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

Name (family name, first name)**: EGHOBAMIEN-MSHELIA Esther**

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Working languages: **ENGLISH**

**Current position/function:**

**(5lines Maximum)**

# Founding CEO, Women Arise Development and Humanitarian Initiative (WADHI) a Nigerian NGO undertaking training, digital technology skills development, advocacy on women’s human and economic rights, under-representation in leadership, financial inclusion and GBV[[1]](#footnote-1) protection services especially for rural women; Chair, Ministerial Technical Committee on Private Sector Initiatives for the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs (FMWA), Nigeria; Member International Advisory Group, Commonwealth Business Women’s Network (CBWN)

# Main professional activities:

# (10 lines Maximum)

* Bridge gender socio-economic gaps through research and digital innovation to de**-**risk financial investment for women and provide technical support to the FMWA for effective implementation of the National Gender Policy, Global and Regional commitments[[2]](#footnote-2) ( CEDAW, BPfA, AUSD, UNSCR1325, Inclusive Social Financing for Women’s Empowerment, SDGs etc) towards women’s advancement.
* Facilitate the development, analysis and review of gender sensitivity of sectoral policies, national budgets and legislation to deepen gender responsive budgeting and compliance with CEDAW principles and standards especially **Articles 1- 5, 13 and 14**.
* Multi-Sector training Expert and Consultant to the FMITI[[3]](#footnote-3), NEPC[[4]](#footnote-4) and CWEA[[5]](#footnote-5) on gender, innovation, trade and value chain enhancement for women entrepreneurs to address gendered trade barriers, discriminatory procurement policies in order to expand access to credit and markets for women especially in the context of AfCFTA[[6]](#footnote-6) and the Buenos Aires Declaration[[7]](#footnote-7).

# Educational background:

# (5lines Maximum)

* Fellow Eisenhower MNP USIA/EP[[8]](#footnote-8) (2003) & Aspen Institute for Open Societies (2011)

#  Women’s Leadership Certificate, African Women’s Leadership Institute, Uganda (1999)

* Fellow Hubert H. Humphrey North-South USIA/ IIE (1995–1996)
* M.C Women Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A (1996)
* University of Washington, Graduate School of Public Policy U.S.A (1995–1996)
* B. Ed (Hons) Guidance Counseling, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1980)

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

* Operate and administer WADHI and the Women Business Incubation Centre by providing digital technology, financial literacy and business management training, business support advisory and GBV referral services using the “KOWGO”[[9]](#footnote-9) Mobile App, “Arahah Hybrid Market[[10]](#footnote-10)” and other platforms to protect women’s rights, expand livelihoods and market access for women entrepreneurs and MSMEs[[11]](#footnote-11) and work with UN Women Russia and CBWN to promote inclusive procurement policies, digital innovation to boost leadership, trade, talent, technology and business performance among women in order to better deliver the UN Global Gender Compact on Inclusive Private Sector.
* Provide training on CEDAW principles and standards for CSOs, CBOs, FBOs, GBV Protection Officers, MDAs[[12]](#footnote-12) including CARICOM[[13]](#footnote-13) Diplomats and East African Judges and develop gender policies and tools for effective GBV Management, inclusive Elections and moderated the IPU[[14]](#footnote-14)/CEDAW/NASS[[15]](#footnote-15) HLC[[16]](#footnote-16) on Engendering Parliamentary Systems.
* Advocacy on legislative reforms that align with CEDAW normative frameworks through the Buenos Aires Town Hall Meeting, CBWN-NIES[[17]](#footnote-17) etc. to promote accountability and governance models that affirm women’s competencies across sectors and mobilize male gender champions.
* Review gender sensitivity of national security architecture for enhanced implementation of UNSCR1325, the VAPP[[18]](#footnote-18) Act and to reduce Trafficking in women and girls.

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

# (5 Lines)

* Gender targeted public funding through legislative provisions and constitutional guarantees.

and Nigeria’s INEC[[19]](#footnote-19) National Gender Policy (2021)

* Concept Notes on CEDAW Knowledge Hub and National Women’s Machinery Effectiveness/

Efficiency Assessment Template (2020) (Unpublished OHCHR/CEDAW Committee documents)

* GBV Protection Officers Manual and Guidelines EU/British Council ROLAC[[20]](#footnote-20) Project
* Global Sentinel Article on Women Peace Security: https://globalsentinelng.com/2018/01/17/
* Commonwealth Impact of Rwandan Women’s Leadership on Democracy & Governance (2015)
* Commonwealth Handbook on Gender Responsive Investments (2013)
1. Gender Based Violence [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women; BfPA: Beijing Platform for Action; AUSD: African Union Solemn Declaration on the Advancement of Women; SDGs: Sustainable Development Goals [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Nigeria Export Promotion Council [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Commonwealth Women’s Entrepreneurship Accelerator [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. WTO Buenos Aires Declaration on Gender, Trade and Women’s Empowerment [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Multi-Nation United States Information Affairs Exchange Programme [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Kudi, OWo, eGO an Indigenous online, offline digital tool innovation to bridge digital gender gaps, enhance financial inclusion and provide, business support, savings, loans and virtual trading services for women [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. A monthly physical and virtual market run in partnership with the Abuja Chamber of Commerce to boost women’s engagement with E–Commerce and provide training on access to export markets [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Ministries, Departments and Agencies under the UN Spotlight Initiative [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. The Caribbean Community and Common Market comprising 15 Member States [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Inter parliamentary Union [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Nigeria National Assembly [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. High Level Conference [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Nigeria International Energy Summit [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Violence Against Persons Prohibition [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Independent National Electoral Commission [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. Rule of law and Anti-Corruption [↑](#footnote-ref-20)