

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

Name: HARKKRISNOWO, Harkristuti

Nationality: Indonesian

Date and Place of Birth: 25 January 1956, Bogor, Indonesia

Working Languages: English, Bahasa Indonesia

Current position/function:

Professor Harkrisnowo is a renowned Indonesian scholar, policy maker, and advocate on human rights and women's issues. Currently, Professor Harkrisnowo serves as the Chair of University of Indonesia's Council of Professors. She is also the Acting Executive Director of Human Rights Resource Center, a Jakarta-based think-tank focusing on human rights issues in ASEAN.

Main professional activities:

- Professor Harkrisnowo is a highly devoted academic. Since 1991, she has been a lecturer of criminal law and human rights law at University of Indonesia's Faculty of Law and Gender Studies Postgraduate Program. She has also taught human rights courses at the University of South Carolina and Beijing University. In 2003, she established the Human Rights Study Center at the University of Indonesia and led the Center for eight years.
- As a policy-maker, she has been assigned as the Director General for Human Rights at the Indonesian Ministry of Law and Human Rights (2006-2014). Under her leadership as the Director General for Human Rights, Indonesia has successfully ratified four new international human rights instruments, namely the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Furthermore, she also chaired the teams that formulate the Indonesian Law on Victim and Witness Protection, Law on the Elimination of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination, Draft Law on the Rights of Women, Revision of Juvenile Justice System Law, and Training Module on Juvenile Justice System for Law Enforcement Officers.

Educational Background:

- Ph.D in Criminal Justice System, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Texas, USA
- M.A. in Criminal Justice System, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Texas, USA
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Indonesia

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Her reputation as an expert and advocate on human rights and criminal law led to her involvement in various research and policy-making activities, such as:

- She conducted numerous research on women's rights, and has become the main expert in the study of Indonesian criminal law on violence against women. One of her research in the early 2000 identified that the Indonesian criminal law system at that time had not provided enough protection for victims of violence against women and the girl-child, and proposed the formulation of specific regulations and law enforcement procedures for such victims. She has made invaluable contribution to Indonesia's legal system reform to provide better protection for women and children, and hence could use her experience for advancing the rights of women and the girl-child at the global stage.
- She was a member of the Indonesian Delegation to various meeting sessions of UN human rights treaty bodies as well as the Commission on the Status of Women.

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

- Human Rights Resource Center Research Team. *Violence, Exploitation, and Abuse and Discrimination in Migration Affecting Women and Children in ASEAN: A Baseline Study*. Jakarta: Human Rights Resource Center, 2013.
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