

Biographical data of Ms. Olena Suslova
Candidate from Ukraine to CEDAW

Name and first name: SUSLOVA Olena

Date and place of birth: 23 April 1958, Orenburg, Russia

Working languages: Ukrainian, English, Russian, Spanish; German

Current position/function:

Gender Activity Coordinator (2005 to date) Parliamentary Development Project (Ohio State University);
Founder, Chair Board (1995 to date) Women's Information Consultative Center (Ukraine)

Main professional activities¹:

The main attention of Ms.Suslova's work about 20 years addresses women's human rights advocacy, training on gender sensitivity and gender mainstreaming, gender analysis of legislation, consultations on individual cases of gender discrimination, preparing publications on women's human rights and gender equality. Human rights activist since 90-ies. Contributed to the CEDAW governmental and alternative reporting. Member of the Advisory Council at the Parliament Committee on Human Rights. Experienced in international training– Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burma, Georgia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan. Initiated the Empowering Education project – Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities for Girls and Boys (gender education) www.empedu.org . Author and editor of more 50 articles, manuals and other publications.

Educational background:

Ukrainian Academy of International Trade, Master Degree on International Law (Master work theme is on UN Peace-Keeping Operations), 2001
National University of "Kyiv – Mohyla Academy" in collaboration with Tempus – Tacis Program, Research in Social Work and Social Policy Course, 1999
CEU Summer University, Conflict Transformation: Transcend Approach Course, 1999
Orenburg Polytechnic Institute, Civil Engineer Degree, 1979

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

Expert, UNDP, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 on gender mainstreaming, training, consultations. Coordinator of about 30 research, advocacy, informational projects of the Women's Information Consultative Center (1995 – 2012). Leader of the team on Equal Opportunity Law comments. The Gender Strategic Platform Coordinator. Author of trainings on the CEDAW and OP CEDAW implementation and monitoring. Member of the Expert Commission on Gender Discrimination at the Ministry on the Affairs of Family and Youth.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Protecting women and children by judicial and law enforcement bodies in Ukraine, (co-author), CoE TRES Project. – 2010
Equal Opportunities Law – comments (co-author), UNDP, 2009;

Mechanisms of counteraction and monitoring gender violence and discrimination. – analysis, UNFPA, 2009;

Our rights are not optional. CEDAW, OP CEDAW, comments of IWRAW (translation and edition), UWF, 2008, WICC 2009;

Regional Legislative Analysis and Mapping on Correspondence to International Treaties on Discrimination against Women, UNFPA – analysis, 2008.

¹ It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women requires participation in two/three annual sessions of three weeks duration, plus participation (on a rotating basis) in a pre-session working group of one week in respect of each session.