

Violet Tsisiga Awori (Kenya)

Date and place of birth

19 July 1957, Nairobi

Working languages

English

Current position/function

Practising advocate of the High Court of Kenya with 26 years experience. Chairperson, Federation of Women Lawyers – Kenya (FIDA Kenya).

Main professional activities

Law firm specializing in family law. Heading FIDA Kenya which monitors government's compliance to its international obligations, prepares alternative (shadow) reports, advocates and lobbies for law reform, provides legal aid for marginalized women, monitors rights abuses of women, helps in the preparation of periodic reports of government to the CEDAW Committee.

Educational background

Bachelor of laws degree, diploma in legal education.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Attended the fifty-second session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in February 2008. Between 12 and 24 November 2007 attended training on treaty monitoring bodies in Geneva where I attained in-depth knowledge of the United Nations human rights system and treaty body procedure, the reporting systems, committee membership, preparation of shadow reports and monitoring government compliance. In July 2007 represented FIDA Kenya at the thirty-ninth session of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women where Kenya was presenting her combined fifth and sixth country report to the CEDAW Committee. She submitted the FIDA Kenya shadow report.

List of most recent publications in the field

No recent publication.