



**Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

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**Meeting of States parties to the Convention on
the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

Fourteenth meeting

New York, 23 June 2006

Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

**Election, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5,
of the Convention, of twelve members of the Committee
to replace those whose terms are due to expire on
31 December 2006**

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In a note dated 18 April 2006, the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations, informed the Secretariat of the decision of its Government to withdraw the nomination of Aracelly De León de Bernal as a candidate for election to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

2. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Secretary-General invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations by 10 February 2006 for the election of 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Information on 24 persons nominated is contained in document CEDAW/SP/2006/3. One additional nomination has been received as follows:

Mahdi Saudatu Magajiya Shehu (Nigeria)

3. The curriculum vitae of the above-mentioned candidate, as furnished by the Government, is attached (see annex).

* CEDAW/SP/2006/1.

Annex

Mahdi Saudatu Magajiya Shehu (Nigeria)

Full name : **Mahdi Saudatu Magajiya Shehu**

Date of birth: 20 April 1957

Nationality: Nigerian

Educational Institutions Attended

A. Kaduna Central Primary School, Kaduna	1964 - 1966
B. St. Louis Primary School, Kano	1967 - 1969
C. Sacred Heart Primary School, Kaduna	1968 - 1969
D. Queen Amina College, Kaduna	1970 - 1974
E. School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1974 - 1975
F. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1975 - 1978
G. Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) Topo, Badagry, Lagos	1991 - 1992

Academic and professional qualifications

- A. West African School Certificate (1974)
- B. B. A. Hons. (1978) (Second Class Upper Division)
- C. Graduate Certificate in Education (1992)
- D. Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration (1992)
(Personnel Management, Distinction Level)

Previous employments and posts held

- A. Kaduna State Ministry of Education: G.S.S. Funtua - Classroom Teacher, August – December 1979
- B. Oyo State School Board, Ijebu-Ijesha Grammar School -Classroom Teacher/Career Guidance Officer, January – July 1980
- C. Bauchi State Civil Service commission, Ministry of Education,
 - G.S.S. Bauchi August 1980 – February 1981
 - Government Secondary School, Gombe, Classroom Teacher, February 1981 – August 1983

- Pilot Junior Secondary School, Azare, Classroom Teacher, August 1983 – August 1984,
 - Government Girls Secondary School, Bauchi, Classroom Teacher, August – December 1984, Vice Principal, December 1984 – April 1988
- D. Bauchi College of Arts and Science (BACAS) Bauchi: Deputy Registrar (Administration and Establishment): May 1987 – April 1988
- E. Bauchi State Polytechnic (Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic); Deputy Registrar (Students Affairs); April 1988 – August 1989
- F. Special Posting to Ministry of Education, Bauchi, Principal, Government Girls Secondary School, Bauchi, August 1989 – February 1991
- G. Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic, Deputy Registrar, (Adm. & Est.) Feb. 1991 – April 1995
- H. Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic, Bauchi Acting Registrar, 12th April 1995 – 11th November 1998

Present employer and rank

Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA) - Secretary General 1999 to date.

Training, conferences and seminars attended

- A. Empretec Entrepreneurship Workshop under the auspices of the United Nations Centre of Transitional Corporations and Management Division/Empretec Nigeria; 1994
- B. Fiscal/Financial management Seminar under the auspices of the World Bank Management Technical Assistance, conducted by ASCON, Topo, Badagry, Lagos, 6th – 17th January 1997.
- C. Workshop on the Effective Administration and Management of Polytechnics, conducted by the N.B.T.E. Kaduna April 1998.
- D. International Conference on Domestic Violence “Enough is Enough” by Adhkar International and London Metropolitan Police, London October 2000
- E. Institution Building Capacity Building Training by the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA), Washington D.C. September 2001
- F. Training of Trainers Workshop on Advocacy on Women's Inheritance Rights in Africa by the International Human Rights Law Group (now GLOBAL RIGHTS) in Ghana. 2002
- G. Consultative Forum on Strengthening and Consolidating Democracy Through Electoral Process by the Electoral Reform Network (ERN) February 2003

- H. African Union Experts and Ministerial Meetings on the Draft Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia March, 2003
- I. International Conference on The Shari'a Debate and the Shaping of Muslim and Christian Identities in Nigeria Bayreuth University, Germany July, 2003
- J. International Conference on Shari'a Penal & Family Law in Nigeria August 2003
- K. International Conference on Comparative Perspectives on Shari'a in Nigeria, University of Jos, January 2004.
- L. Workshop for Tracking and Mentoring Girls in and out of School to Ensure Increased Participation in Education. Organized by Federal Ministry of Education in Collaboration with UNICEF, April 29th – 30th 2004, Jerrotel Hotel, Jos
- M. "The Implementation of Shari'a in a Democracy: The Nigerian Experience", Abuja from 7th –9th July 2004, organized by the Centre for Islamic Legal Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU) Zaria, in collaboration with the Centre of Islam and Democracy, Washington DC.
- N. Advocacy Meeting on the need to Review Employment Policy to Facilitate Employment of more Female Teachers and Educational Administrators, Especially in the Northern States of Nigeria. Convened by the Federal Ministry of Education and sponsored by UNICEF on August 10, 2004 at Shukura Hotel Sokoto.
- O. 49th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women on the Review and Appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action and B+5, New York, - February 28 –March 11 2005
- P. Global Consultation on the Ratification and Use of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the, Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Organized by IWRAW Asia Pacific 27-30 August 2005 Kuala Lumpur
- Q. A Strategy Workshop on Constitutional Reforms, Political Party Manifesto & Increasing Women's Representation and Participation. Organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat, Nicon Hilton Abuja – Nigeria 5 – 7 September 2005
- R. Maiden Scientific Conference of Medical Women's Association of Nigeria, Abuja Chapter National Centre for Women Development Abuja - 23 – 24 September 2005
- S. One Day Awareness Campaign with Media against Harmful Traditional Practices & Other Forms of Violence against Women, organized by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs in Collaboration with UNICEF. Gateway Hotel, Ota – Ogun State, Nigeria - October 7, 2005

National assignments

- A. Member, Transaction Marketing Committee, Privatization Council, Nigeria (Representing Gender) 2002 -2003
- B. Member, National Study Group on Death Penalty in Nigeria, an assignment under the Federal Ministry of Justice to advise on the retention or abolition of the Death Penalty in Nigeria. 2003
- C. Advisor, Nigeria 4th and 5th CEDAW Periodic Reporting Team, New York January 2004.
- D. Member, Committee for Restructuring the National Orientation Agency (NOA) 2004.
- E. Member Committee on the Reform of Discriminatory Laws Against Women, an assignment under the Federal Ministry of Justice towards legal reforms for elimination of discrimination against women and their equal participation in governance and all spheres of life. 2005 -2006.
- F. Member, Federal Capital Territory Action Committee on Aids (FACA) 2005
- G. Member, Federal Radio Corporation (FRCN) Operational Guideline Committee (2006)

Consultancy/gender assignments

- A. Commonwealth Foundation 2005
 - Multi-Stakeholder Partnership for Gender Equality: Case Study of Government-Civil Society in Nigeria: Government Perspectives 2005 – Focusing on the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy, NEEDS, of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- B. Japanese Embassy 2006 (ongoing)
 - Study on Gender Mainstreaming and Challenges toward Gender Equality in Nigeria

Training experience

Specialization in advocacy training. I have undertaken advocacy trainings for International Republican Institute (IRI) and the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs for political parties, the media and women's groups.
