

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

Name: HAIDAR EL ADDAL Nahla (Ms)

Nationality: LEBANON

Date and place of birth: 22 July 1951, Lebanon

Working languages: ARABIC, ENGLISH and FRENCH

Current position/function:

Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
(since 01\2013)

Summary:

Over 35 years of professional experience mainly within the United Nations System, in various capacities, both at headquarters and in the field, ranging from social development, to Human Resources Management, to relief coordination, to emergency management training and capacity-building, to peace-building, to development cooperation.

Main professional activities:

- Deputy focal point for the advancement of Women - United Nations Office in Geneva.
- Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States (WIPO) focusing on development cooperation, including the promotion of women inventors and innovators in the Region.
- Deputy Executive Director, War Torn Societies Project (UNOPS) In charge of Outreach & Learning for Peace Building Projects in Guatemala, Rwanda, Macedonia, empowering women at the community level through participatory action research and dialogue processes.
- Chief of a Unit covering North, Central and Eastern Africa, the Middle East and Afghanistan (UNOCHA) with a special emphasis on protection issues and women in conflict.
- Human Resources Officer UN Headquarters and UNOG focusing among other issues on improving the representation of women at senior level within the Secretariat.
- Social Affairs Officer (UNESCWA) working on community development projects throughout the Region including special projects aiming at a better integration of women in the development process.

Educational background:

- Advanced University Degree in Law, major in Sociology of Law, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris
- “Licence en Droit”, major International Law and Islamic Shari’ a, Université St Joseph, Beirut
- “Licence en Sociologie”, sociologie du développement, Ecole Supérieure des Lettres, Beirut

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

- Member of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention 2015/2016
- Vice-Chair of the Task Force on inquiries 2013/2014

- Chairperson of the Working Group on Gender Related Dimensions of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change (since October 2015).
- Member of the Working Group for the update of General Recommendation No 19 on violence against women.
- Member of the Working Group on General Recommendation 32:” Gender related dimensions of refugee status, asylum, nationality and statelessness of women”.
- Member of the Task Force on General Recommendation 30:” Women in Conflict Prevention, Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations”.
- Member of the WG on Working Methods with a special emphasis on the implementation of GA resolution 68/268.
- Member of the CEDAW-UN Women/Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Working Group.
- Member of the CEDAW-Inter-Parliamentarian Union (IPU) Working Group
- Member of the Working Group for Cooperation with Regional Human Rights Mechanisms.

Different activities in representation of the Committee and in support of policy-making and Capacity building through Advocacy and training for government officials, jurists and civil society activists at national and regional levels (Algeria, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Russia, Tunisia, and the United Kingdom)

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

Contributed to several United Nations reports including on the status of women within the Secretariat, as well as other reports and training materials on various topics addressing also gender concerns such as the protection of civilian in armed conflict, women in disasters, Humanitarianism and War, the Humanitarian Response Index (HRI).
