

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

Name (family name, first name): Arocha Domínguez, Magalys

Nationality: Cuban

Date and place of birth: January 8th, 1958. Pinar del Río, CUBA

Working languages: Spanish and English

Current position/function:

Regional Coordinator of the Women International Democratic Federation (WIDF) for America and the Caribbean.

Main professional activities:

- Philosophy Professor in High Pedagogical Education (1982-89).
- Member of the Directory of Cuban Women Federation in Pinar del Río province between 1989 and 1992.
- Elected representative to the Provincial Assembly in Pinar del Río. Secretary of mentioned body, 1992-1995.
- Member of the National Secretariat of Cuban Women Federation, in charge of International Relations since March 1995 to August 2012.
- Regional Coordinator of the Women International Democratic Federation for America and the Caribbean, since September of 2012.

Educational background:

- Degree in Russian language; and Degree in History and Social Science. Moscow, 1978 and 1982.
- Diploma in Specialization in Philosophy. University of Havana, 1988.
- Diploma on Methodology in Community Intervention. Women's Training Center. Havana, 1992.
- Diploma in Defense and National Security. National Institute in Defense. 2008.

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

- CEDAW Committee member for two mandates (2005–2012). Member of Committee's Optional Protocol Working Group of Communications (2005-2010).
- Trainer of the Regional Seminar hosted by the ECLAC and the Division for Advancement of Women, held in Chile, for Latin-American governmental representatives in 2005.
- Participation in Courses, Work-shops and Seminars about the CEDAW, hosted by the governments of Dominican Republic 2006, Uruguay 2010 and Venezuela (2006, 2010, 2011 and 2012).
- Invitation to participate in preparatory process of a new Law on Violence Against Women, in El Salvador (2010)
- Courses and Conferences organized by the Regional Office of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF) about the Convention and the NGO cooperation with the Committee (2009, 2010 and 2012).

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

- "Women as main participants of emergent social movements in Latin America and the Caribbean", "Debate about the theory and practice of the gender institutionalization in public policy in Latin America context", "Latin American perspective of the roll of the CEDAW Committee in the 30th anniversary of its constitution", "Gender inclusion as a necessary condition of new democratic paradigms in Latin America", "Ethical and political approaches from the women movement".
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