

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

Name (family name, first name): NADARAIA Lia

Nationality: Georgian

Date and place of birth: 31 May 1957, Tbilisi, Georgia

Working Languages: English, Russian, Georgian

Current positions/Functions:

Since 2013 Chairperson of the South Caucasus Women's Congress (SCWC);

Since 2003 Director of the International Women's Political Resource Center;

Since 1998 President of the Caucasian Feminist Initiative.

Main professional activities:

1998 - *present*: Directs work of the Caucasian Feminist Initiative in Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council - collaborates with and reports to the United Nations;

1999 - *present*: Coordinates work on establishment and broadening of national women's political network and the "Women's Political Forum". The objective of the "Forum" is to connect women electorate with women in decision-making structures and political parties of Georgia;

2004 - *present*: Conducts advocacy on gender sensitive national policies and legislation. Worked on the Anti-Domestic Violence Law (2006), Gender Equality Concept (2006); presented a number of legislative recommendations concerning the increase of women's representation in decision-making and politics; elaborated a draft of the Gender Equality Law (2010);

2005 - *present*: Organizes political schools for women - "Women and Local Governance", "Gender, Politics and Law", "Women, Media and Elections", "NATO Summer School for Women", "The Feminist Summer Schools"(2007-2013);

2008 - *present*: Coordinates work on awareness rising among lawyers, representatives of political parties and NGO activists on enforcement of OP-CEDAW in Georgia;

2004 - 2012: Member of Advisory Council for Gender Equality under the Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia

2002: Visiting Professor, University of Minnesota, USA – course "Women in Transition";

2000 - 2002: Professor at Tbilisi State University, Department of Political Science - course "Gender and Politics".

Educational background:

- 2005 Training in Diplomacy and State Security, Georgian Institute of Public Administration
- 1998 Training on reporting to CEDAW, IWARAW Asia Pacific and Columbia/SIPA, USA
- 1994-97 Ph.D. in General Psychology, Georgian Institute of Psychology
- 1989-90 Training in Clinical Psychology, New York Institute of Psychodrama, USA
- 1973-78 M.A. in Psychology, Tbilisi State University, Georgia
- 1964-73 Primary and Secondary Education, Tbilisi, Geneva, Kano (Nigeria)

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

1999 - 2006 Presented alternative (“shadow”) reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

1999 - 2012 Actively participated and delivered speeches at the UN conferences on women’s issues, including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Sessions;

1991 - 2013 Coordinated public relations activities and served as spokesperson to the media and the public concerning the policy objectives and program implementation, including exposure of women’s issues to international, national, and local media outlets. Earliest interviews on women’s human rights in Georgia - Voice of America (March 1990), United Nations Radio (June 1999).

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

Nadaraia, L. (2013). *Participation of Women in Public and Political Life*. Tbilisi: Tbilisi School of Politics. Print.

Nadaraia, L. (2012). *Promoting IDPs and Women’s voices in Post-Conflict Georgia*. Tbilisi: Women’s Political Resource Center. Print.

Nadaraia, L. (2012). *Gender Aspects of Elections*. Tbilisi: Women’s Political Resource Center. Print.

Nadaraia, L. (2011). *Promoting Gender Equality in the Education System in Georgia*. Tbilisi: Women’s Political Resource Center. Print.

Nadaraia, L. (2010). *Addressing Trafficking in Persons and Domestic Violence in Georgia*. Tbilisi: Women’s Political Resource Center. Print.