



# Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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## Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

### Sixteenth meeting

New York, 28 June 2010

### Item 5 of the provisional agenda\*

## 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 2010

### 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 sixteenth meeting of States parties at United Nations Headquarters on 28 June 2010 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 2010 (see annex I). The names of the other members, who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2010, appear in annex II.

2. In compliance with article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 9 December 2009, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Committee not later than 9 March 2009. The Secretary-General has prepared the following list, in alphabetical order, of all persons nominated by 9 March 2009, indicating the States parties that had nominated them.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Ayse Feride Acar	Turkey
Fadheela Al-Mahroos	Bahrain
Ahmed Al-Mukhaini	Oman

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\* CEDAW/SP/2010/1.



<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Olinda Bareiro-Bobadilla	Paraguay
Joyce Bayande Mbongo Endeley	Cameroon
Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani	Algeria
Valentina Bodrug-Lungu	Republic of Moldova
Dorcas Ama Frema Coker-Appiah	Ghana
Mary Shanthi Dairiam	Malaysia
Julia Lorena Fries Monleón	Chile
Naéla Mohamed Gabr	Egypt
Ruth Halperin-Kaddari	Israel
Yoko Hayashi	Japan
Samith Hou	Cambodia
Rassolguessida Clémence Ilboudo Sawadogo	Burkina Faso
Grace Kyomuhendo-Bantebya	Uganda
Violeta Neubauer	Slovenia
Pramila Patten	Mauritius
Maria Helena Lopes de Jesus Pires	Timor-Leste
Sapana Pradhan-Malla	Nepal
Patricia Schulz	Switzerland
Dubravka Simonovic	Croatia
Amaryllis Torres	Philippines
Judit Wirth	Hungary

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 2010<sup>a</sup>**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ferdous Ara Begum	Bangladesh
Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani	Algeria
Saisuree Chutikul	Thailand
Dorcas Ama Frema Coker-Appiah	Ghana
Cornelis Flinterman	Netherlands
Naéla Mohamed Gabr	Egypt
Ruth Halperin-Kaddari	Israel
Yoko Hayashi	Japan
Violeta Neubauer	Slovenia
Pramila Patten	Mauritius
Dubravka Simonovic	Croatia

<sup>a</sup> Ms. Hazel Gumedé Shelton (South Africa) was elected at the fourteenth meeting of States parties in June 2006 to serve until 31 December 2010. Ms. Shelton resigned in 2007. Another member has not yet been appointed by South Africa to replace her until the end of her term, in accordance with article 17, paragraph 7 of the Convention.

**Annex II****List of the members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2012**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Nicole Ameline	France
Magalys Arocha Domínguez	Cuba
Violet Tsisiga Awori	Kenya
Barbara Evelyn Bailey	Jamaica
Niklas Bruun	Finland
Indira Jaising	India
Soledad Murillo de la Vega	Spain
Silvia Pimentel	Brazil
Victoria Popescu	Romania
Zohra Rasekh	Afghanistan
Xiaoqiao Zou	China

## Annex III

### Curricula vitae of candidates

#### Ayse Feride Acar (Turkey)

##### Date and place of birth

14 January 1948, Bursa, Turkey

##### Working languages

English, French (reading)

##### Current position/function

Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration  
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

##### Main professional activities

- Teaching graduate and undergraduate courses and doing research in political science and gender and women's studies fields
- Advocacy and training for government officials, jurists and civil society activists at national and regional levels (MENA, Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia)
- Consultancy for national and international agencies in women's human rights projects

##### Educational background

- BS in Sociology (1970), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
- MA in Sociology (1973), Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., USA
- PhD in Political Sociology (1976), Bryn Mawr, Bryn Mawr, Pa., USA

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

- Turkish Delegate, Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO), Council of Europe 2009
- Expert Member, Task Force to Combat Violence Against Women, including Domestic Violence, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, 2006-2008
- Member of CEDAW (1997-2005)
  - [Chair (2003-2005), Vice-Chair (2001-2003), Rapporteur (1999-2001)]
- Member and Spokesperson of the Turkish delegation to CSW (1998 and 1999) (represented Turkey in the negotiations of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW)

##### List of most recent publications in the field

- Acar, F., (2007) "Thoughts on the Committee's Past, Hopes for Its Future", The Circle of Empowerment, 25 Years of UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination

against Women, H. B., Schöpp-Schilling and C. Flinterman (eds.), The Feminist Press, New York, 340-345

- Acar, F., (2005) “Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women”, The Essentials of Human Rights, R. K. M. Smith and C. van den Anker (eds.), Hodder Arnold, London; New York, 58-61

## **Fadheela Al-Mahroos (Bahrain)**

### **Date and place of birth**

10 November 1954, Bahrain

### **Working languages**

Arabic and English

### **Current position/function**

- Member of the Supreme Council for Women, Bahrain
- Associate Professor of Paediatrics at the Medical School, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain
- Consultant Paediatrician, Sulmanya Medical Complex, Ministry of Health (MOH) Bahrain
- Chairperson of Child Protection Unit, MOH, Bahrain
- Chairperson of Board of directors of Bahrain Centre for Child Protection
- Member of the National Childhood Committee, Bahrain
- President of the Arab Network for the Prevention of Violence against Children
- Member of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

### **Educational background**

- September 2004: Master of Health Professions Education, AGU, Bahrain
- December 1997: Diploma in Health Care Management, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland and MOH, Bahrain
- June 1988: Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics
- January 1983: Diploma of Child Health, National University of Ireland, Dublin-Ireland
- July 1979: Medical Doctor, Faculty of Medicine, Aleppo University, Syria.

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

- Human rights activists and women rights advocate: expert in multidisciplinary response against family violence. Participated as an organizer and facilitator and lecturer in workshops related to “Family violence as a violation of human rights and Islam”, “Arab Women’s Rights in the Context of CEDAW” and “Women in Society: Social Equity and Rights”

- Women and child rights advocate. Worked on drafting Bahrain's Child Protection Law, which is discussed now in Parliament
- Expert physician in child abuse and neglect. Drew public attention to the problem in the beginning of the 1990s and lectured extensively to various professionals in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Warsaw, Morocco, Doha and the United Arab Emirates and to lay people about the magnitude of the problem, its recognition, management and prevention
- Sample of presentations:
  1. Coordinated "Multidisciplinary response to child abuse and neglect" workshop five days in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, November 2007 and May 2008. Similar course done in Bahrain, April 2008
  2. "Responding to child abuse in Gulf Cooperation Council countries: realities and challenges". Given in February 2004 in Amman and Riyadh Expert Meeting in April 2004. Saudi Arabia
  3. "Recognizing sexual abuse of children workshop" Amman, April 2004
  4. "Sexual exploitation of children", National Cultural Forum, Bahrain, 2003
  5. "Child abuse: Bahrain's perspective" at the 9th Moroccan National Conference on Children's Rights, Casablanca, Morocco 25-26 June 2002
  6. "Bahrain's experience in child abuse" "Diagnosis and management of child abuse in Saudi Arabia Conference", Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, March 2002
  7. "Child abuse, Bahrain's experience" and "Responding to child maltreatment", two presentations given at the 14th International Child Health Conference, Sultan Qaboos University and the Ministry of Health, Oman, 5-7 February 2001
  8. "Child abuse status in Bahrain" and "Child protection: can we achieve it?", two presentations given at the First Arabian Gulf Medical Associations Conference", Bahrain, 24-26 November 1998

#### **Other relevant activities**

- Member of several organizations: Bahrain Medical Society, Bahraini Society for Child Development, Physicians for Human Rights-USA, Amnesty International, USA 1988-1996 and International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Examiner at the Paediatrics Arab Board of Medical Specialization, Damascus, Syria. Expert in children rights, Arab Council for Childhood and Development, Cairo, Egypt

#### **Most recent publications in the field**

1. Al-Mahroos, F. et al, Child abuse, Bahrain's Experience, 2005, Child Abuse and Neglect, International Journal, 29:187-193
2. Al-Mahroos, F. T. and Bandaranayake, R. C., "Teaching ethics in medical schools", Annals of Saudi Medicine, 2003, 23(1-2):1-4

3. Al-Mahroos, F. T., Responding to child abuse in Bahrain: critical look at the present situation and future vision. Chapter in the book “Protecting children from abuse”, Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research, 2002, in press
4. Al-Mahroos, F. T. and Al-Saleh, F., Umbilical cord blood lead level of newborns in Bahrain, Current Paediatrics Research; 2000, 4(1):7-12
5. Contributed to four chapters in “Textbook of clinical paediatrics”. Chapter 192: Inflammatory bowel disease; Chapter 197: The pancreas; Chapter 203: Metabolic liver disease; and Chapter 207: Chronic hepatitis in children. Publisher: Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, 2001
6. Al-Mahroos, F. T., Corporal punishment and psychological maltreatment of schoolgirls in Bahrain, Bahrain Medical Bulletin, 1997, 19(3):70-73

### **Ahmed Al-Mukhaini (Oman)**

#### **Date and place of birth**

3 October 1967, Kuwait

#### **Working languages**

Fluently: Arabic and English, limited: French

#### **Current position**

1. Vice-Principal: SASLO Legal Training Centre
2. Member: the National CEDAW Committee

#### **Main professional activities**

1. Legal training curriculum development
2. Research advisory and quality control

#### **Educational background**

1. MA Political Economy (economic development of the Middle East)
2. BSc (Hons) Information Technology

#### **Other relevant activities**

1. Adviser and consultant of women rights and development with the Oman-UNFPA and some national organizations
2. Facilitating workshops and consultation sessions with the first national think tank dedicated to empower civil society
3. Lecturing and supervising research at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
4. External examiner in pharmacognosy, ethics in Islam and political development

#### **List of most recent publications**

1. Value and process of national dialogue, al-Falaq e-journal, January 2010

2. Women political rights and participation: CEDAW assessment, Proceedings of the Seminar on Women, Omani Society for Writers and Literati, January 2010
3. Assessment of lady members performance of the Shura Council in Oman, Proceedings of the National Symposium on Omani Women, October 2009

## **Olinda Bareiro-Bobadilla (Paraguay)**

### **Date and place of birth**

Asunción, 30 August 1950

### **Working languages**

Spanish, German, English

### **Current position/function**

- Researcher, Centre for Documentation and Studies (CDE)
- Coordinating professor, Regional Programme for Gender and Public Policy (PRIGEPP/FLACSO Argentina)
- Member, Advisory Committee to the National Bicentenary Commission of Paraguay, President of Sakā – Initiative for Electoral Transparency
- Member of the General Assembly, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIHR)

### **Main professional activities**

Currently coordinates CDE projects on “Equality for female domestic workers” and “Families in public policies” and represents CDE in the Network against All Forms of Discrimination. Coordinating professor, Seminar on democracy, citizenship and the State (PRIGEPP), one of the four core courses of the Master’s programme. Consultant to IDRC on the regional report on “Democratic governance and women’s rights” and to Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM-OAS) on the regional report “Democracy and women’s political participation”

### **Educational background**

Law degree from National University of Asunción and Master of Arts degree from the Faculty of Philosophy and History of the University of Heidelberg (subject of concentration: Political Science)

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

Has been working on the Convention and its application in Paraguay since 1986 (year of ratification). With Esther Prieto, published *The legal status of women in Paraguay: first reflections*, CEDHU, Asunción, 1987, which analyses Paraguayan legislation in light of CEDAW. In 1991-1992, coordinated the first report of Paraguay as a State party to CEDAW. Teaches the Interdisciplinary Course in Human Rights of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIHR) and within that institution coordinated efforts to promote ratification of the CEDAW Optional Protocol in Central America in 2000-2001. In 2004 was academic director of the CEDAW Shadow Report on Paraguay and in 2007 and 2008 was academic

coordinator of the Report on Human Rights of the Paraguay Coordinating Body for Human Rights. Wrote Costa Rica's Programme for Women's Active Citizenship (1995), evaluated Paraguay's First Equality Plan and advised on preparation of the Uruguayan Plan for Equal Opportunities and Rights for Women (2006). Founder and coordinator (until August 2009) of the Network against All Forms of Discrimination in Paraguay. Was awarded the Peter Benenson prize by Amnesty International Paraguay in 2009.

#### **List of most recent publications in the field**

On CEDAW: with Marcella Zub (2009) "CEDAW Committee's Legislative Recommendations for Latin American Countries", in [http://www.americalatinagenera.org/main/especiales/2009/parlamentarias/documentos/recomend\\_legis\\_comite\\_cedaw.pdf](http://www.americalatinagenera.org/main/especiales/2009/parlamentarias/documentos/recomend_legis_comite_cedaw.pdf) also published in Ministry of Foreign Affairs/UNIFEM/ United Nations Human Rights, Women 30 Years, Buenos Aires 2009; with Elba Nunez (2005)

"How we did it" in CLADEM/CMO, CDE, *Shadow report, CEDAW. Citizens Watch: Women's Human Rights in Paraguay*, Asuncion, [http://www.cde.org.py/ww1/attachments/058\\_informesombra.pdf](http://www.cde.org.py/ww1/attachments/058_informesombra.pdf); Keynote Address

"Ratification of the CEDAW Optional Protocol", at the National Women's Institute, *National Colloquium for the Analysis and Application of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW: Memoria*, INMUJERES México D.F. 2002, see [http://cedoc.inmujeres.gob.mx/documentos\\_download/100876.pdf](http://cedoc.inmujeres.gob.mx/documentos_download/100876.pdf)

### **Joyce Bayande Mbongo Endeley (Cameroon)**

#### **Date and place of birth**

13 October 1956, Kumba, Cameroon

#### **Working language**

English

#### **Current position/function**

- Director of Academic Affairs and Cooperation, University of Buea (UB), (2006 to date)
- Head of Department, Women and Gender Studies UB, (1993 to date)
- Associate Professor of Agricultural Extension and Gender Studies (2003 to date)

#### **Main professional activities**

- Teaching courses in Women/Gender and Development Studies and Agricultural Extension courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- Research, Community services and consultancy on: Gender in development policy, activities and projects: Gender analysis and gender mainstreaming
- Administration: Board member of development organizations

**Educational background**

1984-1987 Ohio State University, USA, Ph.D. Agricultural Extension Education

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

- Studies and training on themes of concern to CEDAW:
- Main thematic areas of individual, joint and supervised postgraduate research work: specific titles are available upon request
- Conceptualizing women's empowerment in Cameroon societies; gender analysis of the concept of motherhood and widowhood in different cultural contexts in Cameroon societies; what credit schemes mean to women's entrepreneurship, livelihoods and challenges they confront in making use of credit schemes in Cameroon; gender analysis and women's issues in primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions in Cameroon; women and politics in Cameroon; gender and women's issues in the agricultural systems and sector in Cameroon and Africa

**List of most recent publications in the field**

Endeley, Joyce B. M. and Sikod Fondo, 2007, *The social impact of the Chad-Cameroon oil pipeline: how industrial development affects gender relations, land tenure, and local culture*, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press; Endeley, Joyce B., Mbongo and Ngaling, Margaret, 2007, "Challenging gender inequality in higher education: attitudes and perceptions of teaching staff and administrators at the University of Buea, Cameroon", *Feminist Africa* 9:63-84; Lyonga, Nalova and Endeley, Joyce B., 2006, "The making of an institution: one woman's experience with leadership", *Asian Women* 22 (3):41-61. (More publications)

**Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani (Algeria)****Date and place of birth**

Algiers, 1 April 1935

**Working languages**

Arabic, French, English

**Current position/function**

- Lawyer
- Expert at the CEDAW Committee
- Elected in 2005 as Vice-Chair of CEDAW

**Main professional activities**

- 1999: Member of the Justice Reform Commission instituted by the President of the Republic and member of the Civil and Penal Codes amendments in the Ministry of Justice
- 1998-2001: Member of the Senate from January 1998 to January of 2001 and President of the independent Parliamentary Group at the Senate

- 1992-1993: Minister to the Head of Government for juridical and Administrative affairs
- 1974: Consul Lawyer at the Court of Algiers
- 1962-1964. Member of the Parliament which endowed the country First Constituent
- Member of the Constituent National Bureau and Member of the Educational and Cultural commission of the National Assembly

#### **Educational background**

- Primary and secondary school (Algiers and Paris)
- 1962: Holder of two certificates in Psycho-Pedagogy delivered by the Piaget Institute in Geneva
- 1966: graduated in Law
- 1966-1968: preparation of two doctorates in Law

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

- Active militant for women's rights 1998: President of the General Assembly founding of the Algerian Association for Family Planning; 1984: President of the delegation that met with the President of the National Assembly in 1984 to submit complaints and a counter project concerning the Family Code
- 1964: founding member of the Fight against Illiteracy Association
- 1963 -1965: member of the National Union of Algerian women (UNFA)
- 1956: prisoner in the jails of Algeria and France for four and a half years
- 1955: member of the Front of National Liberation (FLN) and the National liberation army (ALN)

### **Valentina Bodrug-Lungu (Republic of Moldova)**

#### **Date and place of birth**

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 24 February 1961

#### **Working languages**

Russian, French, English and Romanian

#### **Current position/function**

- Ph.D, Associate Professor in pedagogy and psychology, Moldova State University
- President of NGO Gender-Centru; National Gender Expert
- Member of National Council of Participation beside Prime Minister
- Member of the Board of KARAT Coalition (regional coalition of women's NGOs in CEE and CIS)

**Main professional activities**

- Contributed significantly in drafting and promoting of various documents: National Strategy on Gender Equality in Moldova; Domestic Violence Law; Gender Equality Law in Moldova; National Action Plan on Gender Equality Promotion (2006-2009); National Strategy on Reproductive Health etc.
- Actively involved in advocacy for creating and building capacity of National Mechanism on Gender Equality in Moldova; member of governmental committee on gender equality (2006-2008); head of Presidential Committee on Women and Family Issues (1999-2000)
- Undertook research studies: “Gender in the context of MDGs in Moldova”, UNIFEM (2007)
- Coordinator of study on State responsiveness to violence against children, UNICEF (2006); coordinator of regional survey “The level of public awareness on domestic violence and sexual harassment at the workplace”, UNIFEM (2001) etc.

**Educational background**

- Moldovan State University, Ph.D in pedagogy and psychology: Gender Education (2009)
- Lund University, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden: regional programme on the equal status and human rights of women (2002)
- Moscow State University, Ph.D, History/Education issues (1985-1989)
- Chisinau State University Department of History (1978 -1983)

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

- Actively engaged in advocacy for the use of CEDAW as a tool for empowering and protecting women. Coordinator of regional project “Building towards Eastern European and Central Asia NGO Coalition on Optional Protocol to CEDAW” (KARAT Coalition) in Moldova (2008-2009). Co- reporter on Shadow Report, 36 session of CEDAW Committee, NY (2006)
- Building capacity of State institution representatives on implementation of recommendations adopted by the CEDAW Committee. Building capacity of NGO representatives on their monitoring and advocacy roles in reporting under the CEDAW
- Promoting and facilitating Moldova’s participation in regional and global initiatives; member of national delegations participating at the Special UNGAS Session “Women 2000”, New York; Beijing+15 regional review meeting, Geneva (2009); at European ministerial and other international conferences on gender equality and domestic violence etc.

**List of most recent publications in the field**

Theory and methodology of gender education: thesis for the degree of Doctor Habilitatus in Pedagogy, Chisinau, 2009; national mechanism on gender equality in Moldova/Gender equality in today’s world: the role of national mechanisms, Moscow, 2008; gender in the context of MDGs in the Republic of Moldova/UNIFEM, Chisinau, 2007; gender sensitization of population, Chişinău,

2007; author, chapter: Families in Moldova/Families in Eastern Europe, vol. 5, published by Elsevier Ltd., London, New York, 2004 etc.

## **Dorcas Ama Frema Coker-Appiah (Ghana)**

### **Date and place of birth**

Wenchi, 17 August 1946

### **Working language**

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, (2007-2010)

### **Main professional activities**

- 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
- Member, Board of Women, Peace and Security Network (WiPSEN), Africa, an organization working on peace and security issues in countries emerging from conflict. (2008 to date)
- Member, Steering Committee, Network of Women's Rights in Ghana (NETRIGHT)
- Member, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Ghana

### **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**

- i. Member, Group of Experts to Liberia to assess needs of Government of Liberia in implementation of CEDAW, June 2006
- ii. Facilitator, training workshop for staff of Ministry of Gender, Liberia, to write CEDAW report, March 2007
- iii. Facilitator, validation of Sierra Leone's CEDAW report, October 2006
- iv. Member, Group of Experts to Sierra Leone to assess needs of Government of Sierra Leone in implementing CEDAW, October 2004 organized by UN Division for the Advancement of Women

- v. Facilitator, training workshop for staff of Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, Sierra Leone, 4-8 April 2005, organized by UN Division for the Advancement of Women
- vi. Facilitator, training of women in political leadership in Liberia, organized by the Office of the Gender Adviser, UNMIL, June 2005 in Monrovia, Liberia
- vii. Member, Advisory Committee on Secretary-General's study on violence against women

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- a. "A guide to developing a community response to violence against women in Ghana"
- b. A publication of Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre. (2008)
- c. Co-writer with Clara Fayorsey and Christine Dowuona-Hammond "Societal influences on the conduct of conjugal relations" in Women and Law in West Africa, "Gender relations in the family – a West African perspective" edited by Akua Kuenyehia (2003)
- d. Co-editor, Coker-Appiah – Cusack, "Breaking the silence and challenging the myths of violence against women and children in Ghana, report of a national study."(1999)
- e. Publication of Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre

**Mary Shanthi Dairiam (Malaysia)**

**Date and place of birth**

Selangor, Malaysia, 17 September 1939

**Working languages**

English, Malay

**Current position/function**

- Member, Gender Equality Task Force, UNDP, 2007-present
- Member of the Advisory Panel, Disability Rights Fund, Boston, USA. 2008-present
- Member of the Board of Directors, International Women Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP), Malaysia, 1996-present
- Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Institute for the Empowerment of Women, member of the Advisory Committee, Malaysia, 2007-present
- The National Advisory Council on Women, member, Malaysia, March 2005- present

**Main professional activities**

- Founding member of the Board of Directors, International Women Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP), Malaysia, 1996-present

- Executive Director, International Women Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP), Malaysia, 1993-2004
- Project Officer, Women and Development Programme, Commonwealth Secretariat, United Kingdom, March-July 1992
- Programme associate, Asia-Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD), Malaysia, 1988-1990
- Head, Programme and Technical Division, Federation of Family Planning Associations, Malaysia, 1982-1985

**Educational background**

- University of Sussex, United Kingdom, MA Gender and Development, 1991
- University of Madras, India, MA English Literature, 1962
- University of Madras, India, BA English Literature, 1960

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

- United Nations: trained advocates in Aceh, Indonesia, to promote women's right to equality through law reform that is compliant with the CEDAW Convention, 2007; trained Governments of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Cambodia in the preparation of their reports to the CEDAW Committee, 2006-2007; did a need assessments for the implementation of the Convention in Afghanistan, 2006; trained Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Liberia, Malaysia, Samoa, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uruguay and Timor-Leste to prepare them for the review of their compliance with their obligations under the Convention by the CEDAW Committee, 2004-2006 and 2009
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: carried out an analysis of the draft gender equality law in Tajikistan to assess comprehensiveness and compliance with the requirements of CEDAW, March 2003; conducted a review of the compliance of the laws of Tajikistan with the requirements of the CEDAW Convention, August 2002

**List of most recent publications in the field**

Examination of the jurisprudence of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women with reference to the cases decided on under the Optional Protocol, April, 2009; Culture and inequality: international human rights instruments as a tool for change, February, 2009; The role of women in society: Malaysian and Asian perspectives, May 2008; From global to local: the role of NGOs, 2007; The practice of child marriage in South Asian countries: a gross form of gender-based discrimination and a violation of human rights, July, 2006

**Julia Lorena Fries Monleón (Chile)****Date and place of birth**

Zurich, 1 April 1960

**Working languages**

Spanish and English

**Current position/function**

Director, Corporación Humanas, an NGO with UN advisory status dedicated to the promotion and defence of women's human rights. Professor, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Chile

**Main professional activities**

- Lawyer handling women's human rights cases and litigant before the regional human rights system
- Professor, "Human rights: theory and practice" course, Centre for Human Rights
- Consultant in matters relating to women's human rights, gender violence, criminal law and gender issues for multilateral agencies and non-governmental organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean

**Educational background**

- Master's degree in International Human Rights Law, Oxford University
- Barrister admitted before the Supreme Court of Chile
- Licentiate in Laws, University of Salamanca
- Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate Coordinator for the Regional Feminist Coalition for Human Rights and Gender Justice
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Women's Initiative for Gender Justice

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- "Study of data on violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean", Gender Affairs Division, ECLAC, December 2009
- "Gender and power in the Bachelet era", Equity and Gender Observatory, December 2009
- "Equal Opportunities" Symposium, in the Human Rights Yearbook of the Human Rights Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Chile, 2008, pp. 71-96
- "Feminine freedoms and masculine paradoxes", with Carola Carrera in the journal Chile XXI, 2004
- "The development of women's economic, social and cultural rights in the international system for the protection of human rights", Platform for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Ediciones Taller Comunicación Mujer, Quito, Ecuador. 2004

**Naéla Mohamed Gabr (Egypt)****Date and place of birth**

19 February 1950, Cairo, Egypt

**Current position/function**

- Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) (2009- present). Member of CEDAW (1998-present)

- Chairperson of the Egyptian National Coordination Committee on Combating and Preventing Human Trafficking (2007-present)
- President of the Egyptian National Committee for the Francophonie (2009-present)

#### **Main professional activities**

- Membership of CEDAW: participation in its sessions and some of its pre-session working groups, representing the Committee before international forums and UN relevant bodies. Vice-Chair (2007-2008)
- Focal Point for women, children and social development issues at Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1992
- Initiator and director of the Human Rights Department at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1992-1996). Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights, International Social and Humanitarian Affairs (1996-1999). Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Botswana and the Kingdom of Lesotho (1999-2002). Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN Office in Geneva and to the WTO (2002-2005). Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs (2005-February 2010)
- Board member of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), 2002-2008
- Personal representative of the President for the Francophonie (2003-present)

#### **Educational background**

- Master's degree in international relations, Cairo University
- Master's degree in French literature, University of Brno, Czechoslovakia
- B.A. Economics and political science, Cairo University

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

- Substantive preparation of national reports to the UN human rights treaty monitoring bodies, cooperation with UNICEF, UNHCR, DHA, UNDCP, the Centre for Human Rights (1992-1999) and OHCHR (2005-2010)
- Coordination with the national competent authorities and international organizations for: Second Summit of the First Ladies of the Non-Aligned Movement (Rome, November 2009), First Summit of the First Ladies of the Non-Aligned Movement (Sharm Elsheikh, July 2009), regional expert meeting on rights-based assistance to victims of trafficking (December 2008, Cairo), preparation of the second ministerial conference on women's role in the development of the OIC member States (November 2008, Cairo), Bahrain Conference on combating trafficking in human beings (March 2009), Vienna Forum on the UN Global Initiative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (February 2008) and the World Summit for Social Development (March 1995, Copenhagen) and the World Conference on Human Rights (1993, Vienna)

#### **List of most recent publications in the field**

Articles and proceedings of lectures: Combating human trafficking, Centre for Social Studies (2009), Recent developments in human rights mechanisms, Institute of

Diplomatic Studies (2009), Human rights in the African context, Institute of Diplomatic Studies (2008), Comparative studies in women's human rights in the Arab world, National Council for Women (2008), Human rights treaty monitoring bodies, Police Academy (2008), Reservations on CEDAW in OIC countries: a comparative analysis, UNDP training programme on human rights (2008)

## **Ruth Halperin-Kaddari (Israel)**

### **Date and place of birth**

Israel, 15 May 1966

### **Working language**

English

### **Current position/function**

- Director, the Ruth and Emanuel Rackman International Center for the Advancement of the Status Women, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel
- Associate Professor, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel
- Vice-Chair, Committee on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), United-Nations

### **Main professional activities**

- The Rackman Center: Chief Editor (Rabbinical Decisions publication; statistical bi-annual on women and family in Israel; women's legislative compilation); academic supervisor of the Legal Aid Clinic; chief advocacy program (drafting bills for legal reform)
- CEDAW: Chair of the Working Group on a new general recommendation on the economic consequences of marriage and its dissolution
- Bar-Ilan Law Faculty: teaching and research areas: family law; feminist critic of law; women and religion; international women's rights
- Israel Bar Association: Director, Family law continuing education programs and seminars; member of the Steering Committee of the Israeli Bar Annual Conference

### **Educational background**

- Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, J.S.D. June 1993
- Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, LL.M. May 1990
- Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, LL.B. June 1989, Summa Cum Laude
- Tel-Aviv University, Department of sociology, Tel Aviv, Israel, post-doctoral fellow

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

- 2002-2008: The Prime Minister's Office, Jerusalem, Israel

- Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women
- 2008-2009: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- Member of research group on religion, politics and gender equality
- 2003-2006: United-Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- Head of the Israeli delegation to the 47th to 50th sessions of the CSW
- 1996-1997, 2000-2001: Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel
- Prepared the official Israeli combined first and second and third periodic reports under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- Women in Israel: a state of their own, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004
- One constitution and one law to the man and to the woman: women, rights and the law during the mandate period forthcoming (Margalit Shiloh, Eyal katvan, Ruth Halperin-Kaddari Eds., Bar-Ilan Press, 2010)
- Between universal feminism and particular nationalism: politics, religion and gender (in)equality in Israel, (together with Yaacov Yadgar), to be published in Third World Quarterly (2010)

**Yoko Hayashi (Japan)**

**Date and place of birth**

9 June 1956, Mito, Japan

**Working languages**

English, Japanese

**Current position/function**

- Lawyer in private practice (Athena law office, Tokyo, Japan)
- Member, CEDAW (January 2008 to date)
- Member, Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol, CEDAW (January 2009 to date)

**Main professional activities**

- Member, Specialist Committee on Violence against Women, under the Gender Equality Bureau of the Cabinet Office (2001 to date)
- Member, Specialist Committee on Basic Issues and Basic Plan, under the Gender Equality Bureau of the Cabinet Office (2009 to date)

- Board member, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP) (2006 to date)
- Member, Advisory Committee for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Tokyo Office (2006 to date)
- Alternate member, UN Subcommission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (2004-2006)
- Deputy President, Women's Bar Association of Japan (2002-2004)
- Adviser to the Japanese Government for the UN Fourth World Conference on Women (1995, Beijing)

### **Educational background**

LL.B. Waseda University, 1979

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

- Visiting professor of law, Waseda Law School, Tokyo (2004 to March 2009)
- Lecturer at the United Nations University (UNU) joint graduate course on "Women and human rights" (2008)
- Board member, Japan Civil Liberties Union (JCLU) (1990-present), Secretary General (1998-2000)
- Advisory committee member, Asian Women's Fund (1995-2003)
- Legal adviser, Tokyo Rape Crisis Centre (1983-1997)

### **List of most recent publications in the field**

- Hayashi, Yoko, "The 30th anniversary of CEDAW, the achievements and challenges", *Human Rights Monthly* No. 251, (2009) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko, Protection for victims under the revised anti-domestic violence law, the human rights mechanism in prospect (Tokyo: Yushindo-Kobunsha, 2007) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko and Mutsuko Yoshioka (eds.), Lectures on law relating to gender in practice, pp. 321-366, 397-423 (Tokyo: Minjiho Kenkyukai, 2007) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko, "The Human Rights Council from the viewpoint of the Subcommission on Human Rights", *Human Rights International* No. 18, pp. 107-109 (2007) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko, "Discrimination against children born out of wedlock in terms of inheritance", *Handbook on Practice of International Human Rights Law* (2007) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko, "What is 'Discrimination against women'? : unfair treatment of women for reasons of pregnancy and birth and the equal opportunity law", *Josei to Rodo* 21 vol. 15 (No. 58), pp. 7-16 (2006) (in Japanese)

**Samith Hou (Cambodia)****Date of birth**

Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 1 January 1958

**Present position**

Secretary General, Cambodian National Council for Women

**Professional experience**

Ms Hou Samith has over 30 years' experience from increasingly senior positions in Government along with work with NGOs, specifically working in the area of women's rights and development. She would be a most valuable asset to the Committee, as she has the practical experience of leading and managing development work in the area of gender equality and women's rights along with her in-depth knowledge of the CEDAW. As the Secretary General of the Cambodian National Council for Women, responsible for the CEDAW, she has the experience of leading the work on dissemination of the CEDAW and the concluding comments in Cambodia, in close cooperation with senior Government officials, parliamentarians, and the human rights institutions. She has competently led the national working group through consultations and drafting of the national report to the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. In her capacity of senior Government official, she has participated in high-level international forums and conferences, which has provided her the necessary high-level international-level experience to engage effectively in such a committee. Furthermore, Ms Hou Samith has the English language skills necessary to engage at this level.

**Positions held**

- Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Cambodian National Council for Women (2008-2010), (CNCW is responsible for implementing the State's commitment to CEDAW monitoring, implementation and reporting.)
- As Secretary General Ms. Hou Samith responsible for oversight and performance of the General Secretariat, which is the operational secretariat of the national council. She oversees the work of the three departments and their respective divisions under the general secretariat. This includes developing the workplan for the Council and also managing the funds from both the national budget and development partners, including the UN. (Please find attached the sub-decree on the role and responsibilities of the CNCW and the General Secretariat)
- Director General, Department of Technical Affairs, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia (1998-2008)
- Programme officer, PATH (Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health) Cambodia, responsible for work on migration dynamics and HIV/AIDS prevention, Cambodia (leave of absence from MOWA) 2001-2008
- Deputy Director General, Ministry of Women's Affairs (1996-1998)
- Director of Women and Development Department, Ministry of Women's Affairs (1992-1996), Cambodia
- Staff, Women's Association of Cambodia (1984-1992)

- Member of Prek Pnov Commune People's Committee, responsible for social affairs and culture, Kandal Province, Cambodia (1981-84)
- Sub-chief of Prek Pnov Health Centre, Kandal Province (1980-1981)

#### **Educational background**

- Baccalaureat II (Sisovath high school, 1974, Phnom Penh)
- Masters degree in public administration (2009, Chamroeun University of Polytechnology, Phnom Penh)

#### **Selected training courses**

- English language, level 12, Australian Centre for Education, Phnom Penh Cambodia 1997
- Training in advocacy, communication and social mobilization, Thailand August 2007
- English language course, three months, Singapore, 1999
- Project planning and management for women in development, Australia, six weeks, 1998
- ASEAN orientation course, November 1997
- Principles of management and good governance. Cambodian Institute of Human Rights, 2000
- Implementing the Beijing Platform for Action, UNICEF, Promoting women's and children's rights, China, 1995

#### **List of publications**

Ms. Hou Samith has contributed with technical advice and quality assurance to a range of CEDAW-related material and publications produced in Cambodia in English and Khmer, which have been commissioned for CEDAW awareness-raising and training. These include:

1. Training manual and leaflet on CEDAW
2. CNCW magazines

### **Rassolguessida Clémence Iboudo Sawadogo (Burkina Faso)**

#### **Date and place of birth**

Rounou/Kongoussi, Burkina Faso, 10 October 1959

#### **Working language**

French

#### **Current position/function**

- Married: three children, ages 27, 22 and 14 years

- September 2008: General Secretary of the Ministry for the Advancement of Women, Burkina Faso
- 2003-2008: President of the social affairs division of the Court of Appeals of Ouagadougou
- 2003-2006: Adviser to the Court of Appeals of Ouagadougou
- 1997- 2003: Technical adviser to the Minister for the Advancement of Women

#### **Main professional activities**

- Support to the Minister in implementing the policy of the Ministry responsible for women's issues
- Administrative and technical coordination of central, decentralized and subsidiary offices and mission structures
- Relations with the technical units of other ministries
- Participation in national and international meetings on the status of women
- Substitute teacher at the National School of Administration and the judiciary

#### **Educational background**

- 1980: Baccalauréat A4
- 1980-1985: Law studies at the University of Ouagadougou
- 1985: Master's in Law and admission to the National School of Administration and the Judiciary
- 1987: admitted to the judiciary of Burkina Faso

#### **Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate**

- Since 1991: consultant and instructor in the area of women's and children's rights
- 1997-2002: Technical adviser to the Ministry on all women's rights and legal issues
- 1998-2008: President of the National Commission to Combat Discrimination against Women, the body responsible for implementing the CEDAW
- Participated in the preparation and in the Committee's examination of the second, third, fourth and fifth CEDAW reports of Burkina Faso, and in preparation of the sixth report to be examined in October 2010 at UN headquarters
- Participated in adoption of the Protocol to the African Charter of Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, March 2003, at Addis Ababa
- Member of the Women's Bar Association of Burkina Faso

#### **List of most recent publications in the field**

- (1) Study of the legal and socio-economic status of women in Burkina Faso, conducted in January 2000 for UNICEF Burkina
- (2) Study on the legal protection of young female domestic workers, in 2007

## **Grace Kyomuhendo-Bantebya (Uganda)**

### **Date and place of birth**

Hoima District Uganda, 2 October 1963

### **Working language**

English

### **Current position/function**

Professor, Department of Women and Gender Studies, Makerere University. Main duties include supervising Ph.D and MA students, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses and research and publication. Within the university framework, I am a member of the University Program Review (Humanities Committee), member of the University Mentoring Group for women academicians

### **Main professional activities**

- Teaching graduate and undergraduate students
- Supervision of graduate students, both MA and Ph.D
- Conducting research and dissemination of findings at various forums, both locally and internationally
- Peer reviewer articles and member of editorial board AGENDA Africa
- Networking and advocacy activities promoting women's rights with various women organizations at national, regional and international levels
- Training in gender for various sectors, e.g. Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development
- Review of policies for gender sensitivity

### **Educational background**

- Ph.D Sociology and Social Anthropology Hull University, UK, 1997, and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Social Anthropology, Cambridge University, UK, 1990
- Bachelor of Arts, Social Sciences (second class honours, upper division) Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, 1987
- Has undertaken numerous short courses in gender and development, gender and women rights

### **Other main activities**

Serves on voluntarily basis on a number of boards within the civil society. I was the Chairperson, Uganda Women's Network, an organization devoted to advocating for the rights of the vulnerable people in the society, for four years. I am the patron of women's agriculturalist and environmentalist association and also serve on the Uganda civil society capacity-building committee, funded by the European Union. I was a board member of the Eastern Africa Subregional Initiative for the Advancement of Women. In recognition of my outstanding and potential leadership capacity, I was awarded an International Women's Forum Leadership Fellowship in

2007/2008 which I successfully completed. I am the Chairperson, National Quality Assurance Certification Mechanism Council

**List of most recent publications**

**Published books**

- Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo and Marjorie Keniston McIntosh (2006), *Women, Work and Domestic Virtue in Uganda: 1900-2003*, jointly published by James Currey-Oxford Ohio University Press-Athens and Fountain publishers
- Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo (ed.) (2005), *Women's health, national and international perspective*, published by Women and Gender Studies, Makerere University, Makerere University Printery

**Published articles in books**

- Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo (2009) The Mobile "Village" Phone Business: A Vehicle for Rural Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality in Uganda in *Africa Women and ICTSS: Investigating Technology, Gender and Empowerment* ed by Ineke Busken and AnneWebb Published by Zed publishers UK
- Grace Bantebya et al., 2007, Challenges to women's empowerment through ICTSS: the case of Makerere University in *AGENDA journal* 2007 pp. 81-88
- Grace Bantebya et al., 2007, Reflections on a collaborative experiences using ICT in a transcultural women's health module *AGENDA journal* 2007 pp. 54-65

**Violeta Neubauer (Slovenia)**

**Date and place of birth**

31 March 1954, Postojna, Slovenia

**Working languages**

English, Italian, Croatian, Slovenian

**Current position/functions**

- Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities
- Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and its Rapporteur

**Main professional activities**

- Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities, 1992-present
- Member of national Government consultative, coordinating and other bodies, including the Intersectoral Working Group on action against trafficking in human beings and Intersectoral Human Rights Commission
- Member of regional and international/intergovernmental organizations, including of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for equality between women and men

and its Ad Hoc Committee instructed to prepare the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

### **Educational background**

1973-1977 Studied sociology at Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana University, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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

- Founder and member of national non-governmental organisations, including of the Coalition for Gender-balanced Participation in Public Decision-making, Association Ključ – centre on fight against trafficking in human beings and Association for the Promotion of Women in Culture – City of Women
- Promotion of adequate understanding of the nature and meaning of the international gender equality standards through participation in various meetings, round tables and seminars at national, regional and international level
- Expert assistance to State parties to the CEDAW Convention in their reporting obligations and implementation of the Committee’s recommendations and of the views on the communications considered under the Optional Protocol procedures
- Raising awareness of NGOs and independent human rights institutions on their monitoring and advocacy roles in reporting under the CEDAW Convention, and full and timely implementation of recommendations adopted by the CEDAW Committee
- Member of national delegations participating at the Fourth World Conference on Women and regional and global follow-up process, at European ministerial and other international conferences on gender equality, and of national delegations presenting reports under the human rights treaties
- Advocacy for overcoming underrepresentation of women in political and public decision-making and expert assistance in developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating actions and measures to increase the participation of women in elected and appointed assemblies
- Consultancy in gender equality projects, including legislative initiatives, in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Montenegro, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- Papers presented and speeches delivered at numerous conferences on gender equality and participation in meetings of groups of experts aimed to contribute to development of recommendations or guidelines for accelerating the achievement of gender equality in specific substantive areas

### **List of most recent publications in the field**

Shared decision-making, 5♀/5♂ campaign for elections to European Parliament, special supplement to Delo, Slovene Daily newspaper, 2009, co-editor and co-author; Positive actions to promote equal representation of women and men in civil service, paper for the seminar organized by the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), 2006; Women and Politics in Slovenia, paper prepared for the “Handbuch des politischen Systems Sloweniens”, *Schriftenreihe des Oesterreichischen Ost- und Suedosteuropa-Instituts*, 2006

## **Pramila Patten (Mauritius)**

### **Date and place of birth**

29 June 1958, Mauritius

### **Working languages**

English and French

### **Current position/function**

- CEDAW Committee member; member of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to CEDAW
- Member of Advisory Panel for the Africa Women's Rights Observatory (AWRO)
- Member of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD) appointed in July 2008 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

### **Main professional activities**

- Practising barrister at law (Head of Chambers)
- Legal adviser to several companies, domestic and offshore
- Chairperson of two task forces established by the Government of Mauritius to review (i) all discriminatory laws against women and (ii) all child-related protection laws
- Drafting of selected legislation and concept paper for the Government of Mauritius such as the Child Protection Bill; Sex Discrimination Bill; Protection from Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill; Ombudsperson for Children Bill; Family Court Bill; National Children's Council Regulations; Reform of the Family Justice System in Mauritius

### **Educational background**

- LLB Honours (first class), University of London, United Kingdom
- Diploma in Criminology, Kings College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
- Professional and vocational bar, Council of Legal Education, United Kingdom
- LLM, Master's degree in law, University of London, United Kingdom
- Member of the English bar, called as a barrister at Gray's Inn, UK

### **Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of CEDAW**

- Appointed by the Secretary-General as Commissioner in International Commission of Inquiry in the massacre in Conakry, Guinea, November-December 2009
- Provision of technical assistance to the following State parties: 2009: Timor-Leste, Thailand, Japan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan; 2008: Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, French Polynesia
- Consultant for the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) on issues of violence against women, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie and Interparliamentary Union (IPU) and ILO (training of parliamentarians)

- Resource person and/or keynote speaker at several expert panel meetings, seminars and conferences

#### **List of most recent publications in the field**

1. Sexual harassment at work and violence against women (1995)
2. Marriage laws in Mauritius (1999); the rights of children – international, regional and national (1999)
3. Guide on UN mechanisms and fundamental rights of women (2000)
4. Articles: "Passport to dignity"; "The circle of empowerment – 25 years of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women"; "Gender, women and tobacco" – WHO report

### **Maria Helena Lopes de Jesus Pires (Timor-Leste)**

#### **Date and place of birth**

19 June 1966, Dili, Timor-Leste

#### **Working languages**

English, Portuguese, Tetum, rudimentary Spanish and French

#### **Current position/function**

Senior policy adviser to the Vice-Prime Minister

#### **Main professional activities**

- Planning and management of policy development on administrative reform (current)
 

As the adviser to the Vice-Prime Minister in charge of the management of the State administration, Ms. Pires is responsible for planning, prioritizing and managing policy development for administrative reform within the Timorese public service. She coordinates the development of policy proposals from different Government ministries and agencies aimed at developing and strengthening the accountability framework for the respective institutions
- Civil society strengthening specialist, justice facility programme, the Asia Foundation, Timor-Leste (2008-2009)
  - Focused on the engagement of civil society in the improvement of access to justice for citizens, including a special focus on the need for women's access to justice
- Coordinator of the justice sector report for the *State of the Nation Report* (2007-2008)
 

Responsible for the coordination of the elaboration of the justice sector component of Timor-Leste's State of the Nation Report 2008
- Country programme coordinator, UNIFEM (2002-2007)
 

Responsible for re-establishing the UNIFEM office in Timor-Leste, as well as the development and management of the implementation country programmes

- Media specialist, Ministry of Education
- Member of the Constituent Assembly (2001-2002).

As a member of the Constituent Assembly which was tasked to draft the Constitution of Timor-Leste, Mme. Pires was an advocate a Constitution which contains sufficient provisions to the respects and protection of the rights of women to participation in political decision. In order to achieve that, Mme. Pires was among the members of the Constituent who pushed for a more consultative process for the elaboration of the draft constitution, and for strong constitutional provisions to protect and promote the rights of women.

- Asia Policy Officer, Catholic Institute for International Relations (CIIR)
- Counsellor for survivors of torture and trauma

### **Educational background**

Bachelor of Arts with double majors in sociology and English literature and minor in politics.

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

- UNIFEM National Advocate against violence against women
- Founding member of REDE Feto, network of Timorese women organizations
- Founding member of the Social Democratic Party (PSD)
- Member of the consultative group to the Office of the Adviser to the Prime Minister for the Promotion of Equality. In this capacity, Ms. Pires contributed to the preparation of Timor-Leste's initial report for CEDAW
- Member of the consultative group to the Secretary of State for the promotion of equality
- Member of the Board of the Alola Foundation, local NGO working on human rights of women
- Member of the Board of PRADET, NGO providing mental health services
- In her capacity as the Adviser to the Vice-Prime Minister, Ms. Pires is responsible for the elaboration of policies for the implementation of the general comments and recommendations of the CEDAW Committee as they relate to the management of the State administration
- Actively promoting human rights of women by addressing workshops, seminars and conference at the national level. Special emphasis is placed on women's participation in political decision-making, which in her view is crucial for enhancing human participation in other fields of social and economic lives

### **List of publications**

- Working towards women's rights in Timor-Leste: the launch of "Women, war and peace" and the visit to the village of Mauxiga", in Viva Timor-Leste! vol. II, Public Information Office of UNMISSET, Dili, 2005, pp. 76-77

- “Enhancing women’s participation in electoral processes in post-conflict countries: experiences from East Timor”, enhancing women’s participation in electoral processes in post-conflict countries expert group meeting, United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Glen Cove, 19-22 January 2004
- “East Timor and the debate on quotas”, presentation to Regional Workshop on the Implementation of Quotas, International IDEA, Jakarta, September 2002

## **Sapana Pradhan-Malla (Nepal)**

### **Date and place of birth**

15 November 1963, Nawal Parasi, Nepal

### **Working languages**

Nepali and English

### **Current position/function**

- Member of Constituent Assembly of Nepal, 2008-2010
- Adviser, Committee on Violence against Women 2010, Office the Prime Minister
- Chair of the Executive Board, Equality Now
- Member, Forum for Women Law and Development
- Board member of International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia-Pacific. Organization facilitates the implementation of women’s rights through CEDAW
- Member of Advisory Board, Regional Network of SAP International on violence against women in politics

### **Main professional activities**

- Member of Constitutional Committee (drafting committee) within Constituent Assembly vested with the responsibility of finalizing of Constitution
- Member of Legislation Committee in Parliament that scrutinizes the bills and makes necessary improvements before they are finally adopted by the House. Played leading role as a coordinator in the technical committee to adopt the Domestic Violence Act 2007
- Engaged and contributed significantly in drafting of various bills, including Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill; Gender Equality Amendment Bill; Country Code 11th Amendment Bill; and Anti-Human Trafficking Bill. Worked as a member of the high powered Committee to amend discriminatory law against women, Government of Nepal, 2001
- Worked as a public interest litigation lawyer in almost all of the leading cases related to gender discrimination in Nepal, invoking the State’s obligation as a State party to the CEDAW that led to the issuance of orders by the Supreme Court of Nepal for reforms in laws and practice on range of issues, such as marital rape law, inheritance right for women, confidentiality of affected persons

- Provided legal aid to victim of sexual violence, social and cultural violence and denial of various rights, including right to property as an active member of Nepal Bar Association and FWLD
- Involved in continuous advocacy for law reform, law enforcement, access to justice, for changing the prejudice and stereotyped mindset, for creating institutions and allocation resources for de jure and de facto realization of rights
- Actively engaged in advocacy for the use of CEDAW as a tool for empowering women. Also involved in the advocacy for the ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2006, OP to CRC and UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime 2000
- Lecturer, Nepal law campus, Tribhuvan University from 1992 to 1994. Guest lecture provided in various national and international institutions and universities, including the Harvard Law School

**Educational background**

- Master's degree in comparative law (MCL), University of Delhi, India, 1990
- Bachelors degree in law, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, 1987
- Advocate, Supreme Court of Nepal, 1987

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

- Over the last 15 years, I have been involved in building capacity for the implementation of CEDAW and have worked with Governments, NGOs and international organizations. Details are as follows:
- Coordinated advocacy campaign for ratification of OP to CEDAW 2002-2005
- Coordinated for the preparation of Nepal's action plans on CEDAW, 2004
- Coordinated preparation of NGO shadow report to CEDAW Committee vis-à-vis the initial report of Nepal under the CEDAW in 1999 and the second and third periodic reports in 2004
- Undertook consultancy mission through OHCHR to provide technical inputs to the Government of Cambodia for preparation of its report under the CEDAW 2002
- Coordinated the development of plan of action and monitoring indicators for implementation of concluding comments of the CEDAW, UNIFEM, Nepal 2002
- Conducted study on the implementation status of CEDAW, Centre for Feminist Legal Research, York University, Canada 2000
- Involved in peer learning of South Asian Governments on CEDAW, In capacity-building of women's group, journalists, lawyers, judges, Governments on CEDAW
- Participated in negotiation and drafting of OP to CEDAW 1998-1999
- Undertook research study on laws and legal procedures concerning the commercial sexual exploitation of children, a regional study (CSEC), ECPAT/PLAN 2004
- Contributed to an Asia-Pacific regional paper on "Women, HIV and human rights", UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights 2004

- Engaged in developing measures required to implement SAARC Convention on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for the Purpose of Prostitution for SAARC Secretariat with UNIFEM SARO 2002
- Reviewed anti-trafficking legislation for UNICEF Afghanistan, 2007; evaluated gender and justice project UNIFEM Afghanistan, 2005; developed methodology for study on legal and policy framework for trafficking law reform in Mongolia, 2003
- Study to analyse impact of the strategies on violence against women in Asia region for United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women 1998

#### **List of most recent publications in the field**

- Engendering the Constitution of Nepal, Nepal Bar Council 2008
- Author of chapter on Nepal in Legal Identity for Social Inclusion, Asian Development Bank 2006
- Discriminatory laws in Nepal and their impact on women, FWLD, updated in 2006
- Child marriage, UNIFEM/FWLD 2006
- Sex equality – approaches and judicial intervention, Supreme Court, 2006
- IWRAW Asia-Pacific Occasional Papers on Women’s Right to Nationality and Citizenship 2006 and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace 2005
- Citizens without rights: Nepal gender and social exclusions assessment, 2005, DIFID/The World Bank
- Author, chapters (Access to justice and personal security and Minimizing corruption and Government accountability), promoting pro-poor governance, DIFID, 2000
- Inheritance right of Nepali women: journey towards equality, IWARW-Asia-Pacific/FWLD 2004
- Special measures for women and their impact, FWLD 2003
- Co-author in Abortion in Nepal: Women in Prison, CRLP 2002
- Sexual Harassment at Workplace in Nepal for ILO 2001
- Effectiveness of the Existing Laws and Institutional Mechanisms on Trafficking of Women in Nepal, UNIFEM /FWLD, 2000

#### **Patricia Schulz (Switzerland)**

##### **Date and place of birth**

28 July 1949, Geneva, Switzerland

##### **Working languages**

French, English, German

##### **Current position/function**

- Director of the Federal Office for Gender Equality (BFEG), Federal Department of the Interior (since 1994)

- Co-chair of the Swiss Conference of Gender Equality Delegates
- Member of the Federal Commission for Women's Issues
- Member of the Steering Committee, National Research Programme No. 60, "Gender Equality"

See <http://www.ebg.admin.ch>

#### **Main professional activities**

- Policy development and priority setting for gender equality
- Collaborating with all ministries concerned, including overseeing respect for equality and non-discrimination in legislation
- Supporting ministries in achieving in-house equality
- Representing equality issues in the federal Government, in Parliament, in the media, and with other partners (universities, women's associations, employers' associations and labour unions, etc.) and internationally
- Coordinating activities at the national level with cantonal and private agencies
- Initiating scientific research on gender, equality and non-discrimination issues (including domestic violence)
- Promoting cooperation in gender equality with Governments (federal and cantonal), labour unions and employers' associations, and civil society
- Participating in information and communication work on equality issues

#### **Educational background**

- Licentiate (Licence) in laws, University of Geneva
- Diploma in advanced legal studies (social and administrative law)
- Bar admission, Geneva

#### **Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate**

- Responsible for preparation of the combined first and second periodic reports of Switzerland on implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and head of the Swiss delegation that presented the report before the Committee (2000-2003). Worked closely with NGOs in this process. Participated in preparation of the third report (2006-2008). Jointly responsible for preparing Switzerland's ratification of CEDAW and the attendant parliamentary debates (1994-1997)
- Head or deputy head of the Swiss delegation to the Fourth World Conference on Women and its preparatory and follow-up sessions (Beijing+5 and +10), at the world and regional levels, as well as sessions of the CSW. Vice-Chair of the preparatory meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for preparing the twenty-third special session of the UN General Assembly. responsible for establishing Swiss positions (1994-2010)

- Chair of the Swiss preparatory committee for the Beijing Fourth Conference, bringing together some 60 members (women's organizations, human rights organizations, labour and business representatives, 1994-2000)
- Head of the interdepartmental working group that prepared the Swiss Plan of Action in follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, published in 1999 (1996-1999)
- Head of the Swiss delegation to the fourth, fifth and sixth European ministerial conferences on gender equality (Istanbul 1999, Skopje 2003, Baku 2010) and participation in various seminars and meetings of the Council of Europe
- Member of the Swiss delegation that presented the periodic reports concerning the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1999, 2001)
- Responsible for maintaining close collaboration with NGOs in promoting equality at the national level, and with labour unions, employers' associations and civil society
- Regular participation as a speaker in conferences, courses, NGO meetings, radio and TV broadcasts; numerous interviews and articles published in the general and specialized media on all issues relating to gender equality and non-discrimination

#### **List of most recent publications in the field**

- Equality and gender in the Swiss State, Conference, Swiss Association for Women's Rights, Berne (2009)
- Commentary on articles 14, 15 and 16 of the Gender Equality Law, (in German), 2009
- The BFEG's communications work. The example of the sexual harassment prevention programme. Vaud Centre of Women's Associations, Lausanne 2008
- Third report of Switzerland on Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Federal Commission for Women's Issues, Berne, 2008
- Diversity and Inclusion Switzerland, diversity round table Switzerland, Zurich (2007)
- Diversity and the pursuit of equality: challenges and strategies, Philiat, annual event with CSR Europe, Diversity – what does it mean and how do we start? Geneva (2006)

Gender relationships today: social and political consequences (in German), lecture series SS 2006: *Geschlechterverhältnisse im Umbruch – Chancen und Konflikte* ("Gender relationships in flux: opportunities and conflicts"), Basel

### **Dubravka Simonovic (Croatia)**

#### **Date and place of birth**

11 August 1958, Zagreb

#### **Nationality**

Croatian

**Languages**

English, German, Croatian

**Marital status**

Married with 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
- Law school, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 1982

**International functions**

- Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2003 on) with the following responsibilities: Rapporteur (2005-2006); Chairperson (2007-2008); Vice-Chair of the Optional Protocol Working Group on Communications (2009-2010); Committees Rapporteur on follow-up (2009-2010); member of the Joint Working Group of CRC-CEDAW
- Member of UNIFEM expert advisory panel for the publication of the report Progress of the World's Women (2009-2010)
- Co-Chairperson of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence – CAHVIO (2009-2010)
- Member of the CoE Parliamentary Assembly Jury on Gender Equality (2009)
- Member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence (2006 Chairperson; 2008 Vice-Chairperson)
- Chairperson of the UN Commission on the Status of Women – CSW (2000-2002)
- Member of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM (2001-2003)
- Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics, Council of Europe (2003-2005)
- Project coordinator of UNIFEM and Croatia on the implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe: Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia (2002-2003)
- Vice-Chair of the UNGASS “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, New York (1999-2000)
- Expert for the UNDP project “Women in development in CEE and CIS countries” (1995)

**National functions**

- Member of the National Commission against Trafficking in Persons (2003-present)
- Member of the National Council on the Rights of the Child (2003-present)

- Member of the Steering Committee of the Centre for Human Rights (2003-present)
- Coordinator of the project: Preventive counter-trafficking capacity-building for Croatian diplomatic personnel, IOM, (2007-2008)
- Member of the National Commission on the Roma (2004-2008)
- Gender Equality Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2004-2006)
- Member of the National Committee for Gender Equality (2002-2004)
- Member of the Government group for the preparation of the Gender Equality Act (2003)
- Founding member of the National Committee for Equality of Women (1997-1999)
- 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 (2002-present)
- Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations, New York (1998-2002)
- Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in New York (1997-1998)
- Head of the Department for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1994-1996)
- Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister (1992-1994)
- Head of the Department for Legal Services of the Vuk Vrhovac Institute (1988-1992)
- Legal representative before courts (1982-1988)

#### **Selected conferences and seminars**

##### **Statements on behalf of the CEDAW Committee or as a CEDAW expert**

- European conference: Migration and violence against women in Europe, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the IPU, 10 December 2009, Paris, France
- First and Second Forum on Minority Issues, UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 15-16 December 2008, 12-13 November 2009
- UNIFEM Capacity Development Workshop for NGO Women’s Rights Advocates in commemoration of 30 CEDAW anniversary, Istanbul Turkey 19-20 October 2009
- OSCE seminar on legal reform and gender: sharing best practices on gender-aware legislation, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 12 October 2009
- WAVE Conference: Stop Violence against Women, Vienna, Austria, 24 September 2009
- 6th and 7th inter-committee meeting, Geneva, 18-20 June 2007, 1 December 2008
- 19th meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies, 21-22 June 2007

- Third World Congress against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, panellist on the panel on the trafficking of children for sexual exploitation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 25-28 November 2008
- Colloquium on the impact of violence against women on the family, Doha, Qatar 19-23 November, 2008
- Statements as the CEDAW Chair before the Third Committee of the General Assembly, sixty-third session, NYC, 15 October 2008
- Follow-up CEDAW official visit to Luxemburg, Luxembourg, 3-5 October 2008
- Global Standards – Local Action Conference on the 15 years of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 28-29 August 2008
- Expert Group Meeting: good practices in legislation on violence against women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, Austria, 26-28 May 2008
- OHCHR panel discussion on the UN mechanisms for the elimination of legislation that discriminates against women, Geneva, 4 April, 24 October 2008
- Statement as the Chair of the CEDAW Committee at the 52nd CSW and panellist on “Key policy initiatives on financing for gender equality”, 25 February-7 March 2008
- Asia Regional Conference on “Women’s and children’s rights, the human rights relationship”, Bangkok, Thailand, 9-10 December 2007
- Regional Pacific Islands workshop: an overview of the reporting process, follow-up to concluding comments and implementation, Port Vila, Vanuatu, 19-21 December 2007
- Panellist at the international conference “Stop domestic violence against women — ten years of Austrian anti-violence legislation, Vienna, Austria, 5-6 November 2007
- Conference on women’s participation in governance, Beijing, China, 20-21 December 2007
- Statement as the CEDAW Chair before the Third Committee, NYC, 15 October 2007
- Reporting under the CEDAW Convention, St. Stefan, Montenegro, 24-26 September 2007
- Council of Europe panel: Girl child victims of trafficking, New York, 1 March 2007
- Keynote statement at the 52nd CSW on priority theme “The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child” New York, 26 February 2007
- Panellist at the UNICEF-DAW panel: Eliminating violence against the girl child, New York, 26 February 2007
- Brainstorming meeting on the United Nations human rights treaty body system, Malbun, Lichtenstein, 14-16 July 2006
- Panellist at the CSW DAW panel: “Violence against women” New York, 3 March 2006
- Cairo subregional workshop for the implementation of the concluding comments of the CEDAW and CERD (for Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia), Cairo, Egypt, 19-22 December 2005

- Follow-up workshop on the implementation of treaty bodies concluding observations at the national level, Zagreb, Croatia, 4-6 October 2005
- Panellist at the panel: “Synergies between national-level implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the CEDAW” held at the CSW, New York, 11 March 2005
- Round table of national human rights institutions and national machineries for the advancement of women, Ouarzazate, Morocco, November 2004
- 3rd Conference of Women Parliamentarians of South Eastern Europe, Skopje, Macedonia, June 2004
- Expert group meeting for the study on violence against children of Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Geneva 2003
- Conference on the implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe, (Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia) Dubrovnik, Croatia, October 2003
- Participated as the Chair of the CSW in the UN expert group meeting on “Gender and racial discrimination”, Zagreb, Croatia, November 2000

**Statements as the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Task Force and Co-Chairperson of the Council of Europe CAHVIO Committee**

- Closing conference – Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, Strasbourg, France, 10 June 2008
- Regional seminar on support and protection for victims of domestic violence: services needed, Espoo, Finland, 8-9 October, 2007
- Joint conference of national focal points and contact parliamentarians, Strasbourg, France, 5 June 2007
- Regional seminar on men’s active participation in combating domestic violence Zagreb, Croatia, 9 May 2007
- Regional seminar on legal measures to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, The Hague, Netherlands, 21 February 2007
- Launching conference – Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, Madrid, Spain, 27 November 2006
- 1st meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly Network of Contact Parliamentarians, Istanbul, Turkey, 15 May 2009
- First (6-8 April 2009), second (25-27 May 2009) and third (1-3 December 2009) meetings of the Council of Europe ad hoc committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO), Strasbourg, France;

**Member of Croatian delegation**

- Twenty-seventh UNGASS on children, September 2002, New York, and a panellist at the panel on the implementation of CEDAW and CRC
- Twenty-sixth UNGASS on HIV/AIDS, June 2001, New York

- Twenty-third UNGASS “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, June 2000
- Initial report before the CEDAW, New York, January 1998
- World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, August 1996
- Initial report before the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva, January 1996
- Fourth UN World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, September 1995
- Initial report before the CERD, Geneva, March 1995
- Conference “Equality and democracy: utopia or challenge?” Strasbourg, February 1995
- UN/ECE conference “Women in a changing world”, Vienna, October 1994
- International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, Egypt, September 1994

### **Selected publications**

Dr. Dubravka Šimonović is author or editor of books and articles in the areas of women’s rights, human rights, and medically assisted procreation:

- Introductory note to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in the UN audiovisual library of international law, human rights, December, 2008
- Introduction to the UNICEF guide for field staff: CEDAW and reporting process UNICEF, 2008, [http://www.unicef.org/cedaw30/materijals/guides\\_manuals\\_tools.php](http://www.unicef.org/cedaw30/materijals/guides_manuals_tools.php)
- Reflections on the future of the CEDAW Committee: the circle of empowerment, The Feminist Press at CUNY, December 2007, pp. 349-351
- Short guide on CEDAW – the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its implementation in Croatia, (ed.) Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004, p. 139
- Medically assisted procreation: law and ethics, 1997, Organizator, Zagreb, p. 399
- Social and legal problems of artificial insemination, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 1993
- United Nations and the status of women, in Croatia and the United Nations, Organizator, Zagreb, 1996, pp. 251-265

### **Award**

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women “Women who make a difference award”, New York, October 2001

### **Amaryllis Torres (Philippines)**

#### **Date of birth**

31 December 1945

**Working language**

English

**Current position/function**

Commissioner [representing the academe], Philippine Commission On Women

Professor of community development, concurrently dean, college of social work and community development, university of the Philippines

**Main professional activities**

As Commissioner, PCW: policy-making and review of implementation of plans, policies, programmes for women; representation in national/international meetings; Chair, Committee on Governance, PCW- coordination and policy development for the integration of gender into government processes at all levels; ensures implementation of international agreements/conventions on gender equality; monitors implementation of national policies and laws consistent with the Phil. Plan for Gender-Responsive Development; Chair, Inter-Agency Committee on Gender Statistics: develops policies and monitors the collection and dissemination of sex-disaggregated information in data-collection offices of government. As Dean: teaching and research activities on gender/women and development studies

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

Gender expert/consultant to Asian regional organizations, national government agencies and local governments on gender mainstreaming, gender analysis and gender planning; officer/trustee of several local women's groups that promote women's rights; member, technical working group formulating the implementing rules and regulations of the Magna Carta of Women, October-December 2009; member, UN regional gender experts network and APEC gender focal point network; gender expert, APEC-GFPN, designed and conducted a "Gender analysis training workshop" for APEC, 6 August 2010; ESCAP regional gender consultant, UN-DAW's global report on "Strengthening national mechanisms for gender equality and the empowerment of women: a research and training project" May 2009-May 2010

**List of most recent publications in the field**

Torres, A. T., 2007, Capability-building for gender mainstreaming in the national programme against child labour, [http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw51/Panel\\_capacitybuilding.html](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw51/Panel_capacitybuilding.html).

Torres, A. T., 2001, How much really goes to women? a case study on the GAD budget, in: Gender budget trail: the Philippine experience, Budlender, D. et al. (eds.) Makati City: The Asia Foundation; Torres, A. T., 1994, Gender and development: making the bureaucracy gender-responsive, Manila: UNIFEM-NCRFW-HRS

Pending publication: Torres, A. T., 2009, Claiming spaces for political participation, crossing the gender divide, background technical paper for the Asia-Pacific Human Development Report, Colombo: UNDP Regional Centre

## **Judit Wirth (Hungary)**

### **Date and place of birth**

1 June 1963, Budapest

### **Working languages**

Hungarian – mother tongue, English – excellent, French – basic

### **Current position/function**

2008- Founding member of the Association of Hungarian Women Judges, a member organization of the International Association of Women Judges

2003- Founding member and Adviser to the Board of the Hungarian Women's Lobby, umbrella organization for women's NGOs in Hungary

2002- Member of the Global Advisory Council of Vital Voices Global Partnership, Washington

1999- Board member of the National Association of Crime Prevention Professionals, Hungary

1998- Project manager, policy analyst and coordinator of women's rights programmes, training courses and advocacy campaigns, organizer of conferences at NANE Women's Rights Association, Hungary

### **Main professional activities**

2010- Coordinator, "PTSD in child victims of violence" project, NANE Women's Right Association

2010- Trainer and speaker at the European Roma Rights Centre seminar for researchers on interviewing victims of trafficking

2000- Trainer, women's human rights, minority rights, gender equality, non-discrimination, gender-based violence, trafficking in human beings, refugee-rights, women's empowerment courses;

2010- Expert adviser, drafting of a model national legislative and service provision programme on the prevention and combating trafficking in, and sexual exploitation of, women and children, MONA Hungarian Women's Foundation

2009- Gender expert for the ERRC synthesis report commissioned by the European Commission on "Activities to improve the impact of policies, programmes and projects aimed at the social inclusion and non-discrimination of Roma in the EU"

2008- Coordinator, advocacy project, NANE Women's Rights Association

1998- Helpline-volunteer

1997- Analyst in the fields of legislation, legal practice and services for victims of different forms of gender-based violence

### **Educational background**

1997: MA in English literature and linguistics at ELTE University, Budapest, Faculty of Arts

1998-2004: Legal studies at ELTE University, Faculty of Law

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

- Participation in the drafting of the National Action Plan for Equality between Women and Men in Hungary (2009)
- Member and working group leader of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour expert group for the Hungarian implementation of the Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence (2007-2008)
- Member of the Hungarian National Council on Equality between Women and Men under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (2007-2008)
- Policy analyst of European Union equal opportunities programmes, drafting recommendations for the European Women's Lobby (2007)
- Member of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour expert advisory group tasked with setting up the national intervention centre against domestic violence (2003-2004)
- Participation in the drafting of four law proposals on combating violence against women, two of which became bills (2003, 2005, 2006, 2009)
- Speaker and trainer at the regional seminars on gender mainstreaming in human rights work (Amnesty International, 2005), on gender sensitivity in refugee settings (UNHCR, 2005), on gender discrimination (ILO, 2004) and on trafficking in human beings (IOM, 2004)
- Invited panellist on the responsibility of the judiciary in preventing and fighting violence against women (Budapest, Hungary, 2009), domestic violence legal reforms in Hungary in comparison to other CEE countries (Sofia, Bulgaria, 2008), the CEDAW as a legal instrument (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 2007)
- Analyst in the field of financing for gender equality, the EU roadmap for equality between women and men, gender pay-gap, equal political participation (2007)

**List of most recent publications in the field**

“Domestic violence – dynamics, needs of women and diversity”, in: Improving multi-professional and health-care training in Europe — building on good practice in violence prevention, module 2, 2009, training manual, University of Osnabrück, Germany (co-author with Beatrice Biggio and Sabine Bohne, English)

System failure: abused women trapped in the legal system (ed.) 2009, Budapest: NANE-PATENT

Mainstreaming gender and age awareness in refugee settings: a manual for trainers, 2005, Budapest: Menedék Egyesület (English, leading adviser and co-author)

“Sexual harassment in the workplace”, in: Handbook for managers and office administrators, 2004, Budapest: Raabe Kiadó (Hungarian)

NGO alternative reports on the situation of women in Hungary submitted to the UN CEDAW Committee, 2002 (co-author with Géza Juhász, English) and 2007 (co-editor with Enikő Pap, and author of chapter on violence, English)

**Awards**

- Holder of three ministerial awards
  - Holder of the Knight Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary for work against violence against women and for the equal opportunities of women
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