

CURRICULUM VITAE Dubravka Šimonović

PERSONAL DATA:

Date and place of birth: 11 August 1958, ZAGREB
Nationality: Croatian
Languages: English, German, Croatian
Marital status: Married with two children

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School, New York, U.S.A., April - June 2002
- Doctor of Law (LL.D) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1997
- Master of Law (LL.M) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1991
- Bar Exam, Zagreb, Croatia, 1984
- Law School, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 1982

INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS

- Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2003-) with the following responsibilities: **Rapporteur** (2005-2006), **Chairperson** (2007-2008), **Vice-Chair of the Optional Protocol Working Group on Communication** (2009-2010); **Committees Rapporteur on a follow up** (2009-2010), **member of the Joint Working Group of CRC-CEDAW**
- Member of UNIFEM's Expert advisory panel for the publication of the report *Progress of the World's Women* (2009-2010)
- Co-Chairperson of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence –CAHVIO (2009-2010)
- Member of the CoE Parliamentary Assembly Jury on Gender Equality (2009)
- Member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence (2006 Chairperson, 2008 Vice-Chairperson)
- Chairperson of the UN Commission on the Status of Women –CSW (2000-2002)
- Member of the Consultative Committee of the UNIFEM (2001-2003)
- Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics, Council of Europe (2003-2005)
- Project coordinator of UNIFEM and Croatia on the implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe: Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia (2002-2003)
- Vice-Chair of the UNGASS "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", New York (1999-2000)
- Expert for the UNDP project "Women in Development in CEE and CIS countries" (1995)

NATIONAL FUNCTIONS

- Member of the National Commission against Trafficking in Persons (2003-)
- Member of the National Council on the Rights of the Child (2003-)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Human Rights (2003-)
- Coordinator of the Project: Preventive Counter-Trafficking Capacity Building for Croatian Diplomatic Personnel, IOM, (2007-2008)
- Member of the National Commission on the Roma (2004 -2008)
- Gender Equality Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2004-2006)
- Member of the National Committee for Gender Equality (2002–2004)

- Member of the Government group for the preparation of the Gender Equality Act (2003)
- Founding member of the National Committee for Equality of Women (1997 – 1999)
- Legal adviser for the "Programme of Protection and Help to the Victims of Violence" of the Government of the Republic of Croatia (1994)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL:

- Head of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs(2002-)
- Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations, New York (1998-2002)
- Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in New York (1997-1998)
- Head of the Department for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1994-1996)
- Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister (1992-1994)
- Head of the Department for Legal Services of the *Vuk Vrhovac* Institute (1988-1992)
- Legal representative before courts (1982-1988)

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Statements on behalf of the CEDAW Committee or as a CEDAW expert

- **European conference Migration and Violence against Women in Europe**, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the IPU, 10/12/ 2009, Paris, France
- First and Second **Forum on Minority Issues**, UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 15-16 December 2008, 12-13 November 2009;
- **UNIFEM Capacity Development Workshop** for NGO Women's Rights Advocates in Commemoration of **30 CEDAW Anniversary**, Istanbul Turkey 19-20/10 /2009
- **OSCE Seminar** on Legal reform and gender: Sharing best practices on gender-aware legislation, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 12 October 2009
- **WAVE Conference**: Stop Violence against Women, Vienna, Austria, 24/ 09/2009
- 6th and 7th **Inter-Committee Meeting**, Geneva, 18-20 June 2007; 1 December 2008
- 19th meeting of **Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies**, 21-22 June 2007
- **Third World Congress Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents**, panelist on the panel on the trafficking of children for sexual exploitation. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 25-28 November 2008
- **Colloquium on the Impact of Violence against Women on the Family**, Doha, Qatar 19-23 November, 2008
- Statements as the **CEDAW Chair before the Third Committee** of the General Assembly, Sixty-third session, NYC, 15 October 2008,
- Follow-up CEDAW **official visit to Luxemburg**, Luxembourg, 3 -5 October 2008
- Global Standards – Local Action Conference on the **15 Years of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights**, Vienna, 28-29 August 2008
- **Expert Group Meeting: Good practices in legislation on violence against women**, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, Austria 26 to 28 May 2008
- OHCHR Panel discussion on the UN mechanisms for the **elimination of legislation that discriminates against women** Geneva, 4 April 2008, 24 October 2008
- Statement as the **Chair of the CEDAW Committee at the 52nd CSW** and Panelist on "Key policy initiatives on financing for gender equality", 25 February - 7 March 2008
- **Asia Regional Conference on "Women's and Children's Rights, the Human Rights**

Relationship", Bangkok, Thailand, 9-10 December 2007

- Regional Pacific Islands workshop: **An Overview of the reporting process, follow up to concluding** comments and implementation, Port Vila, **Vanuatu**, 19-21/12/2007
- Panelist at the International conference "Stop Domestic Violence Against Women- **Ten Years of Austrian anti- violence legislation**, Vienna, Austria 5-6 November 2007
- Conference on **Women's Participation in Governance, Beijing**, China, 20-21/10./2007
- Statement as the **CEDAW Chair before the Third Committee**, NYC,15 /10/ 2007
- **Reporting under the CEDAW Convention**, St. Stefan, Montenegro, 24 to 26/09/ 2007
- Council of Europe panel **Girl child victims of trafficking**. New York, 1/03/2007
- Keynote statement at the 52nd CSW on priority theme "The elimination of all forms of discrimination and **violence against the girl child**" New York, 26 /02/ 2007
- Panelist at the UNICEF- DAW panel **Eliminating violence against the girl child**, New York, 26 February, 2007
- Brainstorming meeting on the **United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body System**, Malbun, Lichtenstein, 14-16 July 2006
- Panelist at the CSW DAW panel: "**Violence against women**" New York, 3/03/2006
- **Cairo Sub-Regional Workshop** for the Implementation of the Concluding Comments of the CEDAW and CERD (for Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia), Cairo, Egypt,19-22 December 2005
- Follow-up workshop on the Implementation of Treaty Bodies Concluding Observations at the National Level, 4 to 6 October 2005, Zagreb, Croatia
- Panelist at the panel: " **Synergies between national-level implementation of the Beijing Declaration and PFA and the CEDAW** " held at the CSW, New York, 11 March 2005
- Round Table of **National Human Rights Institutions and National Machineries for the Advancement of Women, Ouarzazate**, Morocco, November 2004
- 3rd Conference of **Women Parliamentarians of South Eastern Europe, Skopje**, Macedonia, June 2004
- Expert Group meeting for the Study on violence against children of Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Geneva 2003
- Conference on the Implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe, (Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia) Dubrovnik, Croatia, 10, 2003
- Participated as the **Chair of the CSW** in the UN Expert Group Meeting on "Gender and Racial Discrimination", Zagreb, Croatia, November 2000

Statements as the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Task Force and Co-Chairperson of the Council of Europe CAHVIO Committee

- Closing Conference - Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, Strasbourg, France, 10 June 2008
- Regional Seminar on Support and protection for victims of domestic violence: services needed, Espoo, Finland, 8-9 October, 2007
- Joint Conference of National Focal Points and Contact Parliamentarians, Strasbourg, France, 5 June 2007
- Regional Seminar on Men's Active Participation in Combating Domestic Violence Zagreb, Croatia, 9 May 2007
- Regional Seminar on legal measures to combat violence against women, including domestic

violence, The Hague, Netherlands, 21 February 2007,

- Launching Conference - Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, Madrid, Spain, 27 November 2006
- 1st meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly Network of Contact Parliamentarians, Istanbul, Turkey, 15 May 2009
- First (6-8, April 2009), second (25-27 May 2009), and third (1-3 December 2009) meetings of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO), Strasbourg, France;

Member of Croatian delegation

- Twenty-seventh UNGASS on **Children**, September 2002, New York, and a panelist at the panel on the implementation of CEDAW and CRC
- Twenty-sixth UNGASS on **HIV/AIDS**, June 2001, New York
- Twenty-third UNGASS "**Women 2000**: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", June 2000
- Initial Report before the CEDAW New York, January 1998
- World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, August 1996
- Initial Report before the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva, 01/1996
- **Fourth UN World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, September 1995**
- Initial Report before the CERD, Geneva, March 1995
- Conference "Equality and Democracy: Utopia or Challenge?" Strasbourg, 02/1995
- UN/ ECE Conference "Women in a Changing World", Vienna, October 1994
- **International Conference on Population and Development**, Cairo, Egypt, 09/1994

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Dubravka Šimonović is author or editor of books and articles in the areas of women's rights, human rights, and medically assisted procreation:

- *Introductory note to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women*, in the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law, Human Rights, December, 2008
- *Introduction to the UNICEF Guide for field staff : CEDAW & Reporting Process UNICEF*, 2008 http://www.unicef.org/cedaw30/materijals/guides_manuals_tools.php
- *Reflections on the Future of the CEDAW Committee: The Circle of Empowerment*, The Feminist Press at CUNY, December 2007, pp 349-351.
- *Short Guide on CEDAW - the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Implementation in Croatia*, (ed.) Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004, p.139
- *Medically Assisted Procreation: Law and Ethics*, 1997, Organizator, Zagreb, p.399
- *Social and Legal Problems of Artificial Insemination*, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 1993
- *United Nations and the Status of Women*, in Croatia and the United Nations, Organizator, Zagreb, 1996, pp.251-265

AWARD

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women "*Women Who Make A Difference Award*", New York, October 2001