

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

Name (family name, first name): Bianco, Mabel Beatriz

Nationality: Argentinean

Date and place of birth: 1 April 1941 – Buenos Aires City, Argentina

Working languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese, French.

Current position/function:

Mabel Bianco is President of Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer –FEIM- and is member of the UN WOMEN Regional Office Advisory Group and founder and Co-Chair of the Committee of NGOs on CSW from Latin America and the Caribbean. FEIM was created by Mabel Bianco in 1989 and works to improve women’s status in Argentina, Latin America and the Caribbean and globally. She is Chair of the GCWA Advisory Group.

Main professional activities:

She was Associate Professor in the Public Health School at UBA and in the School of Medicine in Universidad de El Salvador (1967-85). She was founder and researcher and Chief of Research Department of the Epidemiological Research Center (1978-85). In 1984, she created the Women, Health and Development Program in the Argentine National Ministry of Health and in 1985-89 she was National Director of the International Affairs Office of such Ministry. In 2000 she was Chief of National Program of HIV/AIDS and STDs at the National Ministry of Health and World Bank-supported project LUSIDA. She has been advisor of UN agencies: PAHO/WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS and UNDP. She has also integrated research groups at regional and international level as advisor for international foundations and board member in different organizations. She participated in UN regional and global conferences and was part of the Argentine delegation in many of them.

Educational background:

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. Specialist in Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London University, 1971-1972.

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

Mabel Bianco worked in projects with women and adolescents to raise awareness on their rights, she advocated for laws to ensure women’s rights, and led accountability and implementation follow-up of laws along with women and adolescent groups. She participates in writing Argentina shadow reports to CEDAW. Since 2013 she is part of the Women’s Major Group and has actively participated in the SDGs and Agenda 2030 processes, submitting statements and proposals advocating for gender equality. With the support UNFPA, UNICEF and Ford Foundation she has developed different campaigns on VAW,

especially the link with HIV, the elimination of maternal mortality and adolescents' rights. Since 2013, she has a weekly TV and radio column on gender issues. Awarded with the Women Deliver 100: The most inspiring individuals delivering for girls and women in 2011 and Newsweek 150 Women Who Shake the World in 2011.

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

“Violence against Women and Girls and Its Consequences on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Latin America and the Caribbean” Bianco, M. ARROW Supplement, Volume 17 #2. October 2015. “20 years after Beijing Platform of Action: strategic goals and areas of concern”, Bianco, M. and Winocur, M. (compilers.), November 2014. Guide on Child Sexual Abuse, Bianco, M and others. April 2015. “Violence against women and girls in LAC”, Bianco, M (compiler), February 2013.
