

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

TRINIDAD and TOBAGO **Candidate to the Committee on the** **Elimination of Discrimination** **against Women**



Nationality:

Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Date and Place of birth:

7 June 1953, Kingstown, St. Vincent

Working languages: English

Professor Rhoda Reddock

Current position/ function:

Professor of Gender, Social Change and Development, Institute for Gender and Development Studies, The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago.

Main professional activities:

A former head of the Institute for Gender and Development Studies of the UWI, St. Augustine Campus, Professor Reddock then served as Deputy Principal of the St. Augustine Campus from 2008-2017. As Professor of Gender, Social Change and Development, she is involved in professional academic activities e.g. teaching, advising, graduate supervision, research and public service. Professor Reddock is an active researcher and writer of research publications. Through public engagement, she provides advice and consultation to national, regional and international organisations and, is a member of many such organisations, including the International Sociological Association where she is past-president of the Research Committee 32 on Women and Society and currently a council member of the Research Committee 05 on Indigeneity, Race and Ethnic Studies.

Educational background:

- The University of the West Indies, BSc. Social Administration;
- Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Masters, Development Studies;
- University of Amsterdam, Doctorate, Social Sciences (Applied Sociology);
- Harvard University (Graduate School of Education) Certificate – Institute of Higher Education Management.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on CEDAW:

Professor Reddock is an activist in the Caribbean and global women's movements. She was involved in the establishment of the programme on Gender and Development Studies at the University of the West Indies and the first head of the Centre (now Institute) at the St. Augustine campus. A founding member and first chair of the Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA), she is also an advisor to the Global Fund for Women, a member of the advisory group for the UNWOMEN Publication – Progress for the World's Women and a founding member of the Caribbean Network on Studies of Masculinity. More recently, she has been lead researcher of the action /research project – Breaking the Silence: Child Sexual Abuse and Implications for HIV, which is spearheading a national campaign that has caught the imagination of communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean region.

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

- *Sex, Power and Taboo: Gender and HIV in the Caribbean and Beyond*, Ian Randle Publishers, (2009);
- “Breaking the Silence of Child Sexual Abuse in the Caribbean: A Community-Based Action Research Intervention Model” (2014);
- “Up Against a Wall”: Muslim Women’s Struggle to Reclaim Masjid Space in Trinidad and Tobago” (2014);
- “Indo-Caribbean Masculinities and Indo-Caribbean Feminisms: Where are we Now?” (2016).

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