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**Biographical Data Form of Candidates to the**

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**

**Name**: Umar-Bako, Ramatu Asabe

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Date and Place of Birth:** 30th April 1973, Nigeria

**Working Languages:** English

**Current Position/Function:**

**Head of Influencing and Public Engagement, Oxfam Nigeria**

Leading the strategic thinking and implementation of Oxfam Nigeria’s campaign, advocacy and communication platforms.

Ensuring gender justice and gender mainstreaming in the full project and programme cycle.

Promoting the transformation of attitudes about women’s rights through advancing gender justice in programme management with key stakeholders

Leading high-level external stakeholder engagement relationships and managing internal strategic thinking.

**Main Professional Activities:**

A qualified international development expert with specialization in good governance, human rights, gender equality, and youth empowerment. Possesses over 18 years’ experience designing various gender equity and social inclusion strategies as well as governance and youth development programmes. Versed at designing various implementation, monitoring and evaluation programmes. Understands how to strengthen policy, regulatory and institutional frameworks. Has been involved in various advocacy, coordination and communication projects aimed at entrenching reforming and enhancing governance, reducing conflict and promoting gender equality. I am an Adjunct Lecturer at the College for Peace and Security Studies, Jos where I teach Terrorism studies, crisis intervention and foundations for peace and conflict. I am an Associate Editor of a legal publication called the Capital Law Review. I am a member of many professional organizations including the UK Chevening Scholars Alumni, Institute of Customer Service, UK, Association of Project Managers, UK, Nigerian Bar Association and International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA). I sit on several national committees including the Committee of Practice for Transitional Justice in Nigeria (CoPTJN), National Business and Human Rights Roundtable and member, NHRC Panel on Sexual and Gender based Violence.

**Educational Background:**

MSc Global Conflict and Peace Processes, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom

PGD in War, Conflict and Development, Open University, United Kingdom

BL in Law, Nigerian Law School, Abuja, Nigeria

LLB Hons Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria

Certificate in Gender Equality Studies, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa

**Other Main Activities in the field relevant to the mandate on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

Led Oxfam Nigeria’s 2-day event to mark the 2019 celebration of the 16 Days of Activism against gender based violence with the theme: ‘Orange the World: Generation Equality stands against Rape!’

Gender Consultant - USAID SHOPs PLUS – Gender Analysis of gender equality in the health care industry delivered at the Women Deliver Workshop - April 2019

Gender Consultant - Rosa Luxemburg Foundation - Identified the challenges women face in participating in the electoral process and made recommendation which were presented at the workshop on Women’s’ Political Participation in the 2019 elections - May 2019

Gender Consultant - UNWOMEN - Capacity Building Training for Female presidential and gubernatorial aspirants for the 2011 elections. Designed a comprehensive training manual for women participation in politics. Prepared female Presidential and Gubernatorial candidates for national televised debates in 2011.

**List most recent publication in the field of Discrimination against Women and Advancement of their human rights**

Divorce, Alimony and Property Settlement Laws in Nigeria (A case study of the matrimonial Causes Decree 1970) – Thesis for LLB degree

To what extent does the grievance and inequality theory explain civil wars? A case study of the Rwandan Genocide – Dissertation for MSc Global Conflict and Peace Processes

The Cost of Justice (An analysis of the impediments to seeking justice, the true cost of justice – emotional, financial and psychological) - Capital Law Review

Responsible parliamentary Representation in Emerging democracies (An analysis of whether the Nigerian Parliamentarians are living up to their responsibilities) - Capital Law Review