

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

Name (family name, first name): Gabr, Naela

Nationality: Egyptian

Date and place of birth: 19/02/1950, Cairo, Egypt

Working languages: Arabic, French and English

Current position/function:

- 2010 – Present: Chairperson of the Egyptian National Coordinating Committee for Preventing and Combating Illegal Migration and Trafficking in Persons (NCCPIM&TIP), Cairo

Main professional activities¹:

- 2009 – 2011: Chairperson of the Committee for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- 2015 – 2017: Vice Chairperson of CEDAW
- 2007 – 2009:
 - Elected Member in the OIC Women Consultative Council, 2017 – Present.
 - Chairperson of the Egyptian National Committee for the Francophonie, 2009-2012
 - Assistant to Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2010-2012
 - Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs, 2005-2010
 - Representative of Egypt to the International Organization of the Francophonie, 2003-2012
 - Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN Office in Geneva, 2003-2005
 - Board Member of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), 2002-2008
 - Ambassador of Egypt to the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Botswana (non-resident) and the Kingdom of Lesotho (non-resident), 1999-2002
 - Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1997-1999
 - Director, Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1992-1997
 - Counselor, Egyptian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, 1988-1992
 - First secretary- Counselor, Embassy of Egypt in Paris, 1980-1984

Educational background:

- M.A. International Relations, Cairo University
- M.A. French Literature, University of Brno, Czechoslovakia
- B.A. Political Science, Cairo University

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

- Chair of the Working Group on drafting GR 34 (2016) on the Rights of Rural Women
- Member of the Working Group on drafting GR 31 (2014) with CRC on harmful practices
- Member of the Working Group on drafting GR 35 (2017) GBVW (Gender-based Violence against Women) updating GR19

- Member of the Working Group on drafting GR 36 (2017) on Education
- Member of the Working Group on SDG's

Head of Delegation related to Women's Human Rights:

- Consultations on "Developing the Capacities of National Institutions working in the field of women empowerment in OIC Member States", Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Dec. 2017
- UNGA High-level meeting to review the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, New York, U.S., Sept. 2017
- Ministerial Conference of the Francophonie, Montreux, Switzerland, Oct. 2010
- Ministerial Conference of the Francophonie, Quebec, Canada, Oct. 2008
- Regional Expert Meeting on Rights-based Assistance to Victims of Trafficking, Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 2008
- 15th Ministerial meeting for Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) member states, Tehran, Iran, July 2008
- Ministerial Meeting of the OIC, Kampala, Uganda, June 2008
- NAM Conference on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, Tehran, Iran, Sept. 2007
- Ministerial Conference of the Francophonie, Vientiane, Laos, Nov. 2007
- Ministerial Conference of the Francophonie, Bucharest, Romania, Sept. 2006
- Commission on Human Rights, sessions 58-62, Geneva, 2005–2005; Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Sessions 53-57, Geneva, 2002-2005
- Executive Committee of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Sessions 52-54, Geneva. 2002-2005.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights: (Paneling and Presenting Papers to Various Conferences)

- "Women's Human Rights in Japan," Kyoto Women's University, Japan, Dec. 2017
- Regional Consultation on draft guidelines on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs (ESCWA): Enhancing women's participation in public affairs; the practice of the CEDAW, Beirut, Lebanon, Dec. 2017
- Panel on Illegal Migration, National Council for Women, Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 2017
- Arab Conference on Good Practices & Regional Opportunities to Strengthen Women's Nationality Rights, "Gender equity in accessing to nationality from constitutional and international perspectives, League of Arab States, Cairo, Oct. 2017
- Open-ended Intergovernmental working group to finalize a draft UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other people working in Rural Areas 3rd session, Geneva, May 2016
- "Mediterranean Working Networks for Gender Empowerment in Rural Areas," Milan, Italy, Oct. 2015
- Wash Indicators high-level Workshop, "Discussing Rural Women Participation," Geneva, Nov. 2014
- "Les Mécanismes de Lutte Contre les Violences de Genre" Workshop, World Conférence on HR, Marrakech, Morocco, Nov. 2014
- "30ème Anniversaire de la Ratification de la Convention CEDEF/CEDAW des Nations Unies sur l'élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination contre les femmes," la salle Colbert de l'Assemblée Nationale, Paris, France, Déc. 2013
- Consultative Workshop, "Addressing Gender Equality in Agriculture and Rural Sector in Near East and North Africa," "Gendered Socioeconomic Context and the Institutional/Legal Framework pertaining to Agricultural and Rural women," Tunis,

Tunisia, Nov. 2013

- African Women's Right to Water, "The CEDAW's work on article 14," Gauteng, South Africa, Sept. 2013
- Conference of the Arab Women Association in cooperation with the Federation for Egyptian Women on "Systematic Violence Against Women and International Community," Cairo, Egypt, April 2013
- "The Road Towards more Rights to Rural Hungry" Workshop, Berlin, Germany, 2013.
- Conference on "Women and Democratic Transition in Egypt," Conference Center in Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt, Nov. 2012
- 11th International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions on "The Human Rights of Women and Girls, Gender Equality: The Role of National Human Rights Institutions," Amman, Jordan, Nov. 2012
- "Right to access to knowledge" Workshop, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt, April 2012
- Parliamentary Workshop on "Advancing Maternal and Reproductive Health and Women's Rights in Member Countries of the OIC," Tunis, Tunisia, March 2012
- Sub-Regional Workshop on "The Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women," Rabat, Morocco, March 2011
- The Womanist International Istanbul Women's Meeting, Istanbul Congress Center, Turkey, Nov. 2010
- Conference on "Arab Women Facing the Challenges of Globalization," Bibliotheca Alexandrina, in cooperation with Claremont and Yale Universities, Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 2009
- Conference on "Violence against Women: Medical and Legal Responses," Alexandria Centre for Women Health and Development, in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University, Alexandria, Egypt, Feb. 2009
- Seminar on Women's Rights in the Middle East, Anna Lindh Foundation, Alexandria, Egypt, June 2005
- Seminar on Reservation to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women, Khartoum, Sudan, Dec 2004
- "Colloque International sur les Nations Unies et les droits de l'homme," Universite Paris II, Paris, France, Oct. 2004
- CEDAW Workshop on Mainstreaming the Reporting System to Human Rights Treaty Bodies, Utrecht, the Netherlands, Sept. 2004
- CEDAW Workshop on the First Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, Berlin, Germany, 2001
- Asia/Africa Forum on Economic Empowerment of Women, Bangkok, Thailand, June 1997
- Conference on Women in Europe and the Mediterranean, Rabat, Morocco, May 1994.
- CSCE Conference on the Implementation of Human Rights issues, Warsaw, Poland, Oct. 1993
- International Conference on Social Development and Poverty, Oaxaca, Mexico, Sept. 1993

Lecturing:

- Lecturing on issues of human rights, women's rights, human trafficking, gender equality at CEDAW Convention, Johns Hopkins University, Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA), Egyptian Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Nasser Higher Military Academy and Police Academy.

Awards:

- Palme Académique: Officier de l'ordre des Palmes Académiques (Pour services rendus à la Culture Française), Dec.5, 2012.
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¹ It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women requires participation in three annual sessions of three weeks duration, plus participation (on a rotating basis) in a pre-session working group of one week in respect of each session.