

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

Name: Schulz, Patricia

Place and date of birth: Geneva, Switzerland, 28 July 1949

Working languages: French, English, German, Spanish (intermediate level)

Educational background:

- Masters in law, University of Geneva
- Diploma in Higher Law Studies (social and administrative law)
- Post-graduate Certificate in Development, Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne and Institute of Development Studies, Geneva
- Bar exam, certificate to practise law, Geneva

Current position/function:

- Member of the CEDAW Committee, Chair of the Working Group on Working Methods
- Member of the Board of Directors of the UN Research Institute for Social Development

Main professional activities:

- Director of the Federal Office for Gender Equality FOGE (1994-2010), setting priorities for the policy on gender equality; cooperating with the administration, Parliament, other stakeholders such as women's organisations, social partners, and at international level on gender equality issues; developing networks; launching studies; taking part in the legislative process
- Lecturer in constitutional and public law
- Barrister and solicitor

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

- Heading the Swiss delegation to international meetings: Beijing Conference; CSW sessions; European Ministerial Conferences on Equality between Women and Men, etc. (1994-2010)
- CEDAW: Coordinator for the Initial and Second Periodic Reports of Switzerland; head of delegation for their presentation and coordinator for the implementation at federal level of the Concluding Observations and Recommendations of the Committee. Coordinator of the ratification process (1996-2008)
- Regular interventions in training courses, lectures, publications, media programmes, on human rights, gender equality, non-discrimination and domestic violence, (1984-now)
- Co-President of the Swiss Conference of Gender Equality Delegates (2000-2010)
- Expert with the Federal Commission for Women's Issues (1991-2010)
- Head of the Inter-departmental Working Group for the Post Beijing Conference Swiss Action Plan for Gender Equality (1996-1999)

List of recent publications and presentations:

La Convention sur l'élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination à l'égard des femmes (CEDEF) 2014 ; CEDAW and nationality, IPU, 2013; CEDAW and racism, Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, 2013 ; Women offenders in the perspective of CEDAW, Penal Reform International, 2013; The contribution of the CEDAW Committee to the fight against violence against women, Human Rights Council, 2013; CEDAW and women with disabilities, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2013
