

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

Name: Sapana Pradhan-Malla, NEPAL

Nationality: Nepali

Date and Place of Birth: 15 November 1963; Nawal Parasi, Nepal

Working Languages: Nepali, English and Hindi

Current Positions/Functions:

Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Nepal - litigating cases for gender justice and equality, Advisor to Office of the Prime Minister, Committee on Violence Against Women and Empowerment - Advising Prime Minister and Inter Ministerial Steering Committee chaired by Chief Secretary on gender justice and empowerment of women and also engaged in developing strategic plan and implementation of plan of action through the Committee. Board member IWRAW AP that facilitates in the implementation of CEDAW.

Selected Professional Activities:

Former Member of Constituent Assembly/Parliament of Nepal 2008-2012; Leading role to finalize and adopt the Domestic Violence (Control) Act 2009, Human Trafficking Control Act and Gender Equality Amendment Act. Advisor, UNIFEM Progress Report of the World's Women 2011. As a Public Interest litigation Lawyer engaged in challenging gender discriminatory laws that led to reform in laws and practice on range of issues, such as marital rape, inheritance right, confidentiality. Member, High Powered Committee of Government to Monitor Violence Against Women 2013. Involved actively in the advocacy for the ratification of CRPD 2006, OP to CRC 2000 and UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime 2000. Some international work includes review of Anti Trafficking Legislation in Afghanistan, developed study framework on human trafficking in Mongolia, and engaged in developing measures required to implement SAARC Convention on Combatting Trafficking and analyze impact of the strategies on violence against women in Asia.

Educational Background:

Candidate of Mason Fellow, Mid Career MPA in Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, USA (completing in May 2014); Masters Degree in Comparative Law (MCL), University of Delhi, India and Bachelors Degree in Law, Nepal Law Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Other Activities Related to the Mandate of the Treaty Body Concerned (CEDAW)

Over the last fifteen years involved in building capacity for the effective implementation of CEDAW and for this have worked with Government, Judges, Parliamentarians, National Commission on Women, NGOs (women's group, journalists, lawyers, and Paralegal Groups) and International Organizations in Nepal and in South Asia. Provided Technical Expertise in the CEDAW Shadow Report 2011, coordinated preparation of NGO Shadow Report to CEDAW Committee vis a vis the Initial Report of Nepal under the CEDAW in 1999 and the Second and Third Periodic Reports in 2004. Coordinated advocacy campaign for ratification of

OP to CEDAW, Coordinated for the Development of Plan of Action on CEDAW and Concluding Comments for Government of Nepal. Technical expertise provided to the Government of Cambodia for preparation of its first Report under the CEDAW. Conducted Study on implementation status of CEDAW, Nepal. Participated in negotiation and drafting of OP to CEDAW through IWRAW AP, 1998-1999.

Selected Recent Publications in the Field:

Marginalized Groups in the Constituent Assembly Nepal: Participation, Issues and challenges, 2013; Engendering the Constitution of Nepal, Nepal Bar Council 2008; Legal Identity for Social Inclusion, Asian Development Bank 2006; Discriminatory Laws in Nepal and their Impact on Women, 2007; Child Marriage UNIFEM 2006; Sex Equality-Approaches and Judicial Intervention, Supreme Court Publication, 2006; IWRAW Asia Pacific Occasional Papers on Women's Right to Nationality and Citizenship 2006 & Sexual Harassment in the Workplace 2005.
