

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

**Name (Family name, first name):** TOE-BOUDA, Franceline

**Date and place of birth:** 2 April 1957, Paris, France

**Working languages:** French, English

**Current position/function:**

- Lawyer (defense lawyer and legal counsel on business law, civil law, labor law, criminal law, administrative law, international law, and human rights): Has been practicing for 27 years.

**Main professional activities:**

- Legal trainee (1986 to 1989); admitted to the Bar in Burkina Faso in 1989; opened her own law firm in 1994.
- Lecturer of private law at diploma level at Lycée Universalis (1999 to 2000)  
Consultant for the German development agency GTZ: drafted the statutes of an NGO in cooperation with UNFPA; prepared a communication on the legal aspects of gender relations for UNFPA.

**Educational background:**

- Five-year university degree (DESS) in Business Law and Taxation, Faculty of Law, University of Rennes, France (1985); dissertation on “Specific information of third parties authorized to practice the right to alert [the company]”
- Bachelor in Business Law and Taxation, Faculty of Law, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (1984); dissertation on “The bank guarantee”
- Certificate in labour law (focus on human resources management), University of Montpellier, France (1985)
- Corporate Legal Council Diploma (DJCE), Faculty of Law, University of Rennes
- Training seminars of the Red Cross on international humanitarian law, gender and development, and community health
- Georgetown Leadership Seminar, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (March 2009)
- EQUITAS training seminar on human rights education, Montreal Canada (June 2010)
- Two-week training course on the CEDAW Convention, organized by the National Democratic Institute (2009/2010)
- A levels, option: Economics, Lycée Philippe Zinda Kabore, Ouagadougou

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

- Coordinator of the national coalition for the implementation of the CEDAW Convention (2010); member of the drafting committee of the alternative report to the sixth periodic report of Burkina Faso to CEDAW; presented the alternative report at the 47<sup>th</sup> session of CEDAW in October 2010 and participated in the Global to Local training programme of IWRAW-Asia Pacific in preparation of the CEDAW review.

- Analysis and presentation of the strengths and weaknesses of legislation in Burkina Faso on discrimination and violence against women at national and regional parliamentary seminars in Ouagadougou in March and April 2011.
- President of the Association of Women Lawyers of Burkina Faso (2006 to 2010) and Secretary-General of the Association (1994 to 2006)
- Member, Burkina Faso Council of the Board of Lawyers (1996 to 1998, 2006 to 2009, and 2009 to 2012)
- Conducted training of trainers sessions on international human rights instruments for Lawyers without Borders-France.
- Attended the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria (1993).
- Attended the international conference of the Bars of common legal tradition, the General Assembly of the Association of young lawyers of West Africa, a conference of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie for women lawyers, etc.
- Experience in training and raising the awareness of communities and practitioners on the rights of women and the family.

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

- « Répertoire des textes favorables aux femmes », January 2001
  - « Lexique des termes juridiques et judiciaires relatifs aux droits de la personne et de la famille », May 2002
  - « Concept et approche genre liés au développement » (2008)
  - « Le rôle de la 'pougton' [*sister of the traditional king*] dans la société traditionnelle mossi » (in progress)
  - « Les cadres juridiques de l'entreprise »
  - « Les forces et les faiblesses de la législation »
  - « Présentation et analyse de la loi Burkinabé sur les quota »
  - « Module de formation simplifié sur la Convention sur l'élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination à l'égard des femmes (CEDEF) »
  - Training modules on the protection of the rights of vulnerable people for Avocats sans frontières
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