

MABEL BIANCO



Argentine Candidate
to the Committee
on the Elimination
of Discrimination
against Women
-CEDAW-

Period 2017-2020

Academic degrees:

- Medical Doctor, graduated at the School of Medicine of the University of El Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1958-1964.
- Obtained a Master degree in Public Health, at the School of Medicine, University of El Valle, Cali, Colombia, 1966-1968.
- Epidemiology and Medical Statistics Specialist, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London University, 1971-1972.

Working languages: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese

Candidate profile and experience:

Mabel Bianco is a medical doctor, Master in public Health, specializing in Epidemiology and Medical Statistics. She has a broad experience working in governmental and non-governmental spheres, at national, regional and global level, for the defense of women's adolescents', young people's and girls' rights. She worked as professor and researcher and coordinated the first epidemiological study on breast cancer in Argentina.

In 1983 she started working in the Argentine Ministry of Health and Social Action and created the Program "Women, Health and Development". She promoted laws to improve the conditions of women, among them the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. In 1984, she was head of the Argentine delegation in the Preparatory Regional Conference on Women and she was Rapporteur. In 1985, she was member of the official delegation at the International Conference on Women in Nairobi. She has been executive board member at PAHO/WHO, UNICEF, UNIFEM and UNFPA.

In 1989 she created the NGO Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer -FEIM- devoted to promote women's rights. She is member of several national, regional and global networks working to improve women's rights. She participated in the International Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, Global Summit on Social Development in Copenhagen in 1995, the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994 and the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. She was a pioneer in research and prevention of HIV/AIDS in women and participated in the creation of UNAIDS.

Since the beginning of 2000 till end of 2001 she was Chief of the National Program of HIV/AIDS and STDs at the National Ministry of Health and Coordinator of LUSIDA project on HIV/AIDS prevention, financed by the World Bank.

Since 2013 she is member of the Women's Major Group and supported the negotiation process of the Agenda for 2030 and the Sustainable development Goals.

From the CEDAW Committee she will promote the rights of all women, in their broad diversity, especially the most vulnerable groups of women, such as indigenous, Afro-descendent, disabled, elderly and others, encouraging not leaving anyone behind. She will also work to ensure the right of women living and affected by HIV to ensure access to health care and elimination of discrimination. She will promote the right of women and girls to a life free of violence and the prevention of violence against women in all their forms. She will promote the implementation of Agenda 2030, especially SDG 5 and its link to the labor, health, education rights and the eradication of poverty. She will promote equality between women and men for a more egalitarian world that would allow more equal and fair development.

Awards:

Mabel Bianco was awarded different prizes and distinctions among which are worth mentioning the Dignity Award, given by the Human Rights Permanent Assembly, in 2013. In 2011, Women Deliver recognized her as "one of the 100 people delivering for women and girls" and in that same year she was chosen as "one of the 150 women who shake the world" by Newsweek Magazine.