

Annex II

Biographical data of Ms. Matau Futho-Letsatsi Candidate from Lesotho to CEDAW

Name and first Name: 'Matau Futho-Letsatsi (Ms)

Date and place of birth: 27/03/1965, Lesotho

Working languages: English and Sesotho

Current position/function: Director, Department of Gender

Direct and spearheads development on all matters related to the national gender and development programme by ensuring development of appropriate policies and programme of implementation. Provide leadership to all stakeholders such as other government institutions, non-governmental organizations, parastatals, private sector and donor agencies by interpreting government policies and procedures on gender and development related issues.

Promote systematic professional development of officers in the Department of Gender by designing a comprehensive department training plan and mobilizing resources both internally and externally to ensure that officers are equipped appropriately to provide expert guidance in the field of gender and development. Represent the Department of Gender in national, regional and international meetings, seminars and workshops and commissions on gender issues.

Educational Background :

2001: Gender, Policy and Planning for Economic Development in Africa BUEA - CAMEROON

1996: Population/ Family Life Education Institute of Mass Communication: Nairobi - Kenya

1992 - 1994: M. Ed (Educational Management and Administration) National University of Lesotho

1983 – 1989: B. A. Ed (Sesotho and Geography) National University of Lesotho

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

Attended workshops on CEDAW reporting hosted by United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa; attended workshop in Tanzania that was examining the interrelationship between CEDAW and the Beijing Platform for Action; attended workshop organized by SADC that examined CEDAW, Beijing Platform for Action and the SADC Declaration on Gender and Development as well as workshop examining the MDGs in relations to CEDAW. These workshops have enabled me to coordinate and participate in the national CEDAW report writing process. Spearheaded country-wide consultations on the need to establish the Gender Equality Commission. These consultations were based on the national Gender and Development Policy whose basis has

been CEDAW. Attended the 48th Session on the Commission on the Status of Women and the 54th Session which also commemorated the 30th anniversary of CEDAW.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Gender and Development Policy 2003; Policy Implementation Plan 2007; Manual on Engendering Local Government 2008; National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence 2008; Guidelines and checklist for Mainstreaming Gender, Culture and Human Rights in Planning and Programming Processes 2008; Training Manual on Gender Mainstreaming in programming and Planning Processes.
