

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

Name (family name, first name): Pitanguy de Romaní, Jacqueline

Nationality: Brazilian

Date and place of birth: October 16, 1945 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Working languages: French, English and Spanish

Current position/function:

Jacqueline Pitanguy is a member of the National Council for the Rights of Women (CNDM) in recognition of her notorious expertise and represents CNDM at the National Commission on Population and Development. In 1990, she founded CEPIA (Citizenship, Studies, Information and Action), a non-governmental organization with a gender perspective where she still works. She is also a member of the Advisory Group of UN-Women in Brazil.

Main professional activities:

She was a professor of Sociology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and at Rutgers University, New Jersey, US. From 1986 to 1989, she was the President of CNDM, upon her nomination by the President of Brazil. She is cofounder of the Board of the Commission on Citizenship and Reproduction; cofounder and executive director of the Civil Society Forum in the Americas, where she coordinated a project called "A Human Rights Agenda for Mercosur Countries"; and also a member of the Governing Council of the UNESCO Institute for Education. She is part of the editorial board of UNESCO's International Review of Education and she has been, in numerous occasions, a member of the Brazilian Delegation to UN Regional and International Conferences and Preparatory Meetings, including those of the ECOSOC Commission on the Status of Women.

Educational background:

Jacqueline Pitanguy is a sociologist and a political scientist. She studied at the Université Catholique de Louvain, in Belgium, and at the Catholic University of Chile, and did her graduate studies at Sao Paulo University, USP.

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

In CEPIA, Jacqueline Pitanguy develops initiatives to empower low income women, and is currently working with adolescents and young people on a sexual and reproductive health project. CEPIA has also developed public campaigns on violence against women and sexual and reproductive rights using radio and TV for public awareness as well as social media. She is a member of the editorial Board of the Journal Health and Human Rights of Harvard University; member of the Governing Council of Society for International Development (SID); and chair of the Board of the Global Fund for Women. Jacqueline participates, as a speaker, in conferences, meetings and seminars, nationally and internationally and was included on the list *Women Who Deliver 2011*, because of her work towards the protection and promotion of the human rights of women and girls.

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

Jacqueline Pitanguy has a long list of publications in Brazil and abroad. Her most recent publication is *Women's Human Rights and the Political Arena of Brazil: from dictatorship to democracy* in *Women and Girls Rising*, org. by Ellen Chesler and Terry McGovern, 2015, New York and London, Routledge Editors.
