

Biographical data of Ms. Rafiah Al Talei
Candidate from the Sultanate of Oman to CEDAW

Name and first name:

Rafiah Al Talei

Date and place of birth:

August 22-1971

Working languages:

Arabic and English

Current position/function:

Working as a journalist in a TV station, with focus on women issues in special reports and news stories related to women issues. Writing articles in websites and magazines and newspapers. Helping women in learning how to write article and news stories about women issues and how to advocate women rights.

Main professional activities:

Conducting researches for different organization regarding women rights and human rights. She has worked for six years with Freedom house. Also recently gave a speech in George Washington University about women in Oman and the Gulf region .Writing articles about women issues in Oman in a specialized website that aims to raise the awareness among women and society regarding laws and women rights. Having experienced running for the elections for the Consultative council in Oman in 2003, she is trying to help women who are interested in running for election, giving advice and support. Attending conferences in the Middle East, Europe and USA that discuss women issues in the Gulf and the Middle East region. She was editor in Chief of Almarah (woman) which was the only Magazine published as bilingual (Arabic and English) .The magazine focused and discussed many issues and problems that concerned women in Oman.

Educational background:

Has Master Degree in Women writings in the Gulf and has BA in Mass communication and Journalism. Participated in many workshops and working groups on women issues such women in media, women and election gender studies and other issues that focus on women. Attended many conference discussing issues regarding women and Islam such as women right and feminism in Islam.

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

Worked in researches and studies that discussed Oman position in Cedaw Oman ratification and reservations followed closely the progress Oman has made in regards of women issues in Oman. Participated in conferences raised issues related to Oman and Cedaw articles. Talking to Oman officials about steps should be taking to advance

women situation in the country. Support civil society initiatives to help women candidacy for the elections. Advocating for women rights in Oman in special events and occasions.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Oman chapter in Freedom house Report about women rights in the Middle East and North Africa 2009.Can be found in freedom House website.
