

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

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Current position/function:

Retired of the UN System (UNICEF, UNWOMEN). International Advisor

Main professional activities:

- 2008 - 2011 UN Women - Chief, Latin America and the Caribbean Section (now retired).
- 2006 – 2008 UNICEF Resident Representative in Argentina.
- 2002 - 2006 UNICEF Resident Representative in Guatemala.
- 1999 - 2002 Regional Advisor, Women and Gender Equity in UNICEF - Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office.
- 1993 -1995 Visiting Professor, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, COLOMBIA. Seminar on "Woman, Family and Law," Graduate program in Family Studies, and "Woman, Society and Law", Political Sciences and Law Faculty.
- 1992 1996 Program Director, Gender and Power Project, Instituto Latinoamericano de Servicios Legales Alternativos (ILSA), Bogotá, COLOMBIA.
- 1990 1992 Director General, Centro de la Mujer Peruana "Flora Tristan," Lima, PERU.

Educational background:

- Law Degree. Faculty of Law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.
- Lic. and Master's Degree in Sociology. Human Sciences of Rene Descartes, Academy of Paris, Sorbonne, FRANCE.

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

- 1992-1999 International Advisor to UNIFEM, UNICEF, Interamerican Institute of Human Rights ILANUD, NOVIB, International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Quebec, Canadá), Interamerican Development Bank, Women's Human Rights Net (WHRNet)..
- 1994-1995 Member of the Investigative Team, "Evaluation of state-NGO relations during Beijing 1995: Colombia's Process of Contradictory Empowerment." UNIFEM-Andean Region and UNICEF-Latin American Region
- 1994 1995 Legal investigator of the Report on Domestic Violence, Latin American and Caribbean Region, under the charge of Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women before the United Nations Commission of Human Rights. The Institute of Women, Law and Development, Washington, DC.

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

- “Le Droit International des Enfants et des Femmes. Une evolution historique et sociale”. Rencontres , Universite Montesquieu –Bordeaux IV- UNICEF. Actes des colloques 2003-2004.
 - “Cambios legislativos en la formación y disolución de familias: una mirada de contexto”. Familias y políticas públicas en América Latina. Naciones Unidas. Santiago de Chile, 2007.
 - “La Convención sobre la Eliminación de todas las formas de Discriminación contra la Mujer y la Convención sobre los Derechos de la Niñez: Derechos Humanos constructores de ciudadanía y democracia. Serie Documentos de Trabajo. Número 5. UNICEF – México. Noviembre, 2001.
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