

**Biographical Data Form of Ms. Fadheela AL-MAHROOS**  
Candidate of the Kingdom of Bahrain to CEDAW

Last name and first name: AL-MAHROOS, Fadheela

Date and place of birth: 10<sup>th</sup> November 1954 at Bahrain

Working languages: Fluent in written and spoken Arabic and English

Current positions/functions:

- Member of the Supreme Council for Women, Bahrain
- Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical School, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain
- Consultant Pediatrician, Sulmanya Medical Complex, Ministry of Health (MOH) Bahrain
- Chairperson of Child Protection Unit, MOH, Bahrain
- Chairperson of Board of directors of Bahrain Center for Child Protection
- Member of the National Childhood Committee, Bahrain
- President of the Arab Network for the Prevention of Violence against Children
- Member of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect

Educational background:

- Sept, 2004 – Master of Health Professions Education – AGU, Bahrain
- Dec, 1997: Diploma in Health Care Management, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland and MOH, Bahrain
- June, 1988: Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics.
- Jan, 1983: Diploma of Child Health, National University of Ireland, Dublin-Ireland.
- July, 1979: Medical Doctor, Faculty of Medicine - Aleppo University - Syria.

Main professional activities:

- **Human rights activists & Women rights advocate:** Expert in multidisciplinary response against family violence. Participated as an Organizer and Facilitator and lecturer in Workshops related to “Family violence as a violation of human rights & Islam”, “Arab Women’s Rights in the Context of CEDAW” and “Women in Society: Social Equity and Rights”.
- Women and child rights advocate, Worked on drafting Bahrain's Child Protection Law which is discussed now in Parliament.
- Expert physician in child abuse and neglect. Drew public attention to the problem in the beginning of the 90s and lectured extensively to various professionals in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Warsaw, Morocco, Doha and UAE & to lay people about the magnitude of the problem, its recognition, management & prevention.
- Sample of presentations:
  1. Coordinated "Multidisciplinary response to child abuse and neglect" workshop 5 days in Riyadh – Saudi Arabia Nov 2007 and May 2008. Similar course done in Bahrain April 2008.

2. "Responding to Child Abuse in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries: Realities & Challenges". Given in Feb, 2004 in Amman and in Riyadh Expert Meeting in April, 2004. Saudi Arabia.
3. "Recognizing Sexual Abuse of Children Workshop" Amman, April 2004.
4. "Sexual Exploitation of Children". National Cultural Forum. Bahrain. 2003
5. "Child Abuse: Bahrain's Perspective" at the "9<sup>th</sup> Moroccan National Conference on Children's Rights". Casablanca- Moroccan. 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2002.
6. "Bahrain's Experience in Child Abuse" "Diagnosis and Management of Child Abuse in Saudi Arabia Conference". Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. March 2002.
7. "Child Abuse, Bahrain's Experience" and "Responding to Child Maltreatment" Two Presentations given at "The 14<sup>th</sup> International Child Health Conference" Sultan Qaboos University and the Ministry of Health. Oman. 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2001
8. "Child Abuse Status in Bahrain" and "Child Protection: Can we achieve it?" Two presentations given at the First Arabian Gulf Medical Associations Conference". Bahrain, 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 1998.

Other relevant activities:

- Member of several organizations: Bahrain Medical Society, Bahraini Society for Child Development, Physicians for Human Rights- USA, Amnesty International, USA 1988 – 1996 and International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.
- Examiner at the Pediatrics Arab Board of Medical Specialization, Damascus – Syria. Expert in Children Rights. Arab Council for Childhood and Development, Cairo – Egypt.

Most recent publications in the field:

1. Al-Mahroos F et al. Child abuse, Bahrain's Experience. 2005, Child Abuse & Neglect, International Journal. 29:187-193.
2. Al-Mahroos FT and Bandaranayke RC. Teaching Ethics in Medical Schools" Annals of Saudi Medicine. 2003, 23(1-2):1-4.
3. Al-Mahroos FT. Responding to Child Abuse in Bahrain: Critical look at the present situation and future vision. Chapter in the book "Protecting Children from Abuse" Bahrain Center for Studies and Research, 2002. In press.
4. Al-Mahroos FT & Al-Saleh F. Umbilical Cord Blood Lead Level of Newborns in Bahrain. Current Pediatrics Research; 2000, 4(1):7-12.
5. Contributed to four chapters in "Textbook of Clinical Pediatrics". Chapter 192: Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Chapter 197: The Pancreas, Chapter 203: Metabolic Liver Disease and Chapter 207: Chronic Hepatitis in Children. Publisher: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2001.
6. Al-Mahroos FT. Corporal punishment and psychological maltreatment of school girls in Bahrain. Bahrain Medical Bulletin. 1997, 19(3):70-73.