

Name: **Al Sharji, Sarah**
Nationality: *Omani*
Date and Place of Birth: *23 January 1982 – Muscat, Oman*
Working Languages: *Fluent in Arabic and English, conversational Swahili and Spanish*

Current Position/Function:

- *Assistant Legal Researcher and Head of Treaties and International Cooperation Division at the Ministry of Legal Affairs (as of February 2005)*
- *Member of the National CRC Committee*
- *Assistant Legal Advisor at the Royal Opera House – Muscat, Oman (July – December 2011)*
- *Legal Fellow at the US Congress (the office of John Conyers, Jr.) – Washington, DC, USA (April – May 2010)*
- *Participant in the United Nations International Law Fellowship Program – the Hague, Netherlands (July – August 2009)*
- *Legal Fellow at Atkin Chambers, Grey’s Inn – London, UK (July – August 2008)*
- *Legal Intern at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP – Washington, DC, USA (January – March 2006)*

Main Professional Activities:

- *Reviewing all draft bilateral and multilateral treaties to which Oman intends to enter into*
- *Advising the Government on entering into international conventions*
- *Reviewing contracts imposing a financial obligation of at least R.O. 500,000 on the Government*
- *Preparing binding legal interpretations of current legislation*
- *Drafting and reviewing legislation*
- *Negotiating bilateral treaties on behalf of the government*
- *Following up the works of international organizations to which Oman is a party*
- *Assisting the relevant local authorities in issues pertaining to legal affairs arising out of international conventions and treaties*

Educational Background:

- *LLM in international Commercial Law from the University of Leicester, UK in 2004*
- *LLB in Law from the University of Nottingham, UK in 2003*

Other Main Activities in the Field Relevant to the Mandate of the Treaty Body Concerned:

- *Reviewed Oman’s first Human Rights Report for the Universal Periodic Review prior to submission*
- *Prepared a simplified explanation (on leaflets and CDs) of certain aspects of the Personal Status Law pertaining to women, education them of their legal rights, distributed by the Omani Women’s Association*
- *Preparing the third and fourth periodic reports on the Convention on the Rights of the Child*
- *Participated in the Third World Congress Against the Sexual Exploitation of Children And Adolescents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in November 2008*

- *Participated in the Annual sessions of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (from 2007) and prepared a brief paper on Oman's position with regards to the trafficking of women and children at the 50th session in 2011*
- *Studied human rights law at both undergraduate and graduate levels*
