

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

**Name (family name, first name):** AWORI Violet

**Nationality:** Kenyan

**Date and place of birth:** 19 -7-1957, Kenya

**Working languages:** English

**Current position/function:**

I am the proprietor of my own legal firm dealing with family law. I am also a consultant on women's and human rights. I provide training on the Convention On the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women. This has been to relevant government officers and members of the judiciary particularly in countries that are reporting to CEDAW for the first time.

**Main professional activities<sup>1</sup>:**

Member of the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. (CEDAW) I am currently the committee rapporteur and so I ensure that the reports of the committee are accurate before they are adopted. Also a member ( former chairperson ) of the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) This is a women's rights non governmental organization that provides legal aid to marginalised women. It also provides awareness and training on human and women's rights to women, various government officers, police officers etc .FIDA also lobbies for changes in laws especially those that discriminate against women. Am also the vice chairperson of SMEP which is a micro finance organization that provides loans to small and medium enterprises particularly targeting poor and rural women.

**Educational background:**

Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Nairobi.

Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law in Nairobi.

Currently pursuing a Masters in International Criminal Justice at the Open University of Tanzania.

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

Training on CEDAW and human rights to the Zimbabwe National Human Rights Commission in September 2011. CEDAW mock session for the Zimbabwe government delegation and training on CEDAW and human rights for some Zimbabwe civil society organizations in December 2011. Prepared and made a presentation on 'Witness Protection' in Geneva in May 2011. Attended and made some contributions at the Seminar of Experts on United Nations Treaty Bodies Reform in Poznan, Poland in September 2010. Made a presentation at a half day panel discussion in Geneva to celebrate CEDAW 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Geneva on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

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

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Not published

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women requires participation in 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.