Election, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention, of 12 members of the Committee, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2006

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Secretary-General will convene the fourteenth meeting of States parties at United Nations Headquarters on 23 June 2006 for the election of 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women from a list of persons nominated by States parties to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2006 (see annex I). The names of the other 11 members, who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2008, appear in annex II.

2. In compliance with article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 10 November 2005, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Committee not later than 10 February 2006. The Secretary-General has prepared the following list, in alphabetical order, of all persons nominated by 10 February 2006, indicating the States parties that had nominated them.
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<td>Ms. Ferdous Ara Begum</td>
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<td>Ms. Meriem Belmihoub Zerdani</td>
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<td>Ms. Aracelty De León De Bernal</td>
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<td>Ms. Luagalau Foisagaasina Eteuati-Shon</td>
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<td>Ms. Naéla Gabr Mohamed Gabre Ali</td>
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<td>Ms. Mouna Ghanem</td>
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<td>Ms. Antonia Guvava</td>
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<td>Dr. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari</td>
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<td>Ms. Adeline Magloire Chaney</td>
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<td>Ms. Rosario G. Manalo</td>
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<td>Ms. Violeta Neubauer</td>
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<td>Ms. María Dilma Quezada Martinez</td>
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<td>Ms. Fumiko Saiga</td>
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<td>Ms. Hazel Gumede Shelton</td>
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<td>Ms. Dubravka Šimonović</td>
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3. The curricula vitae of the above candidates, as furnished by their Governments, are contained in annex III.
Annex I

List of the 12 members of the Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2006

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List of the 11 members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2008

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<td>Mary Shanthi Dairiam</td>
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<td>Françoise Gaspard</td>
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<td>Tiziana Maiolo</td>
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<td>Silvia Pimentel</td>
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<td>Hanna Beate Schöpp-Schilling</td>
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<td>Heisoo Shin</td>
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<td>Anamah Tan</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
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<td>Maria Regina Tavares da Silva</td>
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<td>Xiaoqiao Zou</td>
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Annex III

Curricula vitae of candidates

Iman Hussein Alwan (Iraq)

Social status
Full name: Eman H. Alwan
Place and date of birth: Baghdad, 3 March 1962
Social status: Single
Present employer: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Present occupation: Diplomat, Head of Social Affairs Section, Woman and Child — Human Rights Department

Certificates
BA in English Translation — College of Arts, Baghdad; 1987
Foreign Service Institute — Baghdad; 1989
Indian Foreign Institute — Professional Course; 2001
Birmingham University — Britain, Professional Course; 2004
UNIFEM and Ministry of Work and Municipalities on Women and Elections; 2005
Geneva Centre for Security Studies

Professional CV
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA); Appointed 1987
Foreign Service Institute; 1987-1989
MOFA — Baghdad
Attaché in 1990
Political Department; 1990-2000
Human Rights Department; 2000-2006
Head of United Nations Section in Human Rights Department; 2002-2003
Head of Social Affairs Section, Woman and Child — Human Rights Department; 2003-2006
Member of the Iraqi Higher National Commission of the Strategy of Women Advancement; 2003-2006
Member of Protecting Iraqi Childhood Body; 2003-2006

Participation
• Professional course for Foreign Diplomats — India; 2001
• Workshop on Globalization as the Iraqi Representative — Kuala Lumpur
• Meetings of the Subcommittee on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights — United Nations Geneva; 2002

• Meetings of the First Session of Arab Women Commission (ESCWA) — United Nations Beirut; 2003

• Training Programme for Iraqi Diplomats — Britain; 2004

• Training Programme on Women and Elections — Baghdad; 2004

• Training Programme in the Equal Status and Human Rights of Women in the Middle East and North Africa held by Raol Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Coordination with the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) — Beirut

• Meetings of the Forty-Eighth (48th) Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) — New York; 2004

• Follow-up sessions of the training programme on the Equal Status and Human Rights of Women in the Middle East and North Africa held by Raol Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Coordination with the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Beirut; 2005

• Meetings of the Forty-Ninth (49th) Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) — New York; 2005

• Professional Course for Iraqi Seniors and Governmental Officers and Diplomats in Geneva Center for Security Programs (GCSP)

• National Conference for Iraqi Women and Constitution as Member of the Iraqi Higher Commission for the Advancement of Women — Baghdad; 2005

• First Conference to Defend Children in cooperation with UNICEF — Baghdad; 2005

• The Second Scientific Conference to Defend Children as Members of the Protection of the Childhood Body — 2005
Leila Azouri (Lebanon)

Name: Leila Azouri (spouse Jamhoury)
Nationality: Lebanese
Date of birth: 1947
Professional status: Professor with tenure at the Lebanese University, Faculty of Law
Member of the Executive Bureau of the National Commission for Lebanese Women
Marital status: Married
Personal address: B.P. 339 Hazmieh — Lebanon
Telephone: 00961-5-920022; 00961-3-242589
Fax: 00961-5-459382
E-mail: lazourij@ul.edu.lb
Languages: Fluent in Arabic and French; good understanding of English

Diplomas
1974: PhD in Law — major: Private Law (Thesis in Social Law) from the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences, Jean Moulin University (Lyon II) France
1971: Superior Studies Diploma in Law from the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences, Jean Moulin University (Lyon II) France
1971: Specialization Diploma, from the Institute of Labour Studies and Social Security — Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences, Jean Moulin University (Lyon II) France
1969: License Degree in Law, from the Faculty of Law and Administrative and Political Sciences at the Lebanese University
1965: Lebanese Baccalaureate — Part II — Philosophy branch

Current functions and missions
• Professor with tenure at the Faculty of Law and Administrative and Political Sciences at the Lebanese University since 1976
• Professor in charge of courses at the Faculty of Law at La Sagesse University (in the framework of University exchanges)
• Member of the National Commission for Lebanese Women (since 2002)
• Member of the Executive Bureau of the National Commission for Lebanese Women (since 2002)
• Member of the Judicial Committee and Studies and Researches Committee at the National Commission for Lebanese Women
• Member of the Arab Judicial Group relating to the Arab Women Organization
• Member and President of the commission in charge of the National Report Elaboration (CEDAW) 2006
• Director of PhD Thesis and Dissertation

**Academic, scientific and administrative functions and missions**

• Director of the Faculty of Law and Political and Administrative Sciences at the Lebanese University (from 1983 until 1986 and from 1993 until 1999)
• In charge of courses (law and social legislation) at Saint Joseph University — Beirut (1976-1983)
• Guest professor in Paris, at invitation of A.P.A.P.E. (Association for the Reception of Foreign Personalities), November 1986
• In charge of courses (PhD) at the Faculty of Law at the Holy Spirit University — Kaslik (1994-1995)
• Guest Professor:
  Montpellier, April-May 1996 and January 2000
  Paris — South and Strasbourg, January 2000
• Member of the Scientific Consultative Council of the Lebanese University 1998 to 2000
• Member and President of the Technical Commission in charge of examining and elaborating a report on the budget of the years 1994-1998 of the Lebanese University (1999-2000)
• Member of the Scientific Committee in charge of the review of the Faculty of Law programmes of the Lebanese University (June 2000)
• Member of the Scientific Committee in charge of following up works related to reviewing programmes in different Faculties at the Lebanese University (October 2000)
• Member of the Scientific Committee in charge of studying the courses distribution on all the Lebanese University units (October 2000)
• Member of the Academic Committee in charge of studying and selecting works submitted at the seminar together with the 33rd session of Arab Universities League concerning the “Financing of Higher Education” (January-April 2000)
• Member of the Scientific Committee in charge of the “Self Assessment of the Lebanese University” (2002-2003)
• Member of the Lebanese Delegation for preliminary works relating to the Arab Women Organization (2003)
• Member of the Scientific Committee in charge of preliminary works of the Forum organized by the National Commission for Lebanese Women concerning “the Arab Woman and Armed Conflicts” (March 2004)

• Member of the Scientific Commission in charge of preparing and following up the workshop “Safety of the mother and the newborn health” together with the works of the Third World Congress of Perinatal medicine in developing countries organized by the World Association and the Lebanese Society of Perinatal medicine with the participation of WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA, and the contribution of the National Commission for Lebanese Women, Beirut, May 20-21, 2004

• Head of the Lebanese Delegation at the 33rd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, New York, July 2005

Professional activities in parallel with the thesis

• In charge of practical works at the Institute of Labour Studies and Social Security, Jean Moulin University (Lyon II) — France (1972-1973)

• Associated Assistant of the Judicial and Economic Disciplines (Department of Judicial Sciences) at the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences, Jean Moulin University (Lyon II) — France (1973-1974)

Work and publications

1979-1980: “Droit de la Famille”, Faculty of Nursing Sciences at Saint Joseph University, Beirut, 120 pages

1980-1981: “Les relations individuelles du travail”, Faculty of Law and Administrative and Political Sciences at the Lebanese University Beirut, 280 pages


1992: Participation in the conference “the Woman and the Environment in Lebanon”, B.U.C. with collaboration of Friedrich Ebert and UNDP


1995: Contribution (as an expert) in the elaboration of Arab Convention Project on work of minors, Arab Labour Organization, Cairo (December 1995)


1999: “Meditation and arbitration in the Lebanese legislation” (Seminar organized by the B.L.T. concerning the regulation of work conflicts, 2-5 November 1999, Beirut)

1999: Participation in the management of a National Workshop concerning the International Labour Criteria and Search for Work, the International Labour Bureau, Beirut, 6-8 December 1999


2004: With a group of experts: draft of the national report CEDAW 2004

2005: Participation in the “Women’s Role in Peacemaking”, series of seminars, on invitation by Baabda Women’s committee, 2 February 2005

2005: Participation and organization of the workshop concerning Lebanon on the way of implementing CEDAW convention, joint work with a group of the members of the National Commission for Lebanese Women, organizing the National Commission for Lebanese Women, 2 November 2005

Collaboration with regional and international organizations

- With the Arab Labour Organization: Contribution (as expert) to the elaboration of Arab convention project related to the work of minors, December 1995, Cairo, Egypt

- With the International Labour Office (regional direction of Arab countries) participation in my capacity as speaker and consultant in several works including:
  - Workshop organized in Beirut in December 1999 concerning the legislation, jurisprudence, Lebanese practice in the light of international conventions of work on the labour health and security
  - Labour international rules for judges and jurists, Damascus — Syria, 18-20 October 2003
• With the WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) participation (as official participant of Lebanon) in the International Conference (on Intellectual property education for business) held from 19 to 31st of May 2000 in Sophia — Bulgaria

• With the Arab Women Organization: Member of its judicial group (since 2004)

• Participation in the works of the First Mediterranean Forum about fighting violence against women, organized by the State Secretariat in charge of the family, childhood and handicapped in Morocco with the collaboration of UNFPA and the Canadian cooperation programme in Morocco, November 2005, Rabat, Morocco

Acknowledgements

• From the President of the National Commission for Lebanese Women, in 2004
• From the President of the Lebanese University, in 1999
• From the Association of Law and Political and Administrative Sciences graduates at the Lebanese University on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee, in 2005
• From the Universal Commission for Children, 1980
Ferdous Ara Begum (Bangladesh)

Name: Ferdous Ara Begum
Nationality: Bangladeshi
E-mail: ferdousarabegum@yahoo.com

Current positions

- Expert consultant on gender issues, UNFPA
  - Coordinate and facilitate awareness, training and capacity-building to end gender based violence
  - Facilitate workshops and seminars promoting awareness against dowry related issues
  - Enable incorporation of reproductive health and rights awareness in government policies
  - Facilitate the dissemination of UNFPA supported research reports and findings
  - Network, coordinate and liaise with various United Nations agencies, NGOs and government officials
- Member, Board of Directors, Grameen Bank
  - Advise on policies, directions and strategies on microcredit and other issues
  - Advocate for empowering women through enabling access to financial services

Academic qualifications

- MPA, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA
- BA (Honors) and MA in Economics, Dhaka University, Bangladesh
- Certificate Course on Development Administration (Nine Months), Princeton University, USA
- Certificate Course on Gender Issues and Participatory Governance, KIT, The Netherlands

Scholarships and grants

- Ford Foundation Scholarship, Parvin Fellow, Princeton University, USA, 1979
- USAID Scholarship, Mason Fellow, Harvard University, USA, 1982
- DANIDA Scholarship for Development Studies Training, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1983
- Dutch Government Scholarship for Gender Studies at KIT, The Netherlands, 2004
Employment history
2005-2005: Director General, Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Government
2004-2005: Additional Secretary, Ministry of Establishment, Bangladesh Government
2002-2004: Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Bangladesh Government
2003-2003: Director General, Department of Women Affairs (Additional Charge)
1999-2002: Commissioner of Taxes, National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh Government
1997-1999: Inspecting Additional Commissioner of Taxes, National Board of Revenue
1994-1997: Additional Commissioner of Taxes, National Board of Revenue
1990-1994: Joint Commissioner of Taxes, National Board of Revenue
1989-1990: Second Secretary, National Board of Revenue
1981-1989: Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, National Board of Revenue
1977-1981: Assistant Commissioner of Taxes, National Board of Revenue
1973-1974: Assistant Editor, Daily Janapad (Newspaper), Dhaka

Professional achievements and leadership
- First woman to lead Bangladesh Television (BTV) as Director General, 2005
- First woman Commissioner of Taxes in Bangladesh, 1999
- First woman elected Vice Chair of Officers’ Club, Dhaka, 2003
- EngenderHealth notes as a Champion of HIV Prevention [engenderhealth.org/itf/bangladesh-2.html]

Promoting women’s advancement and rights
- As a Board Member of Grameen Bank, the organization that pioneered microcredit by providing microfinancial services to rural poor, I have had an influential role in creating opportunities for the rural poor women in Bangladesh.
- Promoted women’s rights, access, empowerment and advancement throughout career in government service, media, academia and NGO activities.
- I helped mainstream women’s and children’s rights issues in governmental policies, awareness for HIV/AIDS and reproductive rights. While working at the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, one of my important responsibilities was to oversee 34 gender-specific projects that were designed to provide social and legal protection for women and children.
- Took lead role in the preparation of 5th Periodic Report of Bangladesh and played an important role in the review of the implementation status of the
report at CEDAW Committee meeting during the 31st session of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women in 2004, as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. Took initiative to implement the recommendations of the concluding observations by CEDAW Committee. Also participated at the 2002 regional conference in Sri Lanka to facilitate the implementation of CEDAW.

• Actively promoted Beijing Platform for Action (PFA) resolutions in government programmes, member of the delegation of Beijing+5, United Nations General Assembly Special Session, and represented the progressive views and advances in Bangladesh during various sessions. Worked as a member of the Drafting Committee of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation for Beijing PFA in Thailand, 2004 and participated in the interactive meeting at the United Nations Global Review on Beijing+10 in 2005 in New York.

• Played an important role in the review of 2nd Periodic Report at the Child Rights Convention (CRC) meeting in Geneva, in 2003. Following an exploratory mission in Sweden, France and Norway at the invitation of the Swedish Government in 2004, drafted the proposal to establish an Independent Commission for Children in Bangladesh. Also advocated creation of Children’s Ombudsman and Gender Ombudsman in Bangladesh.

• As Director General of BTV, emphasized equality, equity and gender concept, women’s empowerment through various means, including microcredit, awareness of HIV/AIDS, trafficking and migration issues. Created awareness on CRC through programmes highlighting the plight of street children, and broadcast programmes on various women and adolescent girls related issues including empowerment of adolescent girls.

Promoting GO-NGO cooperation and collaboration

• As Chairperson of Government and Civil Society Committee at the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, took various initiatives for GO-NGO collaborations so that NGOs and civil society can contribute to shaping government policies and programmes, dissemination of the concept of CEDAW, Beijing PFA and MDG at the grass-roots level, strengthening WID focal point mechanism to bridge the gap between policy and implementation.

• Engaging NGOs as a partner for programme implementation.

• Took initiative to introduce gender sensitive curriculum at the various civil service training institutes, such as: Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC), Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Academy, Academy of Planning and Development (APD), National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC) and National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM).

Publications


International conferences

• February 2006 Regional Conference on Combating Trafficking, Pakistan

• October 2005 Public Broadcasters International Conference, Norway

• September 2005 Conference on Violence Against Women, Pakistan


• September 2004 Regional Consultation on Maternal and Child Nutrition and Food Security, India

• September 2004 High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, Bangkok, Thailand

• July 2004 5th Periodic report on CEDAW during the 31st session of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations, New York, USA

• January 2004 Meetings with the Child and Gender Ombudsman of Sweden, France and Norway

• March 2003 Global Summit on Women and Development of Micro-Entrepreneurship and Microcredit, Morocco

• November 2002 Human Rights Challenges of Globalization in Asia Pacific US: The Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

• October 2002 International Congress on Child Migration, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

• October 2002 Consultative Meeting on Trafficking in Women and Children, Slovakia

• September 2002 International Seminar on Regional Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Sri Lanka

• August 2002 Seminar on Strengthening HIV/AIDS Activities in Sectoral Plans, Thailand

National conferences

• Keynote speaker at various national seminars with primary focus on women, adolescent girls and children with broader focus on dowry related issues, awareness of violence against women, public policy and budget, women’s empowerment through access to financial services and migration, HIV/AIDS.

Resource person and keynote speaker in international and national workshops and gender training programmes with major focus on the following issues

• Concept of CEDAW and Beijing PFA • Trafficking of women and children
• Rights based approach and women’s rights • Feminization of migration
• Microcredit for women’s empowerment • Awareness regarding HIV/AIDS and its gender impact
• Training and capacity-building to end gender-based violence • Eradication of extreme poverty and hunger

Membership and leadership in other organizations

• 2004: Member, Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM) on Migration, Mobility and HIV/AIDS
• 2003: Co-Chair, UNAIDS Sub-Group
• 2003: Adviser, Acid Survivors Foundation

Awards and citations

• Awarded cash prize by the Government for outstanding contribution in Tax Collection
• USAID Award in Recognition of Service Promoting GO-NGO Cooperation
• Shining Personality Award for Excellence in Public Administration, by Women’s Voice Foundation
• Jagadish Bose Gold Medal for Public Administration

Travel

Travelled to the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, The Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) and United States of America.
Personal

• Date of birth: 11 August 1948
• Marital status: married, mother of two sons
• Religion: Islam
• Hobbies: reading, social services and music
**Meriem Belmihib Zerdani (Algeria)**

Ms. Meriem Belmihib, married name Zerdani.

Lawyer, Court of Algiers.

Lawyer at the Supreme Court of Algiers and the Council of State.

Law offices: 29, Rue Didouche Mourad, Algiers.

Married/mother of three children — all lawyers.

Husband Mr. Zerdani Abdelaziz.

Lawyer at the Supreme Court and Council of State.

Former minister and former deputy.

I completed my primary and secondary education in Algiers and Paris.

University studies in Paris, Algiers and Geneva.

Member of the National Liberation Front and the National Liberation Army (FLN-ALN) since May 1955.

Maquisard of the ALN in 1956.

Detained for four and a half years in jails in Algeria and France (in seven prisons).

Sentenced to imprisonment by the Permanent Tribunal of the Armed Forces of Algiers in April 1957.

Deputy of the National Constituent Assembly from 1962 to 1964 which provided Algeria with its first constitution.

Member of the Bureau of the National Constituent Assembly.

Member of the Commission for Education and Culture of that Assembly.

Degree in public law, 1964.


Lawyer at the Court of Algiers in 1964.

Lawyer at the Supreme Court in 1974.

Assistant lecturer at the faculty of law for three years from 1964 to 1967.


Member of the Bureau of the National Union of Algerian Women, 1963-1965.

Member of the Algiers Bar Council, 1972-1976.

Founding member of the National Association to Combat Illiteracy in 1964.

President of the constituent assembly of the Algerian Family Planning Association (AAPF) in 1989.

Women’s rights activist.
Member of the Civil and Penal Code Amendment Commission to the Ministry of Justice.

Head of the delegation of women received by the President of the National Assembly in 1984 to present a list of complaints and an alternate draft text of the Family Code.

Minister Counsellor to the head of Government on legal and administrative affairs, 1992-1993.

Member of the Council of the Nation (Senate), January 1998 to January 2001.

Chair of the Group of Independent Members of the Council of the Nation (Senate).

Member of the Justice Reform Commission established by the President of the Republic in 1999.


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Professional address: Carré 533, Quartier Gbèdomidji, Saint-Michel, Rue Précédant la Caisse National d’Epargne

**Professional experience — areas of service**

Barrister-at-law, Benin, since 1 March 1996.

Areas of service relating to women’s rights:
- Criminal law, particularly representation of women in domestic violence, family abandonment and adultery cases;
- Traditional and modern civil law, particularly representation of women in personal status (homologation of family council reports, designation of inheritance administrators and guardians of underage children in the event of death, divorce, alimony) and property cases (right to inheritance, inheritance of the surviving spouse).

Other areas:
Consultation, assistance, representation, conflict prevention and defence in the following areas:
- employment law
- banking law
- telecommunications law
- business advisory services
- contract law
- international private law (negotiate and draft agreements or contracts)
- commercial law
- maritime law
• asset management
• advice to businesses (legal assistance for boards of directors, checking conformity of employment contracts with existing legislation, follow-up of their execution, employment of good offices for amicable settlement of in-company disputes)
• recovery of debts

Training
1997: Opened my own law practice
1993 to 1997: Worked in a law practice
1991 to 1993: Internship at the Cotonou Bar and the National Bar School in Paris
June 1991: Certificat universitaire d’aptitude à la profession d’avocat (university qualifying certificate for the practice of law)
April 1991: Certificat d’aptitude à la profession d’avocat (CAPA) (qualifying certificate for the practice of law)
June 1987: Master’s degree in legal science, commercial law elective (University of Benin, Togo)
June 1983: Baccalauréat, A4 option (College St-Joseph de Lomé, Togo)

Voluntary activities
International voluntary activities:
• Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

National voluntary activities:
• Deputy Coordinator of the Social Watch network in Benin;
• Member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Benin, of which I have been legal adviser and holder of the junior chamber “prime” international trainer diploma since 1996;
• Member of the Association of Women Lawyers of Benin of which I was deputy secretary general from 2000 to 2003;
• Member of the Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF) network;
• Member of the Network of Women Economists of Benin;
• Member of the Least Developed Countries Watch coordinating committee entrusted with the follow-up/evaluation of the implementation in the least developed countries of the resolutions of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in 2001.

Consultancy services

August 2004: Preparation of the NGO parallel national report (Beijing Plus 10) on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Benin. Project Leader: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and WiLDAF

January to November 2004: Participation in the preparation of a report on the international evaluation of the francophone environmental consultation process. Project leader: Agence internationale de la Francophonie (AIF)

December 2003: Strategic paper and institutional analysis of the project to establish regional structures to promote agriculture, livestock farming, and fishing in Benin. Project leader: Ministry of Agriculture, Breeding and Fisheries

October 2003: Assessment mission (with presentation of a report) of the implementation by WiLDAF Benin of the project on strengthening lobbying and advocacy in favour of the Code of Persons and the Family. Project leader: Royal Embassy of Denmark

June 2003: Presentation of an inventory and analysis of Beninese legislation that discriminates against women and legislation that empowers them. Project leader: UNFPA


October 2002: Presentation of an analysis document by NGOs from the least developed countries in Africa on the implementation of and follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the eradication of poverty. Project leader: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

March 2002: Contribution to the preparation of a document on inheritance rights of the surviving spouse in Benin, as provided for in existing legislation and the draft Code of Persons and the Family. Project leader: Ministry of Justice of Canada

May 1999: Study on the establishment of a legal, institutional and organizational framework for the establishment in Benin of serviced industrial zones following the example of the free industrial zones. Project leader: SERHAU-SEM (Service d’Etudes Régionales d’Habitat et d’Aménagement Urbain)

March 1996: Study on the urban housing strategy in Benin. My mission covered the private aspects of the practices of land legislation and urbanism, study of institutional and contractual arrangements and the finalization of strategy proposals. Project leader: Ministry of the Environment, Housing and Urbanism
Participation in national seminars, workshops and conferences related to the promotion of women’s rights

2004 and 2005: Participation in a large number of radio and television programmes, including in the Fon and Goun languages, on the popularization of the Code of Persons and the Family, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and preventing and combating HIV/AIDS. Partner: SUO (Soeurs Unies à l’Oeuvre)

March 2005: Organization of the launch of the Social Watch Benin network (citizens’ control) and organization of training seminars on the Millennium Development Goals and poverty reduction strategy papers. Partners: UNDP and SNV (Netherlands development organization)

November 2005: Participation in the subregional symposium on gender, human rights and culture with presentation of a communication. Partner: UNFPA

April 2003: Participation in the implementation of the Ministry of Justice’s programme of legal assistance to detainees. Partner: Penal Reform International

October 2002: Participation in the Parliamentarians' Forum for the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)

May 2002: Participation in the preparation and presentation by the association of a communication on NGOs and the implementation of international human rights conventions in Benin in the framework of the seminar organized by the Beninese Human Rights Institute on 2 and 3 May 2002. Partner: UNFPA

April 2002: Led lobbying and advocacy in favour of the vote on the Code of Persons and the Family during a parliamentary session of the National Assembly. Partner: UNFPA

2002: Participation in the discussion on the International Committee of the Red Cross proposal on a draft text on the suppression of war crimes to be added to the draft Penal Code of Benin. Partner: Ministry of Justice


November 2000: General Rapporteur of the regional seminar on the subject “emergence of municipalities in Benin — what role for women?”

International activities in the area of combating violence and discrimination against women and improving their legal status

November 1999: Participation in the Sixth African Regional Conference on Women for the Mid-Decade Review of the Implementation of the Dakar and Beijing Platforms for Action at Addis Ababa, and member of the national committee that organized a workshop on feedback to that conference in Benin.

April 2000: Participation in the Maastricht conference on the role of bilateral partners in combating corruption.

June 2000: Representation of the Association of Women Jurists of Benin at the Dar es Salaam conference on Danish development assistance and cooperation.

February 2001: Participation in the Accra subregional conference on practices of female servitude.


June 2001: Participation in the Maputo conference on the prevention and resolution of armed conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa, organized by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, notably in the discussions on the implementation of the United Nations project on the incorporation of a gender perspective into multilateral peacekeeping operations.

December 2001: Appointed to the 15-member international group of civil society representatives from the countries of the North and South to discuss with UNCTAD at the Brussels round table of 10 December 2001 on the implementation of international decisions and measures concerning the eradication of poverty in the least developed countries.

March 2002: Representative of the Association of Women Jurists of Benin at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the NGO Global Forum held in March 2002 in Monterrey, Mexico.

26 May-7 June 2002: Participation on behalf of civil society at the fourth preparatory committee meeting for the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Bali, Indonesia.


June-July 2003: Participation at the CEDAW session.

January-February 2004: Participation at the CEDAW session.

June-July 2004: Participation at the CEDAW session.

October 2004: Presentation in Bamako of a communication on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in West Africa to the network of francophone women parliamentarians of West Africa. Partner: Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie.

January-February 2005: Participation at the CEDAW session.

March 2005: Organization of the official launch of the Social Watch Benin network for monitoring by citizens of the implementation of and follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals in the framework of the strategic poverty reduction paper and beyond.

Other skills

Speak English fluently — good knowledge of legal and business English.

Intermediate knowledge of German.

Good use of information technology tools.

Socio-economic aspects of numerous countries visited in Africa, Europe, America and Asia.

Hobbies

• Drawing: I painted a picture entitled “The Man in the Hat” which is exhibited in the lobby of the Central Bank of West African States, Cotonou;
  • Theatre;
  • Music: I am lead vocal alto in a choir;
  • Reading.

The above information is certified to be accurate.

Cotonou, 27 September 2004
Saisuree Chutikul (Thailand)

Name: Dr. (Mrs.) Saisuree Chutikul

Date and place of birth: 2 March 1935, Bangkok, Thailand

Working languages: English, Thai

Current position/function


Main professional activities

Combating trafficking in women and children which includes: prevention, protection, prosecution, rescue, return/repatriation, recovery/reintegration programmes, capacity-building using rights based and multidisciplinary approaches • Formulation of the national Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to coordinate GO’s and NGO’s efforts towards combating trafficking • Formulation of detailed regional MOUs (E, NE, N, W and SW) • Implementing plan of action (POA) for bilateral MOU with Cambodia and assist UNIAP for POA for MOU in the 6 countries in the Mekong Subregion • Consultant services on women’s rights and children’s rights to GOs and NGOs.

Educational background


M.S. in Educational Administration, Indiana University (1957)

Ed.D. in Educational Psychology, Counselling and Guidance, Indiana University (1962)


Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Assist in training courses for GOs and NGOs related to women’s rights and children’s rights with special emphasis on combating all forms of exploitation of and discrimination against women and children • Work on the improvement of birth registration and identification of stateless persons and undocumented migrant women and children which would decrease their risks and vulnerability • Scrutinizing domestic laws and regulations to be in compliance with children’s and
women’s rights and Constitution and proposing them to the relevant ministries and the Cabinet.

**List of most recent publications**

*Building Partner’s Ships: the case of Thailand*, Forums for Global Action Against Trafficking in Persons, Palermo, Italy (2001)  

**Some achievement related to CEDAW**

Increasing the maternity leave from 45 days to 90 days with full pay  
Changing the Nationality Law to enable children who were born of Thai mothers and foreign fathers to obtain the Thai citizenship automatically  
Adding articles in the Labour Protection Law to prohibit sexual harassment of women, to enforce gender equal employment opportunity, and to include punishment clauses for all offences related to protection of female and child labour  
Abolishing the regulation of the Civil Service Commission related to gender discrimination  
Extending the retirement age of female flight attendants of Thai International Airlines from 45 years of age to 60 years, equal to that of male flight attendants  
Getting the relevant ministries to appoint women in the ranks of Governors and District Officers as well as non-combatant Generals in the armed forces.
Dorcas Ama Frema Coker-Appiah (Ghana)

Date and place of birth: Wenchi, Ghana, 17 August 1946
Working languages: English

Current position/function
Executive Director, Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre, Accra, a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of women in Ghana.
Member, CEDAW (July 2003 to date) serving the unexpired term of Prof. Akua Kuenyehia who resigned when she was elected to the International Criminal Court

Main professional activities
Member, Legal Service Board, having responsibility for the legal service in Ghana (2001 to date)
Member and Chairperson, Legal Literacy and Resource Foundation, set up by the Ghana Bar Association to provide legal literacy for the public (1995 to date)
Chairperson, Board of Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF) a regional network of individuals and organizations using law as a tool for development of women in Africa, based in Harare, Zimbabwe (2001 to date)

Educational background
LLB (Hons), University of Ghana, 1970, Professional certificate in Law, 1972
Called to the Ghana Bar and Member, Ghana Bar Association, October 1972

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
(a) Member, Group of experts to Sierra Leone to assess needs of Government of Sierra Leone in implementing CEDAW, October 2004 organized by United Nations Division for Advancement of Women
(b) Facilitator, training workshop for staff of Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children’s Affairs, Sierra Leone, 4-8 April 2005 organized by United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women
(c) Facilitator, training of women in political leadership in Liberia, organized by Office of Gender Advisor, UNMIL, June 2005 in Liberia, Monrovia
(d) Member, Advisory Committee on Secretary-General’s Study on Violence against Women
(e) Panel speaker, Women’s Human rights and the Elimination of Violence against Women: 10th Anniversary Commemoration of Beijing Conference, Beijing, 29 August-1 September 2005
(f) Panel speaker, conference organized by Womankind Worldwide, London, 9 December 2004 on theme; Global Challenges to Women’s Rights: 25 years of CEDAW. (Paper presented: 25 Years of CEDAW: The story so far.)
(Looking at effects of the Convention on the rights of Women, as well as obstacles and challenges to implementation)

(g) External evaluator for ACBF midterm evaluation of NGOCC Women 2000 Project, Zambia, May 2003

(h) Co-facilitator, Human Rights Education for NGOs in Sierra Leone organized by UNHCR September 2002 in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Prepared a manual on women’s rights including international human rights instruments, such as the CEDAW which is used by trainees as resource handbook

(i) Facilitator, Strategic Planning Meeting for WiLDAF Nigeria, April 1999


(k) Training on Organizational Leadership Skills for Women Leaders in the Horn of Africa, August 1998, Djibouti


(n) Resource person for training on Leadership Skills and Legal Education for WiLDAF, Ghana, 1992 to date

(o) Volunteer, FIDA Legal Aid Centre, 1985 to date

(p) Co-developer, with Akua Kuenyehia of training module on legal literacy and leadership skills for women leaders of grass-roots organizations for WiLDAF Ghana and trainer on legal literacy, leadership skills and gender

List of most recent publications


(c) Co-author with Akua Kuenyehia of: “Landlord and Tenant” and “Right to a Fair Trial”, published by Ghana Legal Literacy and Resource Foundation, 1999

Graziella Corvalan (Paraguay)

Place and date of birth: Paraguay, 1 June 1931

Working languages: English and Spanish; understand Guarani and Portuguese

**Current position/function**

- Member of the Board of the Paraguayan Centre for Sociological Studies, 1970-present.
- Researcher, Paraguayan Women’s Study Group (GEMPA), 1987-present.
- Researcher, Paraguayan Centre for Sociological Studies, 1970-present.
- Independent consultant on education, sociolinguistics, gender and development.

**Main professional activities**

- Lecturer at the National University of Asunción in various faculties — higher institutes of languages, sociology and sociolinguistics — and postgraduate courses in education and gender.

**Educational background**

- Degree in linguistics. National University of Asunción (UNA), 1967.
- Regional postgraduate course in social sciences. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Paraguayan Centre for Sociological Studies (FLACSO/CPES), 1972.
- Postgraduate course for researchers in education sciences, Mexico DF, 1975.
- State University of New York, Buffalo, Linguistics Department, USA, Research Associate Award, International Development Research Center (IDRC), 1980.

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

Management of projects with national and international bodies:
• Consultant with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), to design the “Gender” component in the IADB-women in development project: “Mejoramiento de la Educación Básica en el Paraguay. Improvement of basic education in Paraguay” (ANT/SF-2005-PR) 1992-1993

• Gender expert for the programme for the institutional strengthening of the Women’s Bureau

• Consultant of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Women’s Bureau (ATN/SF-5034-PR), 1996-1998

• ECLAC consultant for the governability and gender programme. Women’s Bureau, Asunción 2002-2003

• Member of the Canadian International Development Agency Gender Equity Fund project commission 2000-2004

**Most recent publications in this field**


• “Prevención contra el acoso sexual”, Asunción, 2003

• “Estado del cumplimiento de la Convención sobre la Eliminación de todas las formas de Discriminación contra la Mujer”, May 2004.

• “Governabilidad democrática e institucionalidad de género”, July 2005.
Aracelly De León de Bernal (Panama)

Place and date of birth: Panama, 26 November 1950

Working languages: Spanish (mother tongue), Russian (translator), English and French (reading, writing, comprehension).

Current position/function
Professor at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Panama. Gender studies at the University of Panama through the establishment of chapters in all of the regional centres and some faculties.

Main professional activities
Founding director of the Women’s Institute of the University of Panama (1996-2000). Completed a postgraduate in the prevention and treatment of domestic violence and a Master’s degree in gender and development. Joint publications related to the empowerment of women in Panama. Development, management and administration of projects with various international organizations. Coordination of the “Women’s economic agenda” project. United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)-UNDP. Consultant for the pro-gender equity fiscal policy project in Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation) and UNFPA. Consultant for the first (2003) and second (2005) reports of Panama on the Millennium Development Goals. United Nations thematic group of indicators — Social Affairs Cabinet. National coordinator for the research project: Gender profile of the Panamanian economy in the new context of commercial openness: opportunities, biases and disparities. UNIFEM-UNDP.

Educational background
Ph.D. in Economic Science.
Master’s degree in Planning and Economic Development.
Degree in Economics.
Patrice Lumumba University, Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
Coordination of the department of socio-economics, coordination of institutional projects and programmes. Various publications (34) on issues related to socio-economic development and gender in books, magazines and periodicals. More than 100 lectures on various issues, including economics, human development, poverty, education, political participation, gender and leadership, environment, women and children in Panama and abroad.

Most recent publications in this field

Awards
Distinguished as one of the 100 most outstanding women of the century in Panama (1903-2003).
Luagalu Foisagaasina Eteuati-Shon (Samoa)

Luagalu Foisagaasina Eteuati-Shon has been the first Secretary for the first ever Ministry of Women Affairs in Samoa established by an Act of Parliament in 1990. After twelve years, as a result of the Government of Samoa’s public sector reforms in 2003, the Ministry of Women Affairs was realigned with other similar ministries to form the new Ministry of Women Community and Social Development (MWCSD). Again, Luagalu became the first Chief Executive Officer appointed for this new Ministry, which continues to mainstream women’s development issues along with issues related to youth, children and internal affairs. She led Samoa’s delegation to the United Nations CEDAW Committee to present Samoa’s initial, first and second Report on CEDAW, in January 2005.

Personal details
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         Apia, Samoa
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           7776453 (home)

Academic history
1969     B.A History/Geography — Canterbury University,
         Christchurch, New Zealand
         Conferred in May 1970
1971     Master of Arts (Geography) — Canterbury University,
         Christchurch, New Zealand
         Conferred in May 1972
1972     Teaching Certificate — Secondary Teachers Training College,
         Christchurch, New Zealand
         Diploma of Education — 3 units — Canterbury University,
         Christchurch, New Zealand
1975     Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Hawaii
         Pacific University, Honolulu
1976     Bachelor of Science in Public Administration, Hawaii
         Pacific University, Honolulu
1979     Master of Social Work: (Policy, Planning & Administration)
         University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Professional experience
1973     Secondary School Teacher, Samoa College, Apia Samoa
1974     Research Assistant — Honolulu, Hawaii, for study on
         Samoan sponsored by Penn State University
1975-1976  Assistant Lecturer in Biological Science, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii

1978-1979  Research Assistant — Honolulu, Hawaii for study entitled “Samoans in Transition”

1979-1980  Samoan Field Coordinator/Demonstrator in Hawaii Bilingual Bicultural Education Programme, Department of Education, Honolulu, Hawaii


1982-1983  Samoan Bilingual Teacher — Waipahu Elementary School Honolulu, Hawaii

1983-1985  Senior Social Worker in Bilingual/Bicultural Mental Health Counselling Programme — Catholic Social Services — Honolulu, Hawaii

1985-1988  Programme Director/Social Worker Consultant in West Jordan Care Centre — an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded — Salt Lake City, Utah

1989-1991  Student Counsellor/part-time Lecturer in Geography for B.A. Programme — National University of Samoa

1991-2003  Secretary of Women Affairs — Administrative Head of the Former Ministry of Women Affairs

2003-Present  Chief Executive Officer — Ministry of Women Community and Social Development. Responsible for the:

1. Overall management of the MWCSD’s mandated functions under the following mandates: the Ministerial and Departmental Arrangements Act 2003; Government’s Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS) 2005-2007; Ministry of Women Affairs Act 1990 and Amendment Act 1998; Ministry of Youth Sports and Cultural Affairs Act 1993 (provisions pertaining to Youth); Ministry of Internal Affairs Act 1995; CEDAW; CRC.

2. Overall planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of appropriate strategies to effectively and efficiently utilize limited resources allocated to the Ministry — human and financial — in order for the Ministry to carry out its mandated functions for the advancement of women and children in Samoa. These include the streamlining of office procedures for accountability, staff deployment as necessary, staff capacity-building and timely provision of services to stakeholders.

3. Provision of sound policy advice to the Minister on issues and concerns related to the: advancement of women and children including the implementation of CEDAW and CRC, administration of the Ministry of Women Affairs Act 1990, status of the Ministry’s budget, progress on the implementation of the Ministry’s Outputs
and Performance Measures as identified in its Budget and personnel matters.

4. Provision of leadership and supervision within the Management Team and for the whole staff for the development and implementation of new initiatives for enhancing the capacity of the Ministry of Women Affairs in the performance of its functions. Such initiatives include the Ministry’s first ever Corporate Plan 2000-2003 and first issue of the Directory of Women of Samoa.

5. Preparation of the Ministry’s annual budget and its management.


Membership in government boards/steering committees

• Films Control Board
• Samoa Qualifications Authority
• Samoa Polytechnic Council
• Small Business Enterprises Corporation Board
• Planning Urban Management Agency (PUMA) Board
• Samoa Honours and Awards Special Committee
• Steering Committee for Executive Development Programme
• Steering Committee for Samoa Infrastructure Asset Management
• Steering Committee International Waters Programme
• Steering Committee for Police and Prisons Institutional Strengthening Project
• Steering Committee for TALAVOU Project (Youth)
• Member of National Coordinating Committee for CRC
• Member of Women’s Advisory Council
• Member of Commission for Inquiry for juvenile offenders (1997-1998)

Additional training/capacity-building and enhancement

1. Workshop on Primary Prevention, Honolulu, Hawaii
2. Workshop on Effective Parenting, Honolulu, Hawaii
3. Training on Communication and Conflict Mediation, Honolulu, Hawaii
4. Workshop on Family Therapy and Holistic Health, Honolulu, Hawaii
5. Workshop on Working with the Mentally Ill, Honolulu, Hawaii
6. Seminar on Active Treatment for the Mentally Retarded Person, Honolulu, Hawaii
7. Workshop on Pacific Island Women: Health, Environment & Development, Brisbane, Australia
8. Workshop on New Approaches to Public Sector Management, Tonga
9. Regional Workshop on Women in Agriculture: from Policy to Practice, Vanuatu
10. Management and Staff Development Seminar, Apia
11. Management by Objectives Course, Apia
12. Third Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Banking for the Poor, Brisbane Australia
13. NZODA Workshop on Gender and Development, Auckland
14. COMSEC Workshop on Gender Management Systems in Health
15. CEDAW Report Writing Workshop, Auckland, New Zealand
16. ICFTU Subregional Workshop on Maternity Protection, Brisbane, Australia
17. Gender Awareness & Analysis Training of Trainers, Apia
18. Gender in the Workplace Training, Apia
19. COMSEC/PSC/TREASURY Retreat on Directing and Managing Public Sector Performance in Samoa, Apia
20. ADB/TREASURY Four modules and of the Leadership and Development Programme for Heads of Departments, Apia
21. COMSEC/PSC Seminar for Heads of Departments on Service Charters, Apia

Participation in regional/international meetings
1991  PC Fifth Triennial Meeting of Pacific Women, Guam
1992  COMSEC Meeting of Senior Officials of Women Affairs, London — focus was on preparations for the Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers of Women Affairs to be held in Cyprus, July 1993
1993  PC Third Polynesian Women Subregional meeting, Nadi, Fiji
1994  ESCAP Expert Group Meeting on Women in Development, Bangkok
      SPC Sixth Triennial Meeting of Pacific Women, Noumea.
      Chaired this meeting on behalf of Samoa. The outcome of this meeting which was the Pacific Platform for Action, was the Pacific women’s contribution to the Jakarta meeting and the 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995
      SPC Ministerial Meeting on Women and Sustainable Development
      ESCAP Regional Meeting on Strengthening National Machineries for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific, Manila, Philippines
      ESCAP Regional Preparatory meeting for the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995 in Jakarta, Indonesia
1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China — Chaired on behalf of Samoa the Pacific Island Caucus/representation on negotiations during this conference to ensure that the Pacific voice is heard


1999 SPC/PACY Regional Meeting on the Pacific’s contribution to the United Nations Beijing +5 meeting, Suva, Fiji

ESCAP regional meeting on Asia Pacific’s contribution to the United Nations Beijing +5 meeting, Bangkok, Thailand

2000 WHO Kobe Centre — International Symposium on Traditional Medicine. Present a Paper on the Status of Traditional Medicine Utilization for Health Care in the South Pacific Islands, Awaji Island, Japan. Member of Samoa’s delegation to the 6th Meeting


SPC Eighth Triennial Meeting of Pacific Women, Noumea

First TVET Senior Managers Leadership Institute, Wellington, New Zealand

Asia Pacific Regional Symposium on Gender Mainstreaming, Bangkok

Second World Congress on Sexual Exploitation of Children, Yokohama, Japan

2002 Third International Meeting on Women and Health, Kobe, Japan

2003 Pacific Regional Workshop on Strengthening Partnerships for Eliminating Violence against Women, Suva, Fiji

Regional Asia Pacific Workshop on “Follow up of WSSD: Governance challenges and innovations for Human Development in the conditions of Globalisation”, Manila, Philippines

2004 Seventh Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers Responsible for Women’s/Gender Affair & Preparatory Meeting of National Women’s Machineries, New York

UNESCAP High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes, Bangkok

The 7th Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health, Gyeongju, Korea

2005 Leader of Samoa’s Delegation to New York to present Samoa’s first ever CEDAW Report to the UNCEDAW Committee
7th East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation on Children, Siam Reap, Cambodia

National Child Abuse Prevention Month — April “Unto the third generation” Pacific Regional Conference, American Samoa

Regional Advisory Board/Regional Youth Caucus Meeting, Nadi, Fiji

Pacific Consultation on Addressing Violence Against Children, Suva, Fiji

Committee on Emerging Social Issues, Second Session, Bangkok

Publications

Responsible for the development, review and final editing of the following publications:

- Samoa’s Initial, First and Second CEDAW Report
- Samoa’s CRC Report
- Draft National Policy for Women
- A Statistical Profile on Women and Men in Western Samoa 1993 (Published 1996)
- MOWA Corporate Plan 2000/2003
- MWCSD Corporate Plan 2004-2007
- Directory of Women of Samoa (First, Second and Third Issues)
- Directory of Women Organisations
- Responding to the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Women in Samoa: Strategic Plan 2001-2005

Country reports/presentations

- “Strategies for maximizing women’s capacities in leadership and empowerment Samoa’s experience.” Proceedings of WHO Kobe Centre Second International Meeting on Women and Health: Maximising Women’s Capacities and Leadership, Canberra, Australia, 4-6 April 2001


Report of the National Symposium on CEDAW focusing on Reproductive Health, 20-22 July 1999


Report to Cabinet on the 6th Commonwealth Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Women, New Delhi, 16-19 April 2000 (in Samoan)


Organizational affiliations

1. Founding member of the Fetu Ao Organization to promote cultural awareness of Samoan students in Honolulu, Hawaii

2. Founding member of the Samoan Services Provider’s Association to integrate provision of social services to the Samoan people by Samoan and other Social Services agencies in Honolulu, Hawaii

3. Certified Social Worker of American Board of Workers.

4. Present member of Standing Committee of Methodist Samoa.

5. Member of Finance Committee Methodist Samoa.

6. Member of Piula Theological College Committee

7. Member of Methodist Church Music Committee.

Other personal information

Married with 3 children.

An active member of the Methodist Church, Sunday School Teacher, member of the Methodist Women’s Fellowship of Samoa;

Delegate to Annual Conference of Methodist Women’s Fellowship of Samoa:

Holder of the chiefly title Luagalau.

Fluent in both English and Samoan — both written and oral.
Cornelis Flinterman (Netherlands)

**Personal information**

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**Academic and other qualifications**

LL.M. Degree, Leiden University, the Netherlands (1969)  
LL.M. Degree, University of Virginia, USA (1971)  
Visiting Scholar, Yale Law School, USA (1973)  
Ph.D. Degree, Leiden University, the Netherlands (1981)

**Main professional activities**

- Visiting lecturer in law (comparative and constitutional law), University of Ghana, 1974-1976  
- Professor of Law (international and constitutional law), Maastricht University, the Netherlands, 1982-1998  
  (1984-1986, Dean of the Faculty of Law)  
  (1991-1993, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Research Institute, Faculty of Law)  
  (1992-1998, Co-director of the Maastricht University Research Centre for Human Rights)
• Professor of Human Rights and Director of the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) and the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research (participating institutes: Faculties of Law of Utrecht University, Leiden University, Maastricht University, Tilburg University, Erasmus University (Rotterdam), Faculty of Humanities of Utrecht University and the T.M.C. Asser Institute for International Law (The Hague) (1998-present)

Other professional activities

Currently:

• member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
• member of the Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs of the Netherlands Government
• member of the Advisory Board of the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR — Geneva)
• member of the Advisory Board of the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE — Geneva)
• member of the Board of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC)
• member of the Advisory Board of the Foundation for Health and Human Rights, the Netherlands
• member of the Board of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA), Maastricht, the Netherlands
• member of the Editorial Board of the Netherlands Human Rights Quarterly
• member of the Advisory Board of the Human Rights Quarterly (USA)
• member of the Advisory Board of the Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law
• member of the Advisory Board of the African Human Rights Law Journal

Past (not exhaustive):

• chairman of the Advisory Committee on Human Rights and Foreign Policy of the Netherlands (1992-1998)
• member of the Advisory Council on International Affairs of the Netherlands and chairman of its Human Rights Committee (1997-2002)

• member of the Editorial Board of the Nederlands Tijdschrift voor de Rechten van de Mens (Netherlands Journal of Human Rights) (1982-1990)

• member of the Editorial Board of the Netherlands International Law Review (1981-2003)

Memberships

Member of (not exhaustive):

• American Society of International Law

• International Law Association

• Netherlands Association of International Law

• Netherlands Association of European Law

• co-founder in 1974 of the Dutch Section of the International Commission of Jurists

• African Society for International and Comparative Law

• Netherlands Association for Gender and Law

Publications

Publications in the field of comparative constitutional and administrative law, international law, law of international organizations and national, European and international human rights law.
Naëla Gabr Mohamed Gabre Ali (Egypt)

September 2005 to present: Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs

2003 to present: Personal Representative of the President of The Arab Republic of Egypt to the International Organization of the Francophonie


1999-2002: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of South Africa and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Botswana (non-resident) and to the Kingdom of Lesotho (non-resident)


1995-1999: Personal Assistant to the First Lady of Egypt, Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak

1998-present: Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

1992-1997: Director of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs


1980-1984: First Secretary-Counsellor at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Paris

1977-1980: Office of the First Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Chief of Cabinet of the President

Foreign languages: French and English

Academic degrees

• Master’s Degree in International Relations, University of Cairo
• Master’s Degree in French Literature, University of Brno, Czechoslovakia
• B.A. Economics and Political Science, University of Cairo

Activities and work experience

• Coordination with the competent authorities and NGOs for the following World Events:

2. World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, Denmark, March 1995.

• Responsible for substantive cooperation with UNICEF, HCR, DHA, UNDCP and the Centre for Human Rights, 1992-1999.

Conferences

Participated in United Nations conferences and meetings dealing with human rights and social and developmental issues from 1988 until 2005, disarmament and telecommunications from 2002 until 2005, as well as conferences and meetings on international trade issues from 2002 until 2005. These activities included:

Head of delegation:


• Eleventh Ministerial Session of United Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 13-18 June 2004, in São Paulo

• Ministerial Meeting Commemorating the Fortieth G77 Anniversary, June 2004, in São Paulo

• Midterm Review of the Tenth United Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Bangkok, 2002

• Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Sessions 52-54, 2002-2005

• Second Preparatory Committee of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, May 2003

• Second Preparatory Committee of the Second Phase of the World Summit for Information Society, 2005

Member of delegation:

• WTO Ministerial and Mini-ministerial meetings and G20 Ministerials in Nairobi (03/05), Davos (01/05), Cancun (09/03), Sharm ElSheikh (06/03), Tokyo (02/03)

• G15 Summit, February 2005, Caracas
• Francophonie Personal Representatives of Heads of States Meetings in Paris (Permanent Council of the Francophonie)
• World Summit on Information Society, December 2003
• The World Conference Against Racism, Durban, South Africa, September 2001
• The World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993
• The World Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994
• The World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 1995
• Beijing United Nations Conference on Women, October 1995
• The World Health Assembly, Sessions 55-58, 2002-2005
• The International Labour Conference, Sessions 90-93, 2002-2005

Committees:
• Member of United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), since 1998.

Leadership positions:
• Chairperson of the African Group in Geneva, 1 April to 1 July 2005
• Chairperson of the Arab Group in Geneva, 1 May to 1 August 2005
• Chairperson of the Group of 21 (Disarmament), March 2005
• Chairperson of the Committee on Trade and Environment, 2004/2005
• Chairperson of the Group of 77 in Geneva, 2002
• Chairperson of the Arab Group in Geneva, 1 March to 1 June 2002

Panelling and presenting papers to various conferences such as:
5. The International Conference on Social Development and Poverty, Oxaca, Mexico, 6-13 September 1993.
Participated and presented relevant papers, as United Nations expert, in several meetings, panels and workshops on human rights and women’s rights such as:

1. Seminar on Women’s Rights in the Middle East, Alexandria, Egypt, June 2005

2. Seminar on reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women, Khartoum, Sudan, December 2004


4. Workshop held by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on mainstreaming the reporting system to human rights treaty bodies, Utrecht, the Netherlands, September 2004

5. Workshop held by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the First Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women, Berlin, Germany, 2001

Awards

Egyptian Meritorious Award
Mouna Ghanem (Syrian Arab Republic)

Family name: Ghanem
First name: Mouna
Date of birth: 30 March 1969
Nationality: Syrian
Civil status: Married, two children

Education and training:

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Institution: UNFPA HQ, New York, USA
Date: 1999
Training achieved Orientation Training for Programme Officers
Institution: UNDP HQ, Damascus
Date: 1999
Training achieved Monitoring and Evaluation workshop
Institution: British Council, Damascus
Date: 1999
Training achieved Time Management skills
Institution: UNDP HQ, Damascus
Date: 1999
Training achieved Business Communication Skills Course
Institution: Centre for Development and Communication (Washington D.C.), Casablanca, Morocco
Date: 2000
Training achieved Media Skills workshop
Institution: UNFPA HQ, Amman
Date: 2001
Training achieved Amman Programme Management Workshop
Institution: London School for Hygiene and Public Health
Date: 2001
Training achieved Short term course on “Sexual and Reproductive Health Research”

Languages

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Membership of professional bodies

Syrian Commission for Family Affairs
Other skills

Communication and training skills:

• Workshop Trainer: Production of Health Education materials for health educators in the Regional WHO Demonstration (Training and Research Centre for Oral Health, Syria, 1997)

• Medical students Trainer: Basic Skills of Doctor-Patients relationships, Syria (2000)

• Delivered lectures on:
  Basic Life Skills, Women NGOs, 2000-2001
  Population Education, Revolutionary Youth Union, 2001
  Relation between Women Empowerment and Human Development, Arab Cultural Centre, Damascus
  Arab Women in Politics, American Cultural Centre, Damascus, Syria (2002)

Present position

Chairperson of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs

Years with the firm

2004 to current date

Key qualifications

Mouna Ghanem is a senior Health Consultant, with ten years of experience and international expertise.

This includes senior positions with the Syrian Government and international organizations. She has worked in developing governmental institutions in Health policy formulations and Human Resources Development areas.

Her key qualifications consist of:

• Extensive awareness-building and Training experience covering a wide range of institutions at educational and professional levels

• Experience of working in both public and private sectors

• Specialist in Health Knowledge, Behaviour and Lifestyle promotion
• Experienced with several international organizations in the preparation of Seminars, Workshops, Development Programs proposals for the Syrian Government
• Provision of consultancy and Training advice to government, NGOs and other societal associations
• Strong written and oral communication skills
• Experience in managing and facilitating project implementation, resulting from the major tasks and assignments assumed in the area of Health and Reproductive Health

Specific regional experience

Syria 1999: Participated in preparations for the Regional Media Seminar for Arab Journalists on ICPD+5, UNFPA, IPPF/AWRO and Syria Government

Syria 1999: Regional Consultation on Healthy Village organized by WHO/EMRO

Syria 1997-2004: Conduct of extensive workshops for youth in different governorates on issues related to Youth and Productive health

Syria 1997: Regional WHO Demonstration: Trained auxiliary nurses from Cyprus on Health Education Skills

Syria 1997-2001: Trained Reproductive Health (RH) service providers on Counselling skills, Ministry of Health

Project experience record

Date 1994
Location Syria
Company Participation in Training Course on Primary Health Educator, Ministry of Education in cooperation with UNICEF
Position Task Force officer

Date 1994
Location Syria
Company Participation in Training Course on Health Education for Teachers from Teachers Training Institutes, Ministry of Education in cooperation with UNICEF
Position Task Force officer

Date 1995
Location Syria
Company Participation in a workshop on the integration of Health knowledge into School Curriculum, Ministry of Education in cooperation with WHO, EMRO
Position Task Force officer
Date 1997
Location Bahrain

Company Participation In WHO/EMRO Consultation on Policies and Strategies to Promote Healthy Behaviour and Lifestyle
Position Short-term Consultant

Professional experience record
Date 1994-1995
Location Damascus
Company Ministry of Health
Position Health officer and Health educator
Date 1996
Location Syria Field office
Company United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Position National Project Professional Personnel
Date 1996-2002
Location Syria Field Office
Company United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Position National Programme Officer
Date 2002-August 2004
Location Syria
Company United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Position UNFPA Assistant representative

Others
• Presented a paper on Adolescents Reproductive Health, WHO/EMRO Consultation on Policies and Strategies to Promote Healthy Behaviour and Lifestyle, Bahrain 1997
• Participation in the International Conference on Population and Reproductive Health in the Islamic World in Al Azher University, Egypt 1998
• Participated in a workshop on “LEC and RH” organized by the Arab Resources Collective and the Centre of Communication Programme/Johns Hopkins University, Cyprus 1998

• Presented a Success Story from Syria on ARH, Workshop on “LEC and RH”, Cyprus 1998.
Antonia Guvava (Zimbabwe)

Personal details
Name: Antonia Guvava (Mrs.)
Born: 7 July 1960
Education: Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB), University of Zimbabwe, 1985
Bachelor of Law Degree (BL), University of Zimbabwe, 1982
Working languages: English

Career profile
April 2001-to date: Judge of the High Court of Zimbabwe.
December 2000-April 2001: Director of Legal Advice, Office of the Attorney-General
August 2000-December 2000: Acting Director of Legal Advice, Office of the Attorney-General
February 1992-August 2000: Worked in the Legal Advice Department of the Attorney-General’s Office with the responsibility of giving legal advice to all government departments, examining, drafting and negotiating international agreements, scrutinizing and approving minutes to the President and supervising junior staff. Also became a founder member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights whose functions are to advise Government on its obligations under human rights conventions, prepare and present such reports to the United Nations Committees and to the African Commission.
August 1991: Promoted to Chief Law Officer
April 1983-February 1992: Law officer with duties to prosecute serious cases of fraud, rape and culpable homicide in the Magistrates Court, the High Court and the Supreme Court.

Other experience

• Drafted the SADC Protocol Against Corruption, June 2000.

• Rapporteur for the “Conference on the Land Issue” organized by the Ministry of Lands in conjunction with F.A.O., Harare.


• Presented Zimbabwe’s second and third report before the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights at its 21st Ordinary Session, Mauritania, April 1997.


• Member of Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association.

• Member of the Board of Trustees of Zimbabwe Women’s Finance Trust.

• Former member of the Working Party on Commercialization and Privatization of State Owned Enterprises.

Professional training, seminars and workshops attended


• Commonwealth Regional Workshop for officials in charge of reporting obligations, Lusaka, 1995.

• Legal aspects of privatization, International Law Institute, USA, 1996.

• Enterprise and Investment Lawyers’ Course, The International Development Law Institute, Italy, 2000.
Ruth Halperin-Kaddari (Israel)

Dr. Halperin-Kaddari is an expert on family law, feminist critique of law and women’s rights in Israel, and is the Director of the Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women at Bar-Ilan University, in addition to serving a national role as the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Authority for the Advancement of Women at the Prime-Minister’s Office. She has extensive experience with United Nations machinery on gender and women’s rights.

Academic career

Since 1992

Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel
Senior lecturer (since October 1999).
Teaching and Research areas: Family Law; Feminist Jurisprudence; Bioethics.
Director, the Ruth and Emanuel Rackman International Center for the Advancement of Women (since 2001).

Awards

The Tzeltner Award for excellent young legal scholar in Israel (2000)
The Pogach Award for research in Jewish Law (2001-2002)
The Jewel Belush Israel Feminist Award, US/Israel Women to Women (2002)
The Dafna Izraeli Award for Gender Research (together with Dr. Bryna Bogoch) (2004)

Grants

Israel Science Foundation 2000-2001, research grant: “Gender, Power and Professional Practice in Divorce cases in Israel”, with Dr. Bryna Bogoch, Political Science Department, Bar-Ilan University

Israel Science Foundation 2005-2008, research grant: “Exposing Family Secrets: Judicial Decision-Making and the Publication of Family Courts’ Decisions in the Age of Computerized Databases”, with Dr. Bryna Bogoch, Political Science Department, Bar-Ilan University and Mr. Eyal Katvan, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University

Professional experience

Since 2002 The Prime Minister’s Office, Jerusalem, Israel
Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women

March 2005 The United-Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
Head of the Israeli delegation to the 49th session of the CSW
December 2004 UNECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10-year review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing +10)

Head of the Israeli delegation; Panellist

March 2004 The United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Head of the Israeli delegation to the 48th session of the CSW

March 2003 The United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Head of the Israeli delegation to the 47th session of the CSW

2000-2001 The Ministry of Justice & The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel


1997-2000 The Interdisciplinary Center for Business, Law and Technology, Herzelia, Israel

Lecturing in Family Law; Feminist Jurisprudence; Bioethics.

1999-2003 The Ministry of Justice, Jerusalem, Israel

The Children’s Rights Reform Committee: Member of the Plenary; Member of the Subcommittee on the Child Within the Family; Member of the Working Group on Parental Responsibility

Since 2002 I.C.A.R. — International Coalition for Agunah Rights, Member of the Plenary Committee, Member of the Legal Committee

Since 2000 The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel

Member of the International Advisory Board of the Center for Women in Jewish Law

1996-1997 The Ministry of Justice & The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel


1996-1999 The Knesset, Committee for the Advancement of Women

Legal Counsellor for the Subcommittee on Family Law.
Since 1997 Kolech: Religious Women’s Forum, Co-Founder; Member; Member of the Working Group on the Preparation of a Model Prenuptial Agreement; Member of the Policy Board

1997-2000 The Israeli Association for Gender and Feminist Studies, Co-Founder; Board Member

Since 1994 The Israeli Women’s Network, Member of the Legal Team

Since 1994 Member of the Israeli Bar Association.

1994 Mendelson & Yarkoni, Tel Aviv, Israel
Legal Internship, specializing in Family Law.

1993 Supreme Court of Israel
Clerkship for Justice Prof. Aharon Barak (now Chief Justice of the Sup. Ct.)

Selected publications

Books


Articles


“Redefining Parenthood”, 29 California Western Int’l L. J. (Spring 1999), 313-337.


“Gender and Divorce Mediation in Israel” (together with Bryna Bogoch and Yael Ronen), 7 Hamishpat 335-372 (2002) (Hebrew).


**Education**

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
Visiting Scholar (July-August 2003)
Beit-Morasha, Institute for Higher Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel
Fellow, the Program for Leaders of the Movement for Higher Jewish Learning for Women (2003-2004 academic year)
Tel Aviv University, Department of Sociology, Tel Aviv, Israel
Post-Doctoral Fellow (1996-1997 academic year)

*Awards:* The Schuff Award.

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

*Awards:* Fulbright Scholarship Grant (Awarded for the full period of studies abroad); JD Rockefeller 3rd Fellowship at the Program on Non-Profit Institutions at Yale (summer 1991); Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
LL.M. May 1990.

Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel
LL.B. June 1989 Summa Cum Laude, Rank 1/80
*Awards:* Dean’s List (1986-1988); The Israeli Knesset Distinction (1988); Finkel Award for promising women students (1988-1989); First place winner at the Willer Fund Contest in original studies in Jewish Law (1987).

**Other academic activities**

2005
Director of academic course on Family law, The Israel Bar Association

2001-2002
Director of academic course for Advisors on the Status of Women in Municipal Councils, under the auspice of the Prime Minister’s Office

1997-1998
Director of programmes for lawyers on Family Law, Center for Business Law, Bar-Ilan University.

1997-2005
Organization of Academic Conferences (partial list):
Organ Transplantation in Israel (Bar-Ilan, November 1997)
Family Court in Israel (Bar-Ilan, January 1998)
Founding Conference of the Israeli Association for Feminist Studies (Bar-Ilan, January 1998)

New Reproductive Technologies (Bar-Ilan, February 1998)

Family Courts’ Handling of Family Violence (Bar-Ilan, March 1999)

Marriage, Liberty and Equality: Shall the Three Walk Together? (Bar-Ilan, June 1999)

Woman and her Judaism (Jerusalem, July 1999)

Feminist Legal Education (Bar-Ilan, January 2003)

First Annual Conference on Women, Family and Law (Bar-Ilan, January 2004)

Second Annual Conference on Women, Family and Law (Bar-Ilan, January 2005)

Woman and her Judaism (Jerusalem, June 2005)

The Israel Bar Association Annual Conference (Eilat, May 2005, 2006)

“Creating in God’s Image: Ethical Challenges in Stem Cell Research and In-Vitro Fertilization”, International conference in cooperation with Columbia University (Bar-Ilan, September 2005)

Solutions to Get Refusals in Civil Laws (Bar-Ilan, September 2005)

“Gender, Religion and Society”, Int’l conference, the Gender Interdisciplinary programme (Bar-Ilan, May 2006)

1997-2005 Selected academic and public lectures:

Drug-abuse by Pregnant Women (Hebrew Univ., January 1997)

Determination of the Moment of Death (BIU, November 1997)

Post-Mortem Caesarean Sections (Van-Lear Institute, January 1998)

Towards Redefinition of Parenthood (BIU, February 1998)

Parenthood Following the New Reproductive Technologies (Address to Judges, Jerusalem, May 1998)

Developments in Alimony and Maintenance in Israel (Lectures to lawyers, Haifa and BIU, March and May 1998)

Women in Israel at Israel’s Jubilee (President’s Residence, October 1998)

Toward Civil Family Law in Israel (BIU, January 1999; Address to Judges, April & June 1999, March 2000)
Redefining Parenthood: American and Israeli Perspectives (Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 1999)

Gender Construction in halakhic Marriage and Divorce (BIU, June 1999; Orthodox Feminism Conference, Jerusalem July 1999)

Any Marriage Better than None? (3rd International Conference on Feminism & Orthodoxy, JOFA, New York, February 2000)

Colonizing Women — The Israeli Perspective (UCLA J. Int’l L. & Foreign Affairs Conference, April 2000)


Challenges Facing Religious Zionism Today (Edah Conference of Modern Orthodoxy, Jerusalem, October 2001)

Annulment of Betrothal as a Solution for the Agunah Problem (Special lecture, the Israeli Bar Association, November 2001)

Prenuptial Agreements (Family Law Lectures, the Israeli Bar Association, December 2001, March 2003)

Economic Consequences of Divorce (Special lecture, the Israeli Bar Association, January 2002, March 2003)

Exclusion and Inclusion of Women in Halakhic Language (Law and Literature Conference, BIU, May 2002)

Feminist Challenges of the Family (Address to Family Law Judges, June 2002)

Divorce Mediation (Family Law Lectures, the Israeli Bar Association, March 2003)

The New Family: Law and Social Change (Address to all members of Family Courts Judges, April 2003)

Changes in Women’s Status under Jewish Law (Center for Religion, Society and State, Jerusalem, June 2003)

Women, Men, and [Jewish] Divorce: Whose Justice is it? (Address at JOFA, NY February 2004)

The Barbara Black Lecture Series on Gender and Law, Columbia Law School: Remember the Ladies: Women, Religion and Law in Israel (February 2004)

Civil Law of Spousal Support in Israel (Annual Meeting of the Israeli Bar Association, Eilat, May 2004)
Women in Israel (The Wisentil Center for Tolerance, NY, on behalf of the Israeli Consulate, September 2004)

“And though shall teach them to your sons, not your daughters” (Keynote Speaker at the Israel Association for Applied Linguistics, October 2004)

Retroactive Voidance of the Get (Address to all members of Family Courts Judges, November 2004)

Divorce Agreements (Annual Meeting, Family Law Division, Israeli Bar Association, Eilat, January 2005)

Developments in Family Law Jurisdiction (Family Law Lectures, the Israeli Bar Association, March 2005)

“Becoming a person”: Rosa Ginsberg-Ginossar’s battle to become a lawyer in Palestine (Law, Gender and Social Change Conference, Tel Aviv University, April 2005)

The Creation of Family Law in Israel (The Judges, The Courts, and Israeli Society, Haifa University Faculty of Law together with the Supreme Court, May 2005)
Adeline Magloire Chancy (Haiti)

Born at Port-au-Prince, 4 April 1931.

Working languages: French, Creole, English.

Currently Minister of Women’s Affairs and Women’s Rights of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Haiti.

Specialist in adult education, she was responsible for the elaboration and implementation of education programmes targeted at women in the areas of literacy, women’s rights and the rights of disabled persons and their families. Her experience as an educator was put to use in the immigration sector in Canada, where she lived in exile (1965-86) and where she was a member of the Department of Education at the Commission of Human Rights of the Government of Quebec (1984-86). In Haiti, she occupied the post of Secretary of State for Literacy (1996-97).

In all areas of intervention she contributes to the empowerment of women, the dissemination and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Belém do Pará), ratified by Haiti, through constant conferences, publications and advocacy.

Ms. Adeline Magloire Chancy holds diplomas from the Faculty of Law and the teacher training college of the University of Haiti. She also holds a master of arts in andragogy (adult education) from the Faculty of Educational Science of the University of Montreal where she completed her doctoral studies.

Minister for Women’s Affairs and Women’s Rights, she participated as a panellist at the UNIFEM conference on gender justice in post-conflict situations (New York, September 2004) and in the work of the follow-up meeting (Stockholm, August 2005).

She took the floor twice at the United Nations General Assembly, the tenth anniversary of the Cairo Declaration (October 2004) and Beijing Plus 10 (March 2005). Principal delegate at the Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States and the national authority for the implementation of a follow-up mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention, she participated in the ministerial meeting (April 2004) and the second organizational meeting of the Bureau of the Inter-American Commission of Women/Organization of American States (December 2005).

Publications and addresses

“L’analphabétisme chez les femmes immigrantes haïtiennes”, University of Montreal, Faculty of Educational Science, La Librairie publishers of the University of Montreal, 168 p., 1981.


Ministry of Women and Women’s Rights
Policy framework and numerous statements on the issues of harmonizing Haitian legislation with international conventions, gender problems and a comparative gender-based analysis, violence against women, justice for women, the feminization of poverty, women’s entrepreneurship and women and politics.
Rosario G. Manalo (Philippines)

Date and place of birth: 2 October 1935, Manila, Philippines
Working languages: English and Spanish

Current position/function
Chairperson, CEDAW in New York
Professor in various colleges and universities in Manila

Main professional activities
Teaching and research
Consultancies

Educational background
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Service
Bachelor of Laws
Master of Arts in Public Administration
Master of Arts in International Studies and Diplomacy

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
Focal Point for Migrant Women in CEDAW
Member of WG in CEDAW for a Draft General Recommendation on Migrant Women

List of most recent publications
“The Millennium Development Goals: Bane or Boon for Women’s Rights?”
“The Development Policy of the UN: The Role of the BPFA and CEDAW”
Violeta Neubauer (Slovenia)

Date and place of birth: 31 March 1954, Postojna
First language: Slovene
Working language: English
Other languages: fluent in Italian, Serbian and Croatian, basic in French

Current position/function

• Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities

• Secretary of one and member of four working bodies, established by the decision of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (on human rights and coordination of national activities in the intergovernmental organizations)

• Member of working groups at ministerial level (Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs)

Main professional activities

1992- Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities:

• Representation of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in committees/bodies in charge of defining and implementing the activities for the promotion of gender equality of the Council of Europe, European Union, Stability pact for South Eastern Europe and Alps Adriatic Working Community

• Coordination of preparation of the national reports under CEDAW

• Member of national delegations, presenting national reports at sessions of the human rights treaty bodies, member of national delegations participating at the Fourth World Conference on Women and regional and global follow-up process, participation at European ministerial and other conferences on gender equality

• Consultative and advocacy work to support the development, implementation, monitoring and assessment of national gender equality legal and policy measures

• Coordination of national activities for gender-balanced participation in political and public decision-making

• Coordination and development of national positions on proposals and draft documents of European Union institutions and European Union member States on gender equality issues

• Assistance in the formulation of gender equality priorities and perspectives for the forthcoming Slovene presidency of the European Union

• Counsellor for gender equality terminology in the process of translation of legislation of the European Union and national legislation
• Organization of national and international conferences on gender equality at national level

1989-1991 Unpaid leave to Kuwait (due to appointment of the family member as a resident consultant based on bilateral agreement between the two States)

1976-1989 Editor and translator, Publishing house Cankarjeva založba

Educational background

1973-1977 Studied Sociology at Faculty of Social Sciences in Ljubljana

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

2005- Vice-chair, Group of Specialists on Gender Equality Standards and Mechanisms, Council of Europe

2004- Member, National Committee of the Central European Centre for Women and Youth in Science

2004-2005 Member, Ad hoc Committee on action against trafficking in human beings (instructed to prepare a Convention of the Council of Europe on action against trafficking in human beings), Council of Europe

2004- Resource person, Expert Group Meeting on the role of national mechanisms promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women: achievements, gaps and challenges, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

2003- Consultant in the UNIFEM projects in Moldova, Georgia and Azerbaijan aimed to foster an enabling environment that encourages the development and implementation of de jure and de facto gender equality

2001-2003 Founding member of Association Ključ — Centre on fight against trafficking in human beings and Chair of its Supervisory board

2001- Member, Slovene National Commission for UNESCO

2001- Founding member and one of the two coordinators/speakers, Coalition for gender balanced participation in public decision-making

2000-2004 Active role in the process of changing the Constitution of the Republic of Slovenia, which in 2004 resulted in the adoption of a new constitutional provision, which provides for the introduction of special legally binding measures to ensure equal representation of women and men on all candidate lists for all elections and subsequently in the introduction of positive measures in electoral legislation

1999- Advisory board member and national GTF focal point, Stability pact for South Eastern Europe, Gender task force
1999-2001 Chair and Vice chair, Steering committee for equality between women and men, Council of Europe

1997-1999 Member, Multisectoral Group on action against trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation (instructed to prepare the draft recommendation to Member States on action against trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation), Council of Europe

1997- National and regional projects coordinator, project board member and trainer within regional and transnational projects, aimed to promote women’s advancement through mainstreaming gender equality in national and local political agendas, legislation and practice

1996- Consultant in the cooperation activities of the Council of Europe and independent expert in projects aimed to promote gender equality in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Ukraine, Serbia and Montenegro

1994- Speaker, trainer, lecturer, moderator or chair of sessions in a significant number of national, regional and international conferences, seminars and workshops, aimed to promote women’s human rights and gender equality

1990- Member, Association of scientific and technical translators of Slovenia

List of most recent publications

Books
Co-editor or editor of 11 books on gender equality and human rights issues

The first ten years of the Office for Equal Opportunities, 2002. Author


Other publications and articles

Institutional mechanisms for gender equality in Slovenia, EGM/National Machinery/2004/RP.9
Special supplement to Delo, Slovene daily newspaper on gender balanced participation of women and men in political decision-making, 2002. ISBN 961-6285--2-X. Co-author and co-editor

Main principles: accountability and autonomy: in Giorgia Testolin, Council of Europe, “Handbook on National Machinery to promote gender equality” (EG/2001/7), 2001
**Pramila Patten (Mauritius)**

**Personal data**
- Date of birth: 29 June 1958
- Place of birth: Mauritius
- Nationality: Mauritian
- Working languages: English and French

**Educational background**
- Master’s Degree in Law (LLM) — University of London, 1984
- Bachelor’s Degree in Law (First Class Honours) — University of London, 1981
- Diploma in Criminology, Kings College, University of Cambridge, 1981
- Professional Bar Exams, Council of Legal Education, UK, 1982
- Member of Gray’s Inn

**Present international functions**
- Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) (Jan 2003-Dec 2006)
- Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to CEDAW (Jan 2005-Dec 2006)
- Vice Chair of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, Gambia, 2005-2008
- Founding member and President of the Women’s Legal Action Watch

**Professional activities**
- Barrister at Law (1982 to date)
- Consultant at the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (2006-2007)
- Drafted the following legislation for the Government of Mauritius:
  - The Child Protection Bill
  - The Sex Discrimination Bill
  - The Ombudsperson for Children Bill
  - The Protection from Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill
  - The National Children’s Council Regulations
• Consultant on the Reform of the Family Justice System in Mauritius (August 2006)

Responsible for the drafting of all legislation for the establishment of a Family Court in Mauritius (2006)

Other activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

• Chairperson of national Taskforce on discriminatory laws against women (2000-2001)

• Chairperson of national Taskforce on child protection related laws (2001-2003)

• Chairperson of the National Advocacy Team of the Mauritius Family Planning Association (2000-2001)


Resource person/trainer for l’Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie in the training of Parliamentarians on CEDAW (Has trained Parliamentarians in 15 countries) (2005)

Executive Committee Member of Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF) (1991-1999)

• Resource person and adviser to the International Commission of Jurists on issues of violence against women at 2 regional conferences in Lebanon, Egypt (2003)

• Head of Fact Finding Mission for International Commission of Jurists in Bangladesh and India on “Acid Burning” and “Domestic Violence” respectively (2003)


• Speaker at three international conferences on “Global Tobacco Law”, “Tobacco or Health” and “Tobacco and Health — Avoiding the tobacco epidemic in women and youth”, Japan, USA, India (1999-2001)

Member of Drafting Panel on Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

• Resource person at the first and second All Africa Seminars on Human Rights Education (1994-1995, South Africa, Egypt)

• Resource person at an Expert group meeting organized by UNESCO on “Racial Discrimination”, Benin (1997)

• Resource person at an Expert Group meeting on “the complementarity between CEDAW and CRC” — New York, 1998

• Organized an All Africa Seminar on “Independence of Judiciary” in collaboration with the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (Mauritius, October 1998)

• Resource person at expert panel discussion on the “Effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on the issue of complementary standards to strengthen, update international instruments against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia — Related Intolerance” (Palais des Nations, Geneva 2004)

• Keynote speaker at a Global Consultation on the Optional Protocol to CEDAW (Malaysia, August 2005)

• Speaker at 9th World Interdisciplinary Congress on Women (South Korea, June 2005)

Selected publications

• Violence against Women

• Sexual Harassment at Work

• Rights of Children

• Guide on United Nations mechanisms and fundamental rights of women

• Marriage laws in Mauritius

• Reforming the Family Justice System in Mauritius

• Contribution of several articles in a book by People’s Decade for Human Rights Education “Passport to Dignity”
Andrea Pető (Hungary)

Personal details
Name: Dr. Andrea Pető
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Web: http://www.ceu.hu/gend/Peto/index.htm

Languages
English — excellent
German — good
Italian — good
Russian — good

Current positions
2003- Associate Professor, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
2004 Associate Professor, Director, Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities Center, University of Miskolc, Hungary

Main professional activities
2006- Consultant on gender issues, Ministry of Youth, Family and Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Hungary
2004-2006 Consultant on gender issues, Ministry of Equal Opportunities, Hungary
2003-2005 Consultant of Open Society Institute, Educational Support Program, Budapest
2000- Visiting Professor, Ethnic and Minorities Studies, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Hungary

Educational background
2005 Dr. habil. Contemporary history, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Hungary
2000 Ph.D., Summa cum laude, Contemporary history, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Hungary
1992 Doctor universitatis (Dr.) Summa cum laude, Contemporary history, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Hungary
1989 M.A. Sociology, with honours, Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary
1987 M.A. History, culture and civilization, with honours, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Hungary

Other activities

2000-2004 Consultant of Open Society Institute, Network Women
1999-2004 Leader consultant of Open Society Institute (New York) in Central Asia on “Gender and Fundamentalism, women in armed conflicts”
2001-2002 Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy “Gender Aspects of the European Enlargement”
2005- Member of the Editorial Board Memory and Narrative, New York, Amsterdam
2002- President, Gender and Women’s History Section; Hungarian Historical Association
2001- Founder of the Esther’s Bag — Feminist NGO, Hungary
1999- President of Feminist Section, Hungarian Sociological Association
1991- Member of the editorial board of several journals in the field of gender history and gender and politics — Gender and History (Oxford), Clio (Paris) Visuoemene Kultúra. Straipsniu rinktine (Vilnius)

Recent publications

Report on the Situation of Women and Men in the Countries of Transition. Council of Europe, Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, Edited together with Szilvia Szabó, Budapest, 2004
Gendernye istorii Vostochnoy Evropy (Gender histories from Eastern Europe) Eds. Elena Gapova, Al’mira Usmanova, Andrea Pető, European Humanities University, Minsk, 2002 (in Russian)
María Dilma Quezada Martínez (Honduras)

Dr. Quezada is an expert in gender issues and has worked continuously for forty years as an activist for women’s rights. In addition, she has represented Honduras at countless international conferences. She is experienced in governing regional and inter-American bodies as well as participating in the promotion of legislation and preparation of organizational structures for the promotion of gender equality.

Surnames and first name: Quezada Martínez María Dilma
Place and date of birth: Olanchito, Yoro, 3 December 1945
Working languages: Spanish

Current position/function

• 2005. Deputy of the Sovereign National Congress of Honduras
• Emeritus ambassador of Honduras
• Vice-President of the Inter-American Council with headquarters in Puerto Rico

Main professional activities

• 2002. Deputy of the Sovereign National Congress of Honduras
• 1998-2002. Executive Secretary of the National Forum on Convergence (FONAC)
• 1994-1998. Plenipotentiary ambassador of the Government of the Republic of Honduras, appointed by the then President of the Republic, Dr. Carlos Roberto Reina (RIP)
• 1994-1996. President of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS)
• Candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize
• 1986-1990. Official delegate of Honduras to the CIM, OAS and Secretary of the Board of the Sovereign National Congress
• 1980-1982. Deputy and Assistant Secretary of the Board of the Sovereign National Congress of the Republic of Honduras

Academic qualifications

• 1990. Doctorate in political science. University of Honolulu
• Honorary doctorate. University of Los Angeles, California, United States of America
• Degree in political science. University of the Americas, San Juan, Puerto Rico
• Bachiller in letters and science, Instituto Rubén Darío, Comayagüela, Honduras
Main related activities

Relevant activities in favour of women:

• 1980-1982. Drafting of the Family Code
• Drafting of the Children’s Code (both in force)
• Promoter of the gender perspective reform of the Constitution of the Republic (all men and women are equal before the law)
• Founder of the Union of Honduran Women
• Promoter of the ratification of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women
• Founder of three technical institutes in the department of Yoro, Honduras, where for the first time women were accepted in the technical domain
• Founder of four secondary education institutes in different municipalities of the department of Yoro
• Participated broadly in all activities related to the signing of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

International conventions:

• Head of delegation and active participant in the preparatory meetings for the Third World Conference on Women (Córdoba, Mar del Plata. Argentina)
• Representative of the Organization of American States in her capacity as President of the Commission of Women at the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, China)
• 1985. World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women. Rapporteur for Latin America (Nairobi, Kenya)
• Participation in the two preparatory sessions organized by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at the United Nations prior to the fourth conference on women


Recent publications

1998. “Las Mujeres, el Poder y la Economía”, essay presented at the Saint Joseph University of New York, under the guidance of Dr. Alina Camacha. Received honourable mention.
Fumiko Saiga (Japan)

Last name and first name: Saiga, Fumiko  
Date and place of birth: 30 November 1943, Japan  
Working languages: Japanese, English, Norwegian

Current position/function

September/October 2003-Present: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Iceland and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic to the Kingdom of Norway

Main professional activities

• July 2002: Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations  
• September 2000: Consul-General of Japan in Seattle  
• May 1998: Vice Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Japan  
• March 1996: Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations  
• August 1992: Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Denmark  
• July 1989: Director, Ocean Division, Economic Affairs Bureau  
• March 1988: Deputy Director, Social Cooperation Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau  
• February 1988: Assistant Director, United Nations Policy Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau  
• June 1983: First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations  
• January 1980: International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau

Educational background

Department of English Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

200?-Present — Member of CEDAW  
2000 — Participated in NGO Activities during the 2000 United Nations Special General Assembly on Gender with a group of women from Saitama, Japan and conducted lectures in Japan at universities and in communities on the United Nations and the issue of Gender Equality  
February 1999 & February 2000 — As Vice Governor hosted the “Saitama International Women’s Forum”, prepared for adoption of the Regulation on Gender Equality in Saitama Prefecture, the first local government to enact such legislation in Japan and, prepared for establishment of the Commission on Gender Equality in Saitama Prefecture
1998-2000 — Adviser to the Governor of Saitama Prefecture on gender issues, Adviser to the Drafting Committee of the Regulation on gender Equality in Saitama Prefecture

1996-1998 — In charge of the Third Committee, including CSW and the drafting of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW

January 1980-June 1983 — In charge of preparation of the ratification of CEDAW by the Government of Japan in the International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau
Hazel Gumede Shelton (South Africa)

Personal details
Surname Gumede Shelton
First name Hazel Edith
Age 33
Date/Place of Birth 06/08/1972, Kwazulu-Natal
Marital Status Single
Languages Zulu, Xhosa, English & Afrikaans
Sports/Hobbies/Interests Reading, writing, music, current affairs, travel, theatre, movies.

Current employment
Ashira Consulting (Pty) Ltd & Shelton Attorneys
Status Managing Director
Period 1 September to date
Focus Corporate governance, Electricity, Housing, Land and tenure, Media and Telecommunications, PPPs, Postal services, Privatisation and Corporatisation, Procurement. Constitutional Litigation advice to government. Recent advice has related to social issues and land reform policies.

Opus Dei Advisory Services (Pty) Ltd & Shelton Attorneys
Status Managing Director
Period January 2002 to date
Focus Aiding various institutions of the country (government), corporate entities, CODs and NGOs in engaging with each other and efficiently drafting and implementing policy from an institutional as well as operational perspective. Services related to Policy: research, scenario building, consultation and mediation. Drafting of Public and Operational Policy, Project Management — inclusive of information, scope, time, cost quality, human resources, communications, risks, procurement, and stakeholder management, and Policy Implementation Facilitation
Lecturing Lecturing frequently at Justice College (training academy for lower court judicial officers). Subjects relate exclusively to constitutional, human rights, and in particular equality and discrimination issues.

Previous employment experience
University of Witwatersrand (Wits) Law School
Status Lecturer
Period Feb 2001-Nov 2002
Feb 1999-June 1999

Umbono Management Consultants
(Founding member of Umbono. Main focus of consultancy was to develop a strong relationship with parastatals and government in order to play a role in strategy, institutional restructuring and transaction advisory.)
Status Director
Period Nov 2000-Dec 2001
(Executive Director)
Aug 1998-October 2000
(Non-Executive Director)
Nov 1998-July 1999
(Executive Director).

Alliance Defence Fund and Centre for Justice and Public Policy (Washington, D.C. — USA)
Status Intern
Period June 2000-Nov 2000
Duties Practical Legal Internship

Deneys Reitz Attorneys
Status Candidate Attorney
Period Jan 1997-Jan 1999
Duties Assisted in Commercial Labour & Litigation Departments. Therefore drafted documentation, prepared opinions and court arguments consulted with clients and at times represented clients in court.

Academic details

Columbia University, New York City
August 1999-May 2000 (LLB)
Concentrated on Constitutional Law & the implementation of democracy and socio-economic development in third world countries
Research done in various areas: Constitutional Law & its practical role in promoting Human Rights; The role of human rights in eliminating various forms of discrimination; the role of Constitutional Law in promoting equalitarianism in the
workplace; normative ideals in relations between government & civil society and corporations, and building sustainable democracies in Third World countries.
Also did commercial courses relating to deals, mergers and acquisitions, securitization etc.

Publications
Wrote papers on:

• Theories of Constitutional Interpretation
• The Harrison Test; “A problem with interpretation (Constitutional court equality test)”
• Sexual Orientation and the need for a distinction between the public and private sphere
• The negative duty to entrance socio-economic rights in South Africa
• Social Capital — The Achilles Heel of South African Labour Law.

Wits University, South Africa
Feb 1991-June 1995 (B. PROC, LLB)
Members of Student Representative Council (SRC) and Law Student’s Council (LSC — July 1995/August 1996), thus member of various committees at Wits.
Published book called PLEA—aimed at educating the ordinary persons about basic structures of the law
Publication in Student Law Review

Courses, seminars and conferences

Courses
Centre for American and International Law (Spousal Office Nomination) June-July 2004 (Texas — U.S.A.)
Focus: Commercial law; facilitating an international law dialogue, in order to facilitate increased harmony between 1st & 3rd world countries. Topics related to world trade issues, and international criminal law issues in the context of a violation of human rights.

Conferences
• International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)
  November 2005 (Kuala Lumpur — Malaysia)
  Member of the South African delegation.
  Focus: Human Rights abuses against women (in particular, trafficking). The conference was aimed at ascertaining how female lawyers are and can continue to play a meaningful role in positively promoting the plight of women.
• Beijing + 10
  February 2004 New York
  Member of South African delegation
• Women in Dialogue (SAWID) July 2003
• Young SAWID December 2004 (Chairperson)
• SAWID, Beijing report back (July 2005)

(SAWID — South African Women in Dialogue, is an initiative of the Spousal Office of the Presidency. The aim is to ensure that women from all walks of life are able to have a platform from which they can enter into meaningful dialogue and ultimately facilitate sustainability in programmes and projects that they are involved with).

Miscellaneous involvement

• At law school involved in political and societal reform, participating in student councils and committees. Publication of a booklet called PLEA, which was used as a basic guide to the law for laypersons
• Serving on various Boards; i.e. African Enterprise, Gauteng Emoyeni — all of which are either a part of government & aimed at facilitating service delivery, or are part of civil society aimed at strengthening democracy
• Member of the Business Women’s Association — private (MTN) brains trust programme in 2003. This programme is aimed at identifying up and coming South African young professionals in order to provide them with mentorship and media exposure
• Member of the Nexus group at GIBS. Nexus is a programme that aims to link leaders of South Africa with a view to provide dialogue and improved interaction
• Elected to participate in the Emerging Leadership Programme, an initiative of Duke and University of Cape Town (UCT) aimed at identifying and mentoring future leaders in South Africa, and
• Frequent speaker at corporate and social events.
Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia)

Personal data
Date of birth: 11 August 1958
Place of birth: Zagreb, Croatia
Nationality: Croatian
Working languages: English, German, and Croatian
Family status: Married, two children

Academic qualifications
• Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School, New York, U.S.A., April-June 2002
• Doctor of Law (LL.D) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1997
• Master of Law (LL.M) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1991
• Bar Exam, Zagreb, Croatia, 1984

Present international functions
• Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (since 2003), elected as its Rapporteur (2005-2006)
• Member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (2006-2008)
• Representative of the Republic of Croatia on the Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe (since 2002), elected as Bureau member (2005-2007)

Present national functions
• Gender Equality Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since 2004)
• Member of the National Commission on the Roma (since 2004)
• Member of the National Commission against Trafficking in Persons (since 2003)
• Member of the National Council on the Rights of the Child (since 2003)
• Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Human Rights (since 2003)
• Member of the National Bioethics Commission (since 2002)

Previous functions on the international level
• Member of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), New York, 2001-2003

• Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe (2003-2005)

• Vice-Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2001-2003

• Project coordinator of UNIFEM and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe (Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia), 2002-2003


• Expert for the UNDP project “Women in Development in CEE and CIS countries”, 1995

Previous functions held on the national level

• Member of the Committee for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 2002-2004

• Member of the National Council for Human Rights, 2002-2004

• Founding member of the National Committee for Equality of Women, 1997-1999

• Human Rights Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1994-1996

• Legal adviser for the “Programme of Protection and Help to the Victims of Violence” of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 1994

Professional career on the national level

• Head of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, since 2002


• Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in New York, 1997-1998

• Head of the Department for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1994-1996

• Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 1992-1994

• Head of the Department for Legal and Administrative Services of the Institute Vuk Vrhovac, 1988-1992

• Legal representative before courts, 1982-1988
Other relevant professional activities

- Panellist at the panel: “Synergies between national-level implementation of the Beijing Declaration and PFA and the VEDAW” held at the CWS, 11 March 2005, New York
- Participated as a CEDAW expert at the Round Table of National Human Rights Institutions and National Machineries for the Advancement of Women, Ouarzazate, Morocco, November 2004
- Participated as a CEDAW expert at the 3rd Conference of Women Parliamentarians of South Eastern Europe, Skopje, June 2004
- Delegate to the Second Intergovernmental Conference: Making Europe and Asia fit for Children, Sarajevo, May 2004
- Participated as a CEDAW expert at the Expert Group meeting which developed a questionnaire on violence against children for the Study of the Secretary General, Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Geneva 2003
- Representative of the Republic of Croatia at the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH), October 2004
- Participated at the Conference on the Implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe, October 2003, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Member of the Working Group for the preparation of the Gender Equality Act, 2003
- Delegate to the Twenty-seventh Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Children, September 2002, New York, and a panellist at the panel on the implementation of CEDAW and CRC
- Participated as the Chair of the CSW at the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on “Gender and Racial Discrimination”, Zagreb, Croatia, November 2000
- Delegate to the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, August 1996
• Member of the delegation of experts on the examination of the Initial Report of the Republic of Croatia before the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Geneva, January 1996

• Delegate to the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995

• Delegate at the 39th Commission on the Status of Women as a preparatory committee for the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women, New York, April 1995

• Member of the delegation of experts on the examination of the Initial Report of the Republic of Croatia before the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Geneva, March 1995

• Delegate to the Conference “Equality and Democracy: Utopia or Challenge?” organized by the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, February 1995

• Delegate to the regional UNECE Conference “Women in a Changing World”, Vienna, October 1994

• Delegate to the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, September 1994

Selected publications

Dr. Dubravka Šimonović lectures human rights and women’s rights at the MFA Diplomatic Academy, the Center for Human Rights and Women’s Studies. She is author or editor of books and articles in the areas of women’s rights, human rights, and medically assisted procreation.

Books


• *Medically Assisted Procreation: Law and Ethics*, 1997, Organizator, Zagreb, p. 399

• *Social and Legal Problems of Artificial Insemination*, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 1993, p. 123

Articles


