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REEM ALSALEM

United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Ms. Reem Alsalem was appointed United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes, and consequences in July 2021 by the UN Human Rights Council for a three-year tenure. She started her tenure on 1 August 2021.

Reem Alsalem is an independent consultant on gender issues, the rights of refugees and migrants, transitional justice and humanitarian response. She has consulted extensively for United Nations departments, agencies, and programmes such as UN-Women, OHCHR, UNICEF and IOM, as well as for non-governmental organizations, think tanks and academia. Previously, she worked as an international civil servant, serving with the UNHCR in thirteen countries. During her service, she has planned, implemented, and monitored programs that served to protect persons that were survivors of gender-based violence, particularly women and girls. She has also been a visiting professional with the Prosecutor's Office of the ICC from January to March 2009 and a visiting researcher with the Feinstein International Center of Tufts University in December 2008. Visiting Professional, Investigation Unit of the Prosecutor Office, International Criminal Court, the Hague, the Netherlands, January 2009-March 2009.

Reem has a Masters in International Relations from the American University in Cairo, Egypt (2001) and a Masters in Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2003).

VICTORIA ROSELL

Government Delegate against gender-based violence, Spanish Ministry of Equality



Ms. Victoria Rosell is a Spanish Judge with over 25 years of experience. She was admitted to the judicial career by competitive examination in 1996 and promoted to magistrate in 2001.

She is member of Judges for Democracy Association, the Women Judges of Spain Association and the International Association of Women Judges.

She was an elected Member of Parliament for Las Palmas in 2015 and 2019 (spokesperson of the Justice Committee, 1st vice-chairperson of the monitoring committee of the State Pact against Gender Violence, 1st Secretary of the mixed committee on Relations with the Ombudsman and member of the committees on Equality, among other).

She is currently the Government Delegate Against Gender-Based Violence at the Spanish Ministry of Equality.

EKATERINE SKHILADZE

Deputy Public Defender Office, Georgia



Ms. Ekaterine Skhiladze was appointed as a Deputy Public Defender of Georgia in June, 2016. Since 2007 she has been actively involved in processes aimed at protecting women's rights and gender equality in Georgia. In 2016, Ms. Skhiladze was awarded the Kato Mikeladze prize, in recognition of her work and achievements in supporting women's rights and gender equality in the country.



ALEJANDRA MORA MORA

**Executive Secretary,
Inter-American Commission of Women, Costa Rica**

Ms. Alejandra Mora Mora is a Costa Rican jurist, feminist, researcher, academic and politician highly recognized in the international community for her activism for the human rights of women and girls. Since August 16, 2019, she has held the strategic position of Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) at the Organization of American States. She was Minister for the Status of Women in Costa Rica, President of the National Institute for Women (INAMU) from 2014 to 2018 and Director of the Ombudsman for Women of the Costa Rican Ombudsman until August 2019.

She obtained a Law degree from the University of Costa Rica in 1989 and completed specialization courses at the University of Lund and the Raul Wallenberg Institute in Sweden in 1997. She also completed her master's degree in Constitutional Law at the Distance State University of Costa Rica in 2004 and her postgraduate degree in Human Rights at the University of Chile in Santiago, Chile, in 2007. Author of multiple articles and books on the human rights of women.

KOSANA BEKER

**Program Director,
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Ms. Kosana Beker obtained a PhD degree from the Center for Gender Studies, University of Novi Sad on the topic of intersectional discrimination of women. She has been a human rights activist and lawyer for many years, particularly in the area of women's rights. Currently, she is program director of Women's Rights Organization FemPlatz and she works as a consultant in the areas of anti-discrimination and gender equality. She was an Assistant to Commissioner for Protection of Equality of the Republic of Serbia (2010-2016). She has authored and co-authored numerous reports, analyses and publications on implementation of national and international antidiscrimination legislation, women's rights and disability rights.



LARISA ILIBEZOVA

**Chair, Public Foundation "Center for Research of
Democratic Processes," Kyrgyzstan**

Ms. Larisa Ilibezova Kozhombardievna is a well-known expert on gender statistics, conducting research on gender and human rights. Ms. Ilibezova has experience in state statistics and internal departments on social and criminal law statistics. She has two degrees in the field of applied mathematics and jurisprudence. Since 2015, she has been leading the Public Foundation "Center for Research of Democratic Processes," which makes a significant contribution to the development of policy and legislation in the field of gender equality and the improvement of gender statistics in the Kyrgyz Republic.

MYRNA DAWSON

**Professor and Director, Centre for the Study of Social and Legal Responses to Violence,
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Ms. Myrna Dawson is a Professor of Sociology and Research Leadership Chair, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, University of Guelph, Canada. She is the Founder and Director of the Centre for the Study of Social and Legal Responses to Violence (CSSLRV; www.violenceresearch.ca) and the Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice & Accountability (CFOJA; www.femicideincanada.ca). Prof Dawson was a Canada Research Chair in Public Policy in Criminal Justice from 2008-2018. She has spent more than two decades researching social and legal responses to violence with emphasis on violence against women, children, femicide and filicide.