

Curriculum vitas

NAME: ALYA AHMED BIN SAIF AL-THANI

NATIONALITY: QATARI

CURRENT OCCUPATION:

Counsellor
The Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations in New York
Ministry of Foreign affairs, State of Qatar

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION

1- Head of Department of Childhood Affairs 2005 -2006
Supreme Council for Family Affairs, Qatar

2- Senior Specialist, Childhood affairs 1999-2005
Supreme Council for Family Affairs, Qatar

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

Degree :

BSc in Economics
University of Qatar (June 1996)

MA in International Studies and Diplomacy
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
University of London (Sept 2006)

Research Papers:

- 1- The Realization of the Rights of the Girl Child in Qatar: Towards Ending the Traditional Practice of Early Marriage, MA Thesis (Sept 2006)
- 2- The Universalisation of the Rights of the Child: "its strengths and weaknesses" (Feb 2006)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**U.N. related work :**

- Participated as a member in Qatar Delegation in the Negotiations on the United Nations Outcome Document on Women (Beijing + 5) during the United Nations Special Session on women in Development, held in June 2000, U.N. HQ, in New York.
- Participated as a member in Qatar Delegation in the Negotiations on the United Nations Outcome Document on Children 'World Fit for Children during the three Substantive Sessions held in 2000-2001, U.N. HQ, in New York.
- Participating at the U.N. third committee as a member of Qatar Delegation to the 57th UN General Assembly Session in 2002, and 58th session in 2003.
- Participating at the U.N. Commission on Human Rights as a member of Qatar Delegation to the 62th Session in 2005.
- Participated in the First Regional Meeting on Violence against Children , June 2005 , Cairo.

Child rights related work :

- Participated in the preparation of the national report on the Implementation of the Universal Declaration and the Plan of Action on the survival, development and protection of children, submitted to UNICEF in 2000.
- Participated in the preparation of the supplement information submitted to the United Nations committee on the right of the child , regarding the information included in Qatar initial report on the implementation of the convention on the rights of the child in 2001.
- Participated in the discussion on Qatar Initial Report on Child Rights before the Committee on The Rights of The Child, in Oct 2001.
- Coordinated and supervised the work of the National Committee and Sub-Committee's established to conduct a National Study on The Situation on Children in Qatar, based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child in collaboration with UNICEF, 2001-2006.
- Participated the national committee established to revise reservations submitted by Qatar towards the CRC, in January 2003.
- Appointed vice president of the national committee on the dissemination of child rights in schools 2003.
- Supervised the production of educational manuals and materials for school teachers and parents in the area of child rights, and coordinated the work of conducting training workshops for elementary school teachers in collaboration with UNECSO 2003-2005.
- Coordinated the work of conducting a national training programme for government officials, and members of civil society in the area of child rights, in collaboration with United Nations High Commission on Human Rights UNHCHR, training judges, police, social workers and paediatrics during 2004-2005.
- Prepared national report on the situation of violence against children in Qatar, in accordance with the UN study on violence against children, July 2004.
- Participated in the revision of the Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure code in 2004.
- Supervised and coordinated the preparation of Qatar initial report on the implementation of the optional protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography, in 2004.
- Assigned as the coordinator for UNHCHR Regional (GCC Region) Workshop on the follow-up of the implementation of the concluding observation of the Committee of the Rights of The Child, held in Doha from 19 to 21 June 2005.
- Building cooperation plans with the Child Helpline International (CHI) in the area of development and planning to enhance the work of national HOTLINES that works in the area of child abuse and violence against children, and coordinating the conducting of the first national workshop for child helpline workers in March 2007.