

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

Name (family name, first name): FILIPOVIĆ-HADŽIABDIĆ, Samra

Nationality: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Date and place of birth: 4 August 1966, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Working languages: English, German

Current position/function:

Director of Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a main national authority for monitoring the implementation of the Law on Gender Equality in BiH

Chair of the Board of Directors for implementation of Gender Action Plan of BiH and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Financial Instrument for Implementation of Gender Action Plan (FIGAP)

Chair of the Coordination Board for Monitoring of the Implementation of the Action Plan for UNSCR 1325 in Bosnia and Herzegovina

National Coordinator for implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Main professional activities:

2001 – 2005 Founder and the first Director of the Gender Center of the Federation of BiH;

Drafted the Program of the Gender Center of the Federation of BiH; Initiator of establishment of the Gender Center of the Republika Srpska

2001 Advisor to the President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1998 Legal advisor to the OSCE Mission to BiH – Human Rights Department

1994 - 1995 Law Practitioner the Supreme Court Vienna, Austria

2011-2014 Founder and visiting lecturer of Gender Master Studies in University of Sarajevo

Educational background:

2006 Completed a Fellowship in “Inclusive Security: Women Waging Peace”, Harvard Kennedy School of Government and Initiative of Hunt Alternatives Fund in Washington and Boston, USA

2005 – Master Studies “State and International Public Law”, Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo, topic of the Master Thesis: “Instrument for the Interpretation of CEDAW Convention“ (Mentor: prof. dr. Jasna Bakšić)

2000 – Passed the BH Bar Exam

1995 – University of Vienna, approved PhD thesis “Violation of Human Rights in BiH”, (mentor Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak)

1996 – Completed a Semester in "Business Law", Santa Monica College Los Angeles, USA,

1989 – Dipl. iur., Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

Developing and overseeing implementation of the main national policy documents relevant to CEDAW: Gender Action Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina, The Action plan for Implementation of UNSCR 1325 of Bosnia and Herzegovina (which in 2011 was the first Action plan in any country of South-east Europe) and Framework Strategy for Implementation of the Istanbul Convention.

Initiating, conceiving, establishing and coordinating a multi-donor instrument to finance the implementation of the Gender Action Plan of BiH;

Chairing and coordinating the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for submission of the “Combined initial, second and third periodic CEDAW Reports of Bosnia and Herzegovina” (Session 35, 2006) and “Fourth and Fifth Periodic CEDAW Reports of Bosnia and Herzegovina” (Session 55, 2013)

Head of Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Session 58 of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW Session 58, 2014)

Head of BiH Delegation at the Union for the Mediterranean’s Ministerial Conference on Strengthening the Role of Women in Society in Paris on 11 and 12 September 2013 and a member of the Declaration drafting group

Initiator of the regional cooperation of the gender institutional mechanisms of Western Balkans, resulting in five regional countries signing of the “Sarajevo Declaration” (2005), the “Mediterranean Declaration” (2013) and the “Joint statement on cooperation” (2014)

Member of the following committees and bodies of Council of Europe: CAHVIO Committee, Committee of Parties to the Istanbul Convention, National Focal Points of Bosnia and Herzegovina on Gender Equality, Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG)

Member of the Women Waging Peace Network, Hunt Alternatives Fund (2006 to now)

Member of the Salzburg Forum.

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

As editor-in-chief: “Women Politicians during the Election Campaign 2010: a Non-existing Image”, (2010); “Prevalence and characteristics of violence against women in B&H (2013), Manual for harmonization of laws with Law on gender equality and with international gender equality principles”(2011), and other.

As a co-author: “Gender GAP in BiH – Income”, (2006), “Harmonization of Public and Personal Life to Achieve the Economic Empowerment of Women in BiH” co-author (in print), “Feasibility study of mechanisms to support the economic empowerment of women in BiH” co-author (in print).
