

مملكة العربية السعودية

*Saudi Arabian Permanent Mission
To the United Nations
New York*



الوفد الدائم للمملكة العربية السعودية
لدى الأمم المتحدة
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Saudi Arabia's Candidate for CRC

NAME: Al-Shehail, Aseil

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 18th July, 1979 , New York, USA

CURRENT POSITION/ FUNCTIONS:

First female diplomat in Saudi Arabia; at the Saudi Arabian Mission to the United Nations in New York. Main responsibilities: country representative on issues related to children's rights, women's rights, human rights, humanitarian affairs and agendas under the social, humanitarian and cultural affairs committee; participated in Saudi Arabian country reports and delegations on children's rights; Saudi Arabia's expert on presenting the country's position regarding prevention of and combating trafficking of women and children; work on numerous general assembly resolutions regarding children's rights; preparation of reports, analyses and recommendations related to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

PREVIOUS POSITIONS/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/FUNCTIONS:

- Office of the Under-Secretary for Multi-lateral Relations at the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Main responsibilities: coordination of national and international projects in the field of family and human rights; research, preparation and presentation of annual reports in the field of family, human rights, children's rights and women's rights
- Director of legal Research division at Prime Legal Support office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Main responsibilities: researching the role of the Saudi Arabian legal system in regulating matters affecting child custody and access, international care and foster care, adoption, criminalization of sexual relationship with children and minimum age limits for marriages
- World of Children Awards selection committee member. World of Children has awarded cash grants to 78 change makers, working in more than 50 countries worldwide. The largest global recognition and funding program that exclusively focuses on a broad range of children's only issues – health including hunger and nutrition, education, safety, and human rights. United States, New York.



**OTHER MAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD RELEVANT TO THE
MANDATE OF THE TREATY BODY CONCERNED:**

- Lectured and participated in workshops on policy and practice to meet the standards of the Convention of the Rights of the Child as Associate Member of SUNSGLOW Center for the Study of the United Nations Systems and the Global Legal Order in New York
- Presented the Saudi Arabian position before the United Nations General Assembly Session in New York on various issues including children's rights
- Lectured at Fordham University School of Law in New York on the Convention on the Rights of a Child (CRC)
- Lectured at Seton Hall Law School In New Jersey on International Human Rights
- Co-Founder/Board Member of the Al-Majid Charitable Organization for Children and Women in Moahemeyah/Al Ghotghot central region, Saudi Arabia, the first organization dedicated to providing grants for children education and funding awareness initiatives for children's rights
- Board Member of the National Home Healthcare Charitable Organization in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, an organization dedicated to providing financial assistance for children in need of healthcare in Saudi Arabia directed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques wife Her Royal Highness Princess Hessah bint Trad Al Shaalan.
- Board Member of the Child Special Education Committee at the Al-Nakhil Child Special Education Program in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, an educational program dedicated to children with special needs in Saudi Arabia
- Active member at the World of Children Awards foundation in New York. The World of Children Awards foundation is dedicated to dramatically improving children's lives by identifying and recognizing extraordinary individuals who work on behalf of children in need. It is the only global funding program that exclusively focuses on a broad range of children's only

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

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| Fall 2009 | New York University School of Law
Fellowship Program
International Human Rights | New York, NY |
| Spring 2006 | Harvard University - Kennedy School of Government
Advanced Degree in Mastering Negotiation
And Building Sustainable Agreements | Cambridge, MA |
| 2003-2005 | Suffolk University
Masters of Science, Political Science | Boston, MA |
| Spring 2004 | Sorbonne University
Advanced Degree in French History | Paris, France |
| 1997-2001 | Merrimack College
B.S., International Relations | NorthAndover, MA |

LANGUAGES:

Proficiency in Arabic and English, conversational French