrants in and released from detention. Prior to joining LIRS in 2007, Leslie was in private practice in El Paso, Texas, and Washington, DC, and dedicated extensive time to pro bono representation of individuals in immigration proceedings. She has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and served on two AILA national committees along with serving as a board member for multiple immigration organizations.

She received her J.D. from The Catholic University of America in 2002, her B.A. from the University of Texas, and recently graduated with a Masters in International Human Rights Law at the University of Oxford (Kellogg College, Oxford, England).

**José Xavier Samaniego** es Representante Regional Adjunto de la Representación Regional para América Central, Cuba y México del Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Refugiados (ACNUR). Cuenta con 19 años de experiencia dentro del ACNUR, en donde se ha desempeñado como Administrador Regional Principal de Operaciones, en la Oficina del Director Adjunto para las Américas del ACNUR, Encargado de la Oficina Regional del ACNUR en Panamá, Encargado Regional en el Buró de las Américas en Ginebra (Suiza), Oficial Principal de Operaciones en Luanda (Angola), Oficial Regional de Programas en las oficinas de Buenos Aires (Argentina) en Caracas (Venezuela), Oficial de Programas en las oficinas de Comitán (México), en Brasilia (Brasil), Jefe de la Oficina de terreno en Nenton (Guatemala).

Es graduado en Economía de la Universidad Católica de Quito, Ecuador. Posteriormente obtuvo los diplomas en Relaciones Internacionales del Instituto de Ciencias Políticas de París, Francia y maestría en Economía Internacional y Economía de Desarrollo en la Universidad de Paris I, Francia.

Inició su carrera en los años 80 en el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores en Quito, Ecuador. En Octubre 1989 se integra como Administrador de Misiones al equipo de Médicos Sin Fronteras, en Francia, hasta ocupar el cargo de Encargado de Proyecto en la Oficina de Bruselas, Bélgica.

José Samaniego es de nacionalidad Ecuatoriana. Domina el inglés, el francés, portugués y el castellano, su lengua materna.

**Pamela Goldberg** is a Protection Officer with the U.S. Protection Unit at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Regional Office in Washington, D.C., and has been in the office since the fall of 2007.

Ms. Goldberg leads the U.S. Protection Unit, which serves as a resource to policymakers in drafting and implementing refugee protection measures, monitors U.S. compliance with international standards of refugee protection, and assists asylum seekers and their representatives in presenting claims in the U.S. Among her areas of expertise are gender and human rights issues and issues concerning children in the context of refugee and asylum law. She also focuses on the interpretation and application of international refugee law in the U.S. context.

Before coming to UNHCR she served on the faculty of the City University of New York School of Law for many years and has worked as an independent consultant for organizations such as the Open Society Institute, the American Bar Association and the Ford Foundation.

**Mr. Buti Kale** is a Deputy Regional Representative at United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Regional Office in Washington, D.C., and has been working with UNHCR since 1992.

He has held assignments in Burundi, Tanzania, the United States of America, Canada, Congo (DR) and Côte d'Ivoire. He has also undertaken several missions, including leading a team of lawyers to determine the status of Rwandan refugees in Angola. Mr Kale is a resource person for the UN Early Warning and Preventive Measures Capacity Building Course and has trained UN, Government and NGO officials in several countries, including Senegal, Papua New Guinea, Cameroon and South Africa.

Before his reassignment to Washington DC, USA, in December 2009, as Deputy Regional Representative, Mr. Kale was the Deputy Representative for UNHCR Côte d'Ivoire and has served for several months as Representative ad interim pending the arrival of the newly appointed Representative.

Mr. Kale is a lawyer who earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Public Law at the Université de Franche-Comté in Besançon, France, and a Master of Philosophy in Public International Law at the Université de Nancy II (France), where he also obtained his Doctorate in Public International Law (specialising in Conflict Resolution).

Mr. Kale is fluent in English and French.

**Stephen Vasciannie** is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Jamaica to the United States of America. He is also Jamaica's Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS), and served in the capacity of Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States from July to September 2012.

Before entering the Jamaican Diplomatic Service, Ambassador Vasciannie served as the Principal of the Norman Manley Law School, University of the West Indies, Mona. He also served as a member of the United Nations International Law Commission and as the Editor of the West Indian Law Journal.

Stephen Vasciannie was appointed Professor of International Law by the University of the West Indies in 2002, and was Head of the Department of Government at the University from 2004 to 2007. He has also served as a Deputy Solicitor General of Jamaica, and represented his country on matters concerning International Law, air policy issues and human rights, among other things. He attended the Universities of the West Indies, Oxford and Cambridge, and served as a Research Fellow at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

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