

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

**Name (family name, first name):** LAIVIERA, Renee

**Nationality:** Maltese

**Date and place of birth:** 29 March 1949

**Working languages:** English, French, Maltese

**Current position /function:**

Commissioner and Acting Executive Director of the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality

**Main professional activities:**

- Investigating cases of alleged discrimination on the various grounds as per Chapter 456 of the Laws of Malta
- identify/establish/update all policies directly or indirectly related to issues of equality
- monitor implementation of national policies with respect to the promotion of equality
- liaise/ensure coordination between government departments and other agencies in the implementation of measures, services or initiatives proposed by Government/Commission
- keep direct and continuous contact with local and foreign bodies working in the field of equality issues, and with other groups, agencies or individuals as the need arises
- inquire into and advise/make determinations on any matter relating to equality between men and women as may be referred to it by the Minister
- work towards the elimination of discrimination between men and women.

**Educational background:**

- Masters in Maltese Studies-dissertation: Gender Equality from a human rights perspective
- Diploma in Political Studies, University of Malta
- Diploma in Administration and Management of Education, University of Malta
- 'Mater Admirabilis' Teacher's Training Certificate with French as a special field of study

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

- European Commission – National representative on the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men
- European Institute for Gender Equality – Board Member
- Council of Europe – National representative of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on Prevention and Combating of violence against women & domestic violence
- Council of Europe – National Focal Point on Gender Equality Commission
- Council of Europe - European Committee on Racism and Intolerance – Member
- National Commission on Domestic Violence - Member
- National Council for the Elderly - Member

- National Board of Examinations - Member
- University of Malta – Senate Member

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

- Various articles on equality issues published in national newspapers
  - Consultancy on the Step by Step Guide on Gender Mainstreaming, Gender Impact Assessment and Checklist on Infrastructural Projects, 2012
  - 45 articles to raise awareness on domestic violence from different perspectives, 2011
  - CEDAW Shadow Report on Malta's National Report, 2010
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