

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Name (family name, first name): ALJISHI, Bahiya

Nationality: Bahraini

Date and place of birth: 18 April 1945, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Working languages: Arabic and English

Current position/function:

- * Member of the Shura Council (Appointed Chamber of Parliament), Second Deputy Chairman of the Council.
- * Member of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW).
- * Member of the Arab Parliament.

Main professional activities:

- * Member of the Arab Council for Childhood and Development, Cairo, Egypt, since 1988.
- * Member of ANGAD Network, Arab Centre for Studies and Research (Kawtar), Tunisia.
- * Founder Member of the Bahraini Society for Child Development, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- * Head of the Committee for drafting the National Report on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), 1999.
- * Member of the Board of Trustees, Arab Network for Non- Governmental Organizations, 1997-2001.
- * Elected Chairperson of the Higher Technical Committee on Childhood of the Arab League in 1995, 1997 and 1999.
- * Supervisor of Women and Children's programs in Bahrain Television.

Educational background:

- * Doctorate of Education (Cum Laude), Boston University, USA.
- * M.A. in Politics and History of the Middle East Status of Women in Islamic Shariaa, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, England.
- * B.A. in Arabic Literature, Faculty of the Arts, University of Cairo, Egypt.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

- * Member elected 2nd Vice President of Coordinating Committee for Women Parliamentarians, Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), 2004-2008.
- * Member of the Board of trustees of Women and Children Information Center, Mother and Child Welfare Society, 1997-2010.
- * Member of the Committee for drafting the National Report of Bahrain to Beijing Conference, 1995.
- * Member of the Committee for drafting the National Strategy for the Advancement of Bahraini Women, Supreme Council for Women (SCW), Bahrain.
- * Provides consultations and voluntary expertise to a number of civil societies working in the fields of women and children.
- * Member of the Committee of H.R.H. Princess Sabika Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa for Empowering Bahraini Women.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

- * “The Status of Women in a Democratic Society: The Kingdom of Bahrain as an Example,” The Turkish Policy Quarterly, 2012.
 - * “Women’s Rights Between Theory and Reality,” Institute for Political Development, Bahrain, 2009.
 - * Participated in drafting the “National Strategy for the Advancement of Bahraini Women,” Supreme Council for Women (SCW), Bahrain, 2004.
 - * Inclusion of Women’s Needs In Government Programs, The First National Conference For Bahraini Women (SCW), 2010.
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