

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

Name (family name, first name): Peláez Narváez, Ana

Nationality: Spanish

Date and place of birth: Zafra, Spain, October 4th, 1966

Working languages: Spanish, English and French

Current position/function:

- Executive Councillor for International Relations and External Development of the Spanish National Organisation of the Blind (ONCE)
- Executive Vice-President of the CERMI Women's Foundation (Spanish umbrella Disabled Women's Organisation)
- European Disability Forum (EDF) Vice-President and Chairperson of Women's Committee

Main professional activities¹:

- For almost twenty years now and based on an intersectional approach to human rights, she has led and advised governments, civil society and other stakeholders to ensure the full inclusion of all women and girls with disabilities in their initiatives and policies.
- Appears regularly before various United Nations bodies (Human Rights Council, committees and specialised agencies), as well as regional and national bodies (European Parliament, European Commission, Council of Europe, Congress of Deputies and Senate of Spain).
- Since 2010 she has participated as a representative of women with disabilities from Spain and Europe in the UN Commission on the Status of Women.
- Board member of the European Women's Lobby from 2010 to 2014.

Educational background:

- Degree in Science of Education from Seville University, Spain
- Degree in Psychology from Seville University, Spain
- Master's Degree in Special Needs for People with Disabilities and PhD courses at the Salamanca University, Spain

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

- Spanish Government delegate for the drafting of the CRPD, focusing on mainstreaming gender issues in a crosscutting and specific manner. Member of the UNCRPD Committee for two consecutive mandates (2009-2016) and its focal point on women's issues, leading the half-day of general discussion on women and girls with disabilities and co-chairing the working group in charge of drafting a general comment on this issue.
- In Spain, she sits as an expert on the Royal Board on Disability, the State Observatory against Gender Violence, and the Council for Women's Participation.
- Involved in the two meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development held to date, and addressed the 2017 forum on Sustainable Development Goal No 5 on behalf of women with disabilities.

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

‘Guide to including the gender and disability perspective in programming European Social Funds’; ‘Report on gender-based violence on women with disabilities in the light of the 2015 large-scale survey’; ‘General Discussion on Women and Girls with Disabilities’; ‘2nd comprehensive action plan for women with disabilities 2013-2016’; ‘Mainstreaming gender in public disability policies’.

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.