

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MS. BEATRICE EYONG



Born in 1963 in Cameroon with over 38 years professional working experience in promoting gender equality and Women's Empowerment.

Educational background:

Master of Science in Agricultural Extension from the University of Reading, United Kingdom specializing in Gender analysis and planning, Production of media for extension and training, Micro-Finance for rural development and the Management of extension staff.

Diploma in Women, Extension workers and Agriculture from the Larenstein International Agricultural college – Deventer, the Netherlands focusing on: Extension and training, Gender issues in rural development, Farming system analysis, Management of Rural Dev't Projects, Production of training materials and Tropical Agriculture.

Diploma in Integrated Rural Development, concentrating on Project Planning and management from the Pan African Institute for Development West Africa, Buea - Cameroon

Professional Experience in the UN and Other International Organisations:

From 20th April 2022 to date:

Presently, I am the UN Women Resident Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS working to position UN Women in the development-humanitarian- peace nexus and a respected leader in gender equality and Women's Empowerment. Nigeria being the biggest economy on the African continent, I am also working to reposition UN Women within the private sector especially as it concerns financing gender equality and women's empowerment.

From 20th October 2018 to April 2022:

The Resident Representative of UN Women, Mali (office with the biggest UN Women's portfolio in West and Central Africa) working to position UN Women as a leader and reference for gender equality and Women's empowerment in Mali.

From 20th September 2015 to October 2018: Head of UNWOMEN Office in Niger, where I worked to re-position UN Women in Niger Republic as a respected leader, results oriented agency for gender equality and re-gained donor confidence and respect from government and other partners.

From June 2011 to June 2013: Programme Manager and Head of the UNWOMEN Office in Eastern DRC: I established the Eastern DRC Office in Bukavu supporting government efforts in gender equality and Women's Empowerment in the South Kivu, North Kivu, Maniema and Oriental Provinces, a region with a surface area bigger than twice the size of Cameroon.

From April 2007 to April 2009: Gender specialist/adviser working with the Canadian Cooperation Support Office in Cameroon.

August 1999 to February 2001: I worked with UNDP as an agronomist working with the Africa 2000 Network, a UNDP micro-programme in Cameroon.

Working with political and State institutions the UN and Other International Organisations:

Worked with different Political parties in Eastern DRC to promote Women's Leadership especially aligning them in the lists of political parties. I have worked with Parliamentarians in Eastern DRC on Gender and Elections and Gender responsive legislations; the Parliament in Cameroon advocating for gender equality and Women's Empowerment; Parliament of Niger on gender and Menstrual Hygiene Management and

Parliament of Mali for gender responsive legislations.

Consultancies:

From May 2001 to May 2003 and 2009 -2010: I worked as a consultant in different domains of gender for institutions like the University of Laval in Canada, Pan African Institute for development, UNIFEM (now UN Women) Cameroon Office, CINADCO in Israel, UNFPA, UNDP, etc.

From 1985 -1999: I worked as an agronomist and gender specialist for my government in different development programmes funded by the African Development Bank, IFAD and GTZ.