

**Magalys Arocha Domínguez (Cuba)****Date and place of birth**

Born on 8 January 1958 in Pinar del Río, Cuba.

Cuban, specialist in philosophy, doctoral student in philosophy.

- Professor of philosophy at the university level.
- Member of the National Directorate of the Federation of Cuban Women. Department for International Relations.

**Educational background**

- Degree in Russian. Moscow, 1978.
- Degree in history and social sciences. Moscow, 1982.
- Specialization in philosophy. University of Havana, 1988.
- Qualification as auxiliary professor of philosophy, 1988.
- Currently working towards a doctorate in philosophy.
- Diploma in methodology for community engagement.

**Main professional activities**

- Professor of philosophy at the higher teaching institute level (1982-1989).
- Leader of the Federation of Cuban Women at the provincial level between 1989 and 1992.
- Elected member of the Assembly of People's Power in the province of Pinar del Río, 1992-1995.
- Presentation of studies and papers on the status of Cuban women, Cuban women's rights, violence, institutional framework and the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the areas of political participation and socio-economic activity at scientific events, in small-scale publications and newspaper articles, at teaching conferences and at Ibero-American summits on gender, United Nations forums such as the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), congresses of the Women's International Democratic Federation and meetings of the World Social Forum.
- Provision of advisory services to Cuban organizations, United Nations agencies and national women's machineries in a number of Latin American countries on gender issues and international activities. Expert on United Nations bodies.

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

- Adviser to the Government of Cuba on the organization of a national seminar to follow up on the Beijing Platform for Action and the concluding comments of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

- Panellist at a regional seminar on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women held under the auspices of ECLAC and the Division for the Advancement of Women (Santiago, Chile, 2005).
- Seminar on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women requested by the Governments of the Dominican Republic (2006) and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (2007).
- Government consultant as an expert on gender issues during the drafting of United Nations documents and reports in follow-up to world conferences and summits.
- Expert invited to panel discussions held by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the ECLAC Regional Conference on Women.
- Member of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (January 2005 to December 2008).

**Participation in international conferences and meetings (selection)**

- Member and head of Cuban delegations to sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and to meetings of the Presiding officers of the ECLAC Regional Conference on Women (1998-2005).
- Delegation of Cuba to the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, 1995, and to world conferences and preparation and follow-up processes, Beijing + 5 and Beijing + 10.
- Sessions of the ECLAC Regional Conference on Women (1997/2000/2004).
- Member and head of Cuban delegations to Ibero-American summits on women and gender.
- Tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth congresses of the Women's International Democratic Federation.
- Editions of the World Social Forum (2000-2004).

**Most recent publications in the field**

- "Género y sistema electoral en Cuba" (Gender and electoral system in Cuba)
- "La igualdad como valor de la Democracia" (Equality as a value of democracy)
- "Mujeres Protagonistas de movimientos sociales emergentes en América Latina y el Caribe" (Women protagonists of emerging social movements in Latin America and the Caribbean)
- "Apuntes para el debate acerca de género y cohesión social en Iberoamérica" (Notes for the debate on gender and social cohesion in Latin America)
- "Unidad y diversidad en la metodología del seguimiento a las Observaciones Finales del Comité de la CEDAW en Latinoamérica" (Unity and diversity in the methodology used to follow up on the concluding comments of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in Latin America)