

Violet Tsisiga Awori (Kenya)

Date and place of birth: 19 July 1957, Nairobi

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

Practising advocate of the High Court of Kenya with 26 years experience. Chairperson, Federation of Women Lawyers – Kenya (FIDA Kenya).

Main professional activities:

Law firm specializing in family law. Heading FIDA Kenya which monitors government's compliance to its international obligations, prepares alternative (shadow) reports, advocates and lobbies for law reform, provides legal aid for marginalized women, monitors rights abuses of women, helps in the preparation of periodic reports of government to the CEDAW Committee.

Educational background:

Bachelor of laws degree, diploma in legal education.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Attended the 52nd session of the UN Commission on the status of women in February 2008. Between 12th – 24th November 2007 attended training on treaty monitoring bodies in Geneva where I attained in-depth knowledge of the United Nations's human rights system and treaty body procedure, the reporting systems, committee membership, preparation of shadow reports and monitoring government compliance. In July 2007 represented FIDA Kenya at the 39th session of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women where Kenya was presenting her combined 5th and 6th country report to the CEDAW Committee. She submitted the FIDA Kenya shadow report.

List of most recent publications in the field:

No recent publication.