

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

**Name (family name, first name):** VERGES, Aicha Vall

**Nationality:** Mauritanian

**Date and place of birth:** 28 May 1965, Kiffa - Mauritania

**Working languages:** French, Arabic and English (average level)

**Current position/function:** (24 years of experience)

Economist and State official, President of the National Commission for Women in Union for the Republic : the ruling political party in Mauritania. The Commission aims at: (i) drafting, coordinating, measuring the impact and monitoring women related policies, strategies and programs in order to ensure their integration into public life, (ii) producing a yearly comprehensive update on the State's compliance with its legal commitments (Convention, laws ...), (iii) campaigning against the inefficiencies in the field.

### **Main professional activities:**

2013-2014: Minister for Social Affairs, Childhood and Family.

2011-2013: State Inspector General

2008: Secretary of State for Information Technology and Communication

January 2005-July 2008: Deputy Director General of the National Agency for Youth Employment.

1992-2005: recruited in the Civil Service, Head of Unit "Rural Area" and Head of the Economic Research Department / Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development.

2010 to the present day: President of the National Commission for Women of the Union of The Republic, the ruling party.

2008 to the present day: President of the Women Preventive Health Association

### **Educational background:**

Master in Management, majoring in Economic Policies / Center for Studies and Research on International Development (CERDI) in Clermont-Ferrand (France) 2002/2003 with honors, 2nd in class; Master degree in Economics, majoring in Management (Nouakchott) from 1987 to 1991 with honors (valedictorian during the 4 years of the Masters); Certificate of Bilingual Studies (Nouakchott) 1982; Baccalaureat D( scientific stream) 1986 (Nouakchott); Certificate of Primary Education in Kiffa 1972-1979.

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

Supervision of the preparatory work for the partial lifting of the general reservation to CEDAW (2013); Monitoring the implementation of the code of personal status; participation in the work of constitutional amendments to take account of equality in access to elective positions for both sexes (2012); Coordination of advocacy for the elimination of discrimination against women as: the right to pension (2011), equality in relation to the retirement age (2015), access to recruitment in some sectors , access to the post of magistrate

and other senior posts; Supervision of a grant program for projects in favor of rural women to enhance their economic empowerment; Monitoring and fight against violence of policy evaluation; contribution to advocacy work for the implementation of conventions and laws protecting the rights of women with application of criminalization rape; Monitoring and evaluation of health and education policies.

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

Analysis note of women's access to elective positions mechanisms (2012); Awareness Notes to the attention of policymakers on discrimination found in some fields (employment, pension, retirement, grants, access to credit ..); Survey on the representation of women in decision-making positions; Note on "women's march towards equality through participation in decision making" (2010); Note on the Public Service and Gender (2012); Note on corruption and gender 2010); Evaluation of the Personal Status Code; Coordinating the development of a training manual of the national languages; Study on the design of educational tools for the prevention of fatal diseases.

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