

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

Name: Safarov, Elgun

Nationality: Azerbaijan

Date and place of birth: June 5, 1982; Megri city, Armenia

Working languages: English, Russian, Turkish and Azerbaijan

Current position/function:

- Lawyer/expert on human rights protection, humanitarian and international law
- Member of the Election Commission of Public Council (non-governmental organizations) under the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Lecturer of Baku State University on international law, gender equality and family law (Doctor of Philosophy on Law, Ph.D.)
- Member of editorial board scientific journal on “Human rights and Information law” of the UNESCO faculty department of Baku State University (from 2018).
- Member of the Legal Analysis and Researches Public Union

Main professional activities:

Doctor E.Safarov organized and participated as an expert and trainer in numerous local, regional and international projects and has been lecturing in the areas of international and humanitarian law and international relations, UN, Council of Europe, European Union, gender equality, family law and other subjects in last 20 years. He has had an internationally recognized career, including participation in the preparation process of Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; involvement as the trainer in projects on the gender equality, women rights protection, violence against women, prevention of trafficking organized by UN, UNDP, UNFPA, GIZ, EU, Council of Europe, OIC and numerous non-governmental organizations; preparation of the national reports in the framework of CEDAW and CRC Conventions (2008-2016), International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; serving as an analyst and researcher on human rights protection, gender equality, woman leadership, prevention of the gender based violence, sexual harassment, trafficking as well as author of the more than 50 scholar articles and studies. He participated as the representative/expert of the Drafting Committee to prepare a draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation to prevent and combat sexism (GEC-DC Sexism-2017-2018).

He participated in the reporting and monitoring process of the states, Ombudspersons and NGOs, preparation of general recommendations and guidelines, statements and other

legal documents and international law standards during his work as member of CEDAW Committee.

He was directly involved in drafting of the Law on State Guarantees of Equal Rights for Women and Men, the Law on prevention domestic violence, amendments of Family, Penal, Civil Codes, legislation on reproductive health and prevention child marriages, national action plans, strategies and other legislative norms of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He contributed as lawyer in the process of free legal help for the victims of gender based violence and participated in the creation and accreditation of shelters for the victims of domestic violence, intercountry and internal adoption, trainer for the human rights defenders, lawyers, researchers and journalists during his work in the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs.

Educational background:

- B.A. in international law, Baku State University (1999-2003)
- M.A. in international law, Baku State University (2003-2005)
- Ph.D. in international law (“Activities of the United Nations Security Council on the supporting international security and peace in the international law” (2010), Baku State University (international law questions);
- Certificate on CEDAW Implementation and Reporting (UNFPA, UN Human Rights, 2008)
- Certificate on “Capacity Building in International Relations. International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law”, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)- Center for International Governance, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, School of International Affairs 2009.
- Certificate on “Workplace Sexual Harrassment” (USAID, ABA CEELI 2007)
- Certificate on “Male involvement in advancing gender equality and ending violence against women”, ToT program (Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNFPA)
- Certificate on “IV Human Rights Summer School”, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, SIDA, Azerbaijan Young Lawyers Union (2007)
- Certificate, “Effective response to gender-based violence by multi-sectoral teams in Eastern Europe and Central Asia region”, UNFPA, Eastern Europe Institute for Reproductive Health, 2016.
- Training of trainers program, ADA University-Centre of Excellence in European Union Studies, College of Europe (2014-2015)
- Certificate on “Project cycle management methodology”, European Union, “Implementation of Twinning, TAIEX and SIGMA operations in Azerbaijan (ITTSO II)”, 2012.
- Certificate on “adressing gender in disaster risk reduction”, UNFPA, UN Women, UNDP, 2018.

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

- Medal for the positive activity in the sphere of resolving problems in the gender equality and social policy/Awarded by the Directive of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (2016).
- Monitoring focal point of United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) “On legal and political frameworks, which support women’s human rights and gender equality” (2006)
- Active involved in the work of Coalition 1325 and National Network of IDP Women (2005-2009).
- Representative of the Drafting Committee to prepare a draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation to prevent and combat sexism (GEC-DC Sexism)
- Member of the Gender Equality Commission and National Focal Point on Gender Equality, Council of Europe (2007-2018)
- Expert, Oxfam International Humanitarian Organization and European Union project “Improving Regional Food Security through National Strategies and small holder production in the South Caucasus”, (“Capacity building for civil society for monitoring and evaluation of food security problems in the regions” trainings.), 2014.
- Member of the working group on the preparation first and second periodical reports on the implementation of Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations Human Rights Council. (Adopted by the Decrees of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan №118 and 2366, 22 December 2010 and 13 July 2012).
- Lecturer in Baku State University, Academy of the States Customs Committee and other high educational institutions.

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

- Article on “Juridical personality of states in international law”, Baku State University academic journal (№2), 2003.
- Article on “Effectiveness of the UN Security Council”, Baku State University, 2004.
- Article on “Legal nature of the international organizations”, “Qanun” academic juridical and public-political journal, 2005.
- “Sustainable Development of Gender Equality System in the Republic of Azerbaijan: Problems, Good Practice and Perspectives” Proceedings of International Scientific Conference on SDG, 2017 (article).
- “Women rights protection: international and national aspects”, 2018 (scholar monograph).
- “Leadership Instruction”, GIZ. Germany. Instruction for the women participating in the local management municipalities, 2017 (brochure).
- “Promoting gender equality in the system of protection of human rights”, Azerbaijan University, 2017 (academic article).
- “Development of the protection mechanisms on the protection women and children rights in the national legislation system”, Knowledge Foundation, 2016 (article).
- Editor of the “Family, Woman, Child”, Journal (2013-2018).
- “Practical Recommendations for the implementation of the Gender Equality Policies in Municipalities”, 2020, (co-author).
- “Curriculum on gender equality in civil service”, 2021, (co-author).

