

Sajida Abdulvahabova (Azerbaijan)

Date and place of birth: 2 June 1947, Absheron region, Azerbaijan

Nationality: Azerbaijan

Languages: Azerbaijani, Russian, English (good)

Position/function:

1974 - present: Baku State University, professor
1997 - present: Director of the NGO "Women Problems' Research Union"
2003 - present: Head of the women group "Coalition-1325" (UN Security Council resolution 1325 on Women and Peace and Security)

Main professional activities:

Women rights' protection (including Constitution of Azerbaijan, Beijing platform and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);

Involvement of women in the peace process;

Increase the level of political knowledge and general civic education of women;

As a director of "Women Problems' Research Union" she has conducted a number of trainings in Baku and in the regions of Azerbaijan on conflict prevention, advocacy, women's participation in election processes and women's human rights.

Titles of the projects are:

Women leadership and policy studies;

Women for just elections;

Women in business activity;

Women right in Family;

Woman election activity in the outskirts;

Peace education for women journalists;

Peace education for women.

She was national coordinator of regional (South Caucasus) manual "Gender and Peace Education".

Education:

Degree	Year	Institution	Specialty
Doctor, Prof.	1993	Baku State University	Physics

1969-1974 Postgraduate student of Union Institute of Nuclear Investigation,
Moscow

1965-1969 Qualifications of physics, Baku State University

Author of over 100 scientific articles, participant of many scientific conferences

Other activities:

As a head of the women group "Coalition-1325" she conducted a wide-scaled consultation to assess the needs and priorities of women in communities, ensuring that these priorities are reflected in the Poverty Reduction Strategy and National Plan of Action for Women.

She was one of the two author-experts of the National Plan of the Action on "GENDER AND FAMILY ISSUES IN AZERBAIJAN".

She is a member of women networks – Women's empowerment (*Kvinna till Kvinna Sweden*); Omnibus 1325 (OWEN-Germany); Women for peace in South Caucasus.

She has taken part in a number of regional, international conferences and seminars.

List of most recent publication: Author of the books

- The history of human rights;
- Gender problems in the conception of Peace Culture;
- Women's role in the popularization of Peace Culture;
- Fundraising and marketing for NGO;
- "Gender and Peace Education" manual.

Using from the provisions of the UN Security Council resolution 1325 and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) as the guiding framework, the "Gender and Peace Education" manual provides methodological guidance for trainers.

Editor of the magazines: Ballot box (1999), Woman's Institute (2005)

Award: 2006, Certificate of Appreciation from UNIFEM in recognition of the significant contribution in promotion of gender equality and advancement of women.