

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

**Name (family name, first name):** AbuSulayman, Muna

**Nationality:** Saudi Arabia

**Date and place of birth:** May 16 1973, Philadelphia, PA.

**Working languages:** Arabic, English

**Current position/function:**

**Director at: Directions Consulting (2011-present)**

Directions Consultancy is a boutique international consultancy firm with over 30 years in experience in innovative impactful philanthropy.

**Partner and Board Member, Glowork (2011- present)**

Glowork is the first MENA staffing and recruiting company dedicated to women. The agency operates, and is fully functional, through both a website and physical office locations. The unique website full service model helps women bypass daily logistical obstacles that face them, especially first time job seekers or due to cultural and familial constraints.

**Main professional activities:**

Directions:

1. Advising social and non-profit sector leaders, CSR departments, foundations and individuals on philanthropic effectiveness through:

- Strategy Philanthropy consulting and advising
- Leadership development
- Building private/public relationships
- Creating, Identifying, Evaluating, Scaling sustainable and innovative projects
- Execute investments in socially driven private projects and funds
- Manage private foundations for individuals, families, and socially minded Business owners

2. Enhancing Cross Cultural Understanding by:

- Developing suitable Academic and Media projects
  - Developing and implementing training programs
- AbuSulayman's work at Glowork:

- Develop key strategies for the business development.
- Promote the company's interests at various venues.
- Conduct seminars and training sessions as needed.

**Educational background:**

Doctorate of English Literature, ABD, **King Saud University**, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (2004)  
M.A. in English Literature, **George Mason University**, Virginia, USA (1996)  
B.A. in English Literature, **George Mason University**, Virginia, USA (1995)

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

Her work at Glowork is to ensure that women bypass cultural constraints to finding suitable employment options, as well as to provide key mentoring and training services to a strictly female clientele. She has, over the past 10 years, successfully launched and managed multiple businesses, foundations as well as championing public and media campaigns on Stopping Domestic Violence in the Middle East

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