

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2018)

Name (family name, first name): ACOSTA VARGAS, Gladys

Nationality: Peruvian

Date and place of birth: July 24, 1951 - Cusco, PERU

Working languages: Spanish (mother tongue), English, Portuguese, French

Current position/function:

Member of the CEDAW Committee (2015-2018)

Main professional activities:

Currently: International Advisor. Attorney of Law in Peru.

- 2008 - 2011 UN Women - Chief, Latin America and the Caribbean Section (now retired).
- 2006 - 2008 UNICEF Resident Representative in Argentina.
- 2002 - 2006 UNICEF Resident Representative in Guatemala.
- 1999 - 2002 Regional Advisor, Women and Gender Equity in UNICEF - Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office.
- 1993 -1995 Visiting Professor, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia. Seminar on "Woman, Family and Law," Graduate program in Family Studies, and "Woman, Society and Law", Political Sciences and Law Faculty.
- 1992 -1996 Program Director, Gender and Power Project, Instituto Latinoamericano de Servicios Legales Alternativos (ILSA), Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1990 -1992 Director General, Centro de la Mujer Peruana "Flora Tristan," Lima, PERU.

Educational background:

- Law Degree. Faculty of Law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.
- Lic. and Master's Degree in Sociology. Human Sciences of Rene Descartes, Academy of Paris, Sorbonne, FRANCE.

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

- 2015-2017: Country visits to Bolivia, El Salvador, Costa Rica, México and Japon to share CEDAW experiences from the CEDAW Committee and disseminate information about the State Parties International Obligations regarding the CEDAW Convention and its Optional Protocol.
- 2016-2017: Participation in Symbolic Tribunals on Women's Human Rights in Mexico and Peru. Conference on Migration and Discrimination against Women in Mexico, with the UN Committee on the Rights of Migrant Workers (UN Women - OHCHR). Participation as a UN-CEDAW expert in the European Union Regional Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean (Cuba).
- 2015-2018: Member of the CEDAW Task Forces on Communications (Optional Protocol), Working Methods, General Recommendation 35, and SDGs -2030 Agenda.

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

- “Le Droit International des Enfants et des Femmes. Une evolution historique et sociale”. Rencontres, Universite Montesquieu –Bordeaux IV- UNICEF. Actes des colloques 2003-2004.
 - “Cambios legislativos en la formación y disolución de familias: una mirada de contexto”. Familias y políticas públicas en América Latina. Naciones Unidas. Santiago de Chile, 2007.
 - “La Convención sobre la Eliminación de todas las formas de Discriminación contra la Mujer y la Convención sobre los Derechos de la Niñez: Derechos Humanos constructores de ciudadanía y democracia. Serie Documentos de Trabajo. Número 5. UNICEF – México. Noviembre, 2001.
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