

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:

- Independent expert on women's human rights and gender equality
- Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW (since 2015), its Alternate Rapporteur on follow-up (since 2017)

Since 2016	Founder of Gender Network of Eastern Partnership (GeNEP)
Since 2013	Chairperson of the South Caucasus Women's Congress (SCWC)
Since 2003	Director of the International Women's Political Resource Centre (WPRC)
Since 1998	President of the Caucasian Feminist Initiative

Main professional activities:

2014 - *present*: Member of different working groups and task forces of the Committee (CEDAW), including the Working Group on Communications (2017 - present), the Working Group on Inquiries (2015 - 2016) and the Task Force on Women in Conflict Prevention, Conflict, and Post Conflict Situations;

2005 - *present*: Promotes public awareness raising activities; organizes political schools for women: "Women and Security," "Women and Local Governance," "Gender, Politics and Law," "Women, Media and Elections," "Regional Security Summer School for Women," "The Feminist Summer Schools";

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 process and politics; Participated in the drafting of the Gender Equality Law (2010); Anti-Discrimination Law (2015); Member of the Task Force on Political Quotas;

2003 - *present*: Advocating for increased participation of women in political and public decision-making; Coordinates work of National (WPRC) and Regional (SCWP) women's political networks to promote women's participation in decision-making structures and political parties of Georgia and the South Caucasus;

2000 - *present*: Coordinates work on awareness raising among lawyers, representatives of political parties and NGO activists on enforcement of CEDAW and Op-CEDAW in Georgia;

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;

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

2000 - 2002: Professor, 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, IWRAW Asia Pacific and Columbia University/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:

Member of CEDAW Working Group on Working Methods, CEDAW-UN Women/SDG Working Group, CEDAW-IPU Working Group, CEDAW/Other Treaty Bodies Working Group, Working Group for cooperation with regional human rights mechanisms;

Panelist at IPU debate on the CEDAW Convention and its General Recommendation No. 30 as a benchmark to promote gender equality in the area of peace and security, Geneva, 20 October 2015;

1999 - *present*: Actively participates in the UN conferences on women’s issues, including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Sessions;

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

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

Nadaraia, L. (in print). *Political Culture and Gender Equality*.

Nadaraia, L. (2014). *Gender Aspects of Elections*. Tbilisi: Women’s Political Resource Center. Print.

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. (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.