

**Biographical data form of candidates to the
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

Name (family name, first name): RANA, Bandana (Ms)

Nationality: Nepali

Date and place of birth: 15 August 1961, Kathmandu, NEPAL

Working languages: English, Nepali, Hindi and Basic French

Current position/function:

- Think Tank Member of Nepal's Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen
- Chair of Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)
- Member of the UNFPA High Level Commission on Nairobi Summit ICPD25 Follow-up (September 2020-2023)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the South Asian Journal on Gender and Peace Building (WISCOMP)
- Founder/Coordinator of 1325 Action Group (Consortium of NGOs working on WPS)
- Co-founder and Strategic Adviser of Saathi (NGO working on VAW in Nepal)

Main professional activities:

- Former Chair of National Women's Commission of Nepal
- Team leader "Addressing Social Barriers that Hamper Advancement of Women" program that supports the Government's National Strategy and Action Plan on GBV
- Continue to provide strategic direction for movement building for gender equality in Nepal and South Asia through pro-bono service to many NGOs and regional networks.
- Initiator of Engaging Men and Boys programs and active engagement with the national regional and global MenEngage Alliance
- Key drafter of the National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 & 1820 of Nepal and engaged in capacity building of Government and civil society stakeholders on implementation of WPS agenda in many conflict affected countries
- Convener of the National Network for Beijing Review of Nepal and actively engaged in Beijing+15, Beijing+20 and Beijing+25 reviews nationally and regionally

Educational background:

- Post Graduate Diploma in Women in Journalism – FOJO Sweden (1997);
- Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management – Atlanta Management Institute (USA 1992);
- Post Graduate Diploma in News and Current Affairs – Radio Netherlands Training Center, Netherlands (1987);
- Masters Degree (One Year in English Literature 1983) and Bachelors Degree (Psychology, Culture and Major English) Tribhuvan University (1981/82)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

- Engaged in providing strategic leadership to Saathi (NGO) programs related to Generation Equality, Engaging Men and Boys, cross-border trafficking, Harmful Practices, Capacity building of government officials at Federal and Provincial level to integrate CEDAW COBs in the annual plans and policies
- Convened and led a national conference of women shelters in June 2023 jointly with Saathi and the Ministry of Women
- Conducted a functional review of Women Machineries of Pakistan (UNFPA Pakistan) 2022
- Resource Person for the Pacific Government Learning Exchange on the CEDAW Reporting Process with ten states (UNWomen & OHCHR) July 2022
- Actively involved in using CEDAW for promoting gender equality and addressing discrimination and VAW through capacity building, media mobilization and developing communication tools on CEDAW and its linkages with BPFA, SDGs and UNSCR 1325.
- As Co-Founder and former Chair of the Global network of Women Shelters, actively engaged in shelter strengthening movement regionally and globally
- Member of the Government Delegation to numerous global UN conferences including CSW, General Assembly and CPD
- As member of the High Level Advisory Group for the UNSG's Global Study on 15 years of UNSCR 1325 contributed significantly in documenting and compiling Asia Pacific Civil Society Voices and experiences.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

- Pre-Scoping Research Study on "Male Perpetrators of Rape: Characteristics & Behaviours" (2021)
- Rapid assessment of Women Shelters in Nepal on Impact of Covid-19 (June 2020)
- CEDAW – a Tool for Addressing Violence Against Women (research chapter as part of the large report titled '70 Years of Development" of Sustainable Development Policy Institute SDPI Pakistan 2019)
- Implementation Status of the Domestic Violence Act in Nepal – Assessment Study (Saathi 2018)