

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

**Name (family name, first name):** RANA, Bandana

**Nationality:** Nepali

**Date and place of birth:** 15 August 1961, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Working languages:** English, Nepali and Hindi

**Current position/function:**

Member of Nepal Government's High Level Steering Committee on UNSCR 1325, Member of CEDAW Monitoring Committee, Member of UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group, Member of UNESCAP Regional Advisory Group for Women Peace and Security. Chair of Global Network of Women Shelters; Steering Committee Member of Global Network of Women Peacebuilders; Co- Chair of AP NGO CSW Committee; Strategic Director of Saathi (NGO working on VAW)

**Main professional activities:**

Former Chair of National Women's Commission; Coordinator of the National Network Against Domestic Violence and played a leading role in the advocacy for the Domestic Violence Act 2009; Team leader "Addressing Social Barriers that Hamper Advancement of Women" program that supports the Government's National Strategy and Action Plan on GBV; Development of the National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 & 1820 as Lead Consultant to the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction and conducted training in Afghanistan, Iraq and India; Convener of the National Conference on Beijing+15 and +20; worked for Nepal Television for 20 years and founded Women's Media Forum for promotion of Gender Equality ; As member of the High Level Advisory Group for the UNSG's Global Study on 15 years of UNSCR 1325 contributed significantly in documenting and compiling Asia Pacific Civil Society Voices and experiences.

**Educational background:**

Post Graduate Diploma in Women in Journalism – FOJO Sweden (1997); Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management – Atlanta Management Institute (USA 1992); Post Graduate Diploma in News and Current Affairs – Radio Netherlands Training Center, Netherlands (1987); Masters Degree (One Year in English Literature 1983) and Bachelors Degree (Psychology, Culture and Major English) Tribhuvan University (1981/82)

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

Actively involved in using CEDAW for promoting gender equality and addressing discrimination and VAW through capacity building, media mobilization and developing communication tools on CEDAW and its linkages with BPFA, MDGs and UNSCR 1325. Have been part of the CEDAW Shadow Report preparing and drafting team in 2004, 2009 and 2011. Actively involved in the advocacy campaign for ratification of Optional Protocol to CEDAW. Conducted Orientation and Asia Pacific Regional Training on CEDAW General Recommendation 30 and its significance to Women Peace and Security. Actively engaged in

providing counseling, litigation and reintegration support to women survivors of violence; Member of the Government Delegation to the 55<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> CSW, Asia Conference on Population and Development (2013) and Beijing+20 Review UNESCAP (2014)

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

Beijing +20 NGO Report (2014); First Year Monitoring Report (2012) and Mid Term Monitoring Report (2014) on the Implementation of the NAP on UNSCR 1325 & 1820(Government of Nepal); An Indicative Study on Implementation of Domestic Violence Crime and Punishment Act - OSF/Saathi (2011); Situational Analysis of Gender-Based Violence in Surkhet and Dang Districts of Nepal – UNFPA/Saathi (2008).

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