

**Biographical data form of candidates to the
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

Name: Eghobamien-Mshelia Esther

Nationality: Nigerian

Date and place of birth: 21st April, 1959; Ibadan, Nigeria

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

- Special Assistant–Technical to Minister of Women Affairs & Social Development Nigeria
- Interim Coordinator Federal Project Management Unit, World Bank Supported Nigeria: For Women Project and Federal Ministry of Women and Social Dev. (FMWASD) Core Team Leader
- UN Women National Technical Consultant, Women, Peace and Security
- Convener & Chairperson Women Arise Dev & Humanitarian Initiative (WADHI)

Main professional activities:

- Facilitate and provide technical support to the FMWASD Minister, Permanent Secretary & technical Department Directors on strategic leadership for the Implementation of the National Gender Policy, Global, Regional & Sub-Regional Commitments and protocols for women's advancement e.g. CEDAW, Beijing PfA, AU Solemn Declaration on Women, UNSCR 1325 on WPS, Maternal Health, Inclusive & Social Financing for Women's Empowerment, SDGs, Planet 50:50 by 2030 Declaration on Women's Political Development & other global commitments
- Production of technical & policy briefs, thematic reviews and position papers on gender equality and women's empowerment including country CEDAW periodic reports.
- Provide technical lead to UNSCR 1325 NAP implementation, monitoring & reporting processes & ensuring that emerging issues on WPS are incorporated into NAP, ZAP & SAPs.

Educational background:

- Fellow Aspen Institute for Open Societies (2011) & Eisenhower MNP, USIA/EP (2003)
- Fellow Hubert H. Humphrey North-South USIA/ IIE (1995 – 1996)
- M.C Women Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A (1996)
- University of Washington, Graduate School of Public Policy U.S.A (1995 – 1996)
- B. Ed (Hons) Guidance Counseling, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1980)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

- Coordinate the production of a concise reader friendly, Second Nigeria National Action Plan for dissemination to guide implementation by stakeholders down to the grassroots level.
- Facilitate the incorporation of the views of a wide range of stakeholders including Donor supported platforms & Actors to the Gender Policy, Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act 2015 implementation; Financial Inclusion & Women's Economic Rights Issues.

- Lead the negotiation and design of the \$250 million World Bank assisted project to enhance women's access to social and financial capital to address socio-cultural, institutional and market failures which limits women's rights and socio-economic outcomes in Nigeria.
- Technical Support to facilitate British Council funded Rule of Law & Access to Justice (ROLAC) project & "Women's Access to Justice through VAPP Implementation" component.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

- Global Sentinel Article on WPS: <https://globalsentinelng.com/2018/01/17/>
 - 2nd National & State Action Plans on UNSCR 1325 implementation (2017- 2020)
 - Technical Strategy paper on CEDAW country reporting for FMWASD (2016)
 - Gender & State of Finance Policies – Commonwealth Finance Ministers Reference Report. ISBN 978-0-9563722-7-7 (2011) & CW Handbook on Gender Responsive Investments (2013)
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