

# PROFESSIONAL RESUME

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### SUMMARY

Lawyer and Bachelor in Legal and Social Sciences, with a Master's Degree in Development Management with Psychosocial Approach, Specialist in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, Specialist in Violence and Social Coexistence, Gender and Human Rights Studies.

Among my positions, I have been an official in the justice system: Criminal Court Judge; Family Judge in Tegucigalpa; Human Rights Prosecutor in the Public Prosecutor's Office and advisor to the Human Rights and Environmental Prosecutor's Offices.

I was a professor for 11 years of the Criminal Policy course of the Post Graduate Program in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at the Universidad Autónoma de Honduras; teacher of diploma courses and short courses on human rights, democracy and citizen security.

In the private sector I was founder and Executive Director for 12 years of the Center for Research and Promotion of Human Rights, CIPRODEH, and currently a member of its Board of Directors. I coordinated the Violence Observatory of the University Institute for Democracy, Peace and Security, IUDPAS/UNAH. I am a member of the Advisory Council of the State of the Region Report for Central America.

Since 2011, I am the country director of Diakonia, an international NGO headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, working in Honduras with solidarity cooperation for democracy, human rights and gender justice with a feminist vision. From my position as country director I lead the global strategic planning adapted to the local context, with main functions of country program management in complex contexts and resource mobilization.

My profile is characterized by a deep understanding of the socio-political context, translating knowledge into strategies of social impact, having promoted initiatives such as the Liaison Group for structured dialogue between the European Union and human rights defenders in Honduras; the creation of an Emergency Fund for the protection of defenders at risk, the promotion of high-impact public policies for populations in vulnerable situations, among others.

I have collaborated with organizations such as UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCR, UNFPA, Red Humanitaria (Honduras), Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Seattle I., Seattle I. Foundation, OXFAM i., WOLA of Washington, EULAT Network and other international and regional institutions, consolidating my commitment to social justice and structural transformation. Foundation, OXFAM i., WOLA of Washington, EULAT Network and other international and regional institutions, consolidating my commitment to social justice and structural transformation.

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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## 2. ACADEMIC TRAINING:

- 2.1 DEGREE:** Attorney at Law. Degree in Juridical and Social Sciences, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras. Orientation in Criminal Law and Orientation in Commercial Law. 1991.
- 2.2 POST GRADUATE DEGREE:** Master in Development Management with Psycho-Social Approach, Universidad José Cecilio del Valle. 2022-2024
- 2.3 POST GRADUATE DEGREE** Specialist in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. National Autonomous University of Honduras. 2,001.
- 2.4 POST GRADUATE DEGREE:** Graduate Specialty in Violence and Social Coexistence, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras. 2005.
- 2.5 Diploma in social research with a gender perspective.** Flacso Argentina, UNDP-Honduras, Universidad Autónoma de Honduras. 2010
- 2.6 OTHER RELEVANT SHORT STUDIES:**
- Diploma in Social Management. Inter-American Development Bank Institute. INDES. August, September 2002.
  - Diploma: Institutional Sustainability and Organizational Strengthening of NGOs. *Cultures and Development in Central America* Organization, CUDECA. 2004.
  - Inter-American Course on Human Rights. Inter-American Institute of Human Rights. 2005
  - Basic Excel and Intermediate Excel Course INFOP - Honduras. 2024

## 3. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### I. WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 1. External Advisor/Technical Assistance for the United Nations Agency UN Women**, in support of the Ministry of Women's Affairs (SEMUJER-Honduras). March 2025 – January 2026.  
Key experience: Advising on public policies, draft legislation, research, political dialogue, and other initiatives on gender equity and justice.
- 2. Country Director in Honduras of the Cooperation Agency, Diakonia of Sweden.** From April 2011 - until February 2025.

- Key experience: Manage the country program and provide financial assistance or development cooperation to local civil society organizations in human rights, gender justice, democracy, local development with a focus on climate resilience. In addition, Diakonia acts in humanitarian emergencies with a nexus approach.
- 3. **Coordinator of the Violence Observatory**, University Institute for Democracy, Peace and Security, IUDPAZ. National Autonomous University of Honduras, UNAH. 11 February 2010 to March 2011.
- 4. **Executive Director of the Center for Research and Promotion of Human Rights, CIPRODEH.** 1998 - January 2010.  
Key experiences: Promotion of human rights and advocacy in related policies. Focus areas: Human Rights Education; Citizen Security and Human Rights; Migration, Sexual Diversity, others. From 1998 to 2010 we represented through an agreement the interests of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR in Honduras (1998-2010).
- 5. **Advisor and researcher in legal and social issues.** Design of public policies on human rights and gender equity. Drafting of alternative reports to international human rights organizations: alternative report to the Universal Periodic Review UPR 2010; alternative reports to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child 2004 and 2012; Drafting of preliminary bills, regulations, and comparative law studies; development of educational manuals for governments, civil society, and international organizations.
- 6. **Professor in the Master's Program in Development Management with a psychosocial approach, responsible for the course on Development Approaches and Human Rights.** José Cecilio del Valle University, Honduras. January 2025.
- 7. **Professor of Criminal Policy.** Post Graduate Degree in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. Universidad Autónoma de Honduras. 2014-2003 a.
- 8. **Special Prosecutor for Human Rights, Public Prosecutor's Office**, Tegucigalpa. 1994 - 1996.
- 9. **Supernumerary Judge of Letters, Second Criminal Court** of Comayagüela, M.D.C. June 1992/ June 1994.
- 10. **Judge of the Second Family Court**, Tegucigalpa. May / June 1992.
- 11. **Clerk of the First Labor Court**, Tegucigalpa. 1988.

## **II. OTHER PAID LABOR SERVICES:**

- a) Consultant in Project Design, Management and Monitoring. 2001 to date.
- b) Advisor, Office of the Special Prosecutor for Human Rights, Public Prosecutor's Office. 1999-2000.
- c) Advisor: Special Prosecutor's Office for Women of the Public Prosecutor's Office 1998 - first semester 1999.
- d) Advisor to the Special Environmental Prosecutor's Office of the Public Prosecutor's Office. Oct.-Dec.1997.

- e) Invited Professor, Diploma on Gender, Secretariat of Security. Directorate of Police Education. 2006.
- f) Guest lecturer at the Diploma for Journalists in Human Rights, Freedom of Expression and Citizen Security. Subject Human Rights and Security. May-April 2014. University of the National Police. Tegucigalpa.
- g) Guest lecturer of the Diploma on Prevention of Torture and Protection of Human Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty. CONAPREV, September 2014.

#### **IV. OTHER NON-REMUNERATED SERVICES**

- a) Member of the Consultative Council of the Central American Region. National Council of Rectors of Universities of Costa Rica. From 2009 to date.  
<http://www.estadonacion.or.cr/quienes-somos/pen-organigrama/consejo-consultivo-pen>
- b) Member of the Ethics Committee of the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM-H), a multisectoral entity implementing resources from the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and covid. 2023 to date.
- c) Advisor to the Emergency Fund for the Protection of defenders at risk. 2013 to date.
- d) Founding Member of the Center for Research and Promotion of Human Rights, CIPRODEH, 1989. Currently member of its Assembly and Board of Directors.
- e) Member of the Regional Security Working Group. Friederich Ebert Foundation Central America. 2008 to date.
- f) Expert witness before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, IACHR. Case of Servellón García et al. v. Honduras. 2005.
- g) Participant from the Civil Society in several processes of consultation and elaboration of preliminary drafts of laws and public policies. 2000 to date.
- h) Member of the National Council of Internal Security, CONASIN, a space for coordination and follow-up of public security policies in Honduras. December 1998 - November 2002. And from September 2007- to September 2009.
- i) Founding member in 1992 of the Women's Rights Center, CDM, and member of its Assembly until 1998.

#### **4. CONSULTING, RESEARCH, MANUALS AND DRAFTING OF LEGISLATION:**

1. Consultancy: Strategic assessment of the ACI Space in light of the current context of reduced funding for international cooperation. March–April 2025.
2. Secretariat for Women's Affairs: Member of the Advisory Team that elaborated the National Women's Policy /III Gender Equality and Justice Plan 2023-2033. (2022-2023).
3. Secretariat for Women's Affairs: Support for the preparation of the Decree of Creation and organic definition of SEMUJER (volunteering 2022).

4. Preparation of alternative reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) (multiple years, from the 1st to the combined 6th and 7th CRC reports); Facilitation of Alternative Reports to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) (1st and 4th UPR Alternative Reports, S.C – 2025).
5. Consultancy: Report on the institutional framework for children in Honduras and recommendations for reform and advocacy. COIPRODEN 2019.
6. Research on the situation of Adolescents with Alternative Measures in the Special Justice System". PROPONTE, MAS/CREATIVE/ 2018
7. Studies: 1) Progress in transparency, access to public information and the fight against corruption in Honduras. 2) Human Rights Situation in Honduras. WOLA: Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas. 2018
8. Mapping and diagnosis of non-governmental organizations working in violence prevention and/or rehabilitation and reintegration of adolescent offenders in Honduras". PROPONTE MAS/CREATIVE/Casa Alianza Honduras. 2017 .
9. Human Rights Manual for Public Officials. Contractor Sub-Secretariat of Justice and Human Rights. December-March 2015
10. Participant Core group that together with CEJIL Mesoamerica and Protección Internacional Bruselas drafted one of the preliminary drafts of the Law on Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, Communicators and Justice Operators. 2014.
11. Amendments to the Penal Code of Honduras to introduce a chapter to punish the various forms of discrimination, aggravating behaviors. As well as the inclusion of the aggravating circumstance of murder for hate and discrimination. Contractor: UNAIDS. 2014
12. Drafting of three chapters on the *Right to Life, Personal Liberty and Citizen Security of the National Policy and Plan of Action on Human Rights*, Secretariat of Justice and Human Rights. Honduras, September - November 2012.
13. Research Impunity in Honduras Post Coup d'Etat. HIVOS- Netherlands. 2010
14. Lecture: Young people facing violence in Honduras between criminalization and the invisibility of victimization. International Seminar on Youth Violence Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Venezuela. November 2010.
15. *Participatory elaboration: Shadow or alternative report to the Universal Periodic Review UPR 2010*. C-Free and 12 other organizations, April 2010.
16. Research: *Police Reform in Honduras*. Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas, El Salvador and Ford Foundation. June 2009.
17. Policy paper: *Security and Defense in Central America*. Friederich Ebert Foundation, Regional Security Project. Feb. 2009.
18. *Progress and Challenges of national legislation to prevent, punish and eradicate corruption in Honduras*. National Anticorruption Council in the framework of obtaining inputs for the preparation of the Second Transparency Report. 2008.
19. *"Sistema de indicadores para el Seguimiento y monitoreo de los derechos humanos de personas viviendo con VIH/Sida y, personas gay, lesbianas, bisexuales y travestis en Honduras"*. CIPRODEH. Building Citizenship Project. GTZ. 2007.

20. *Legislative Agenda in Honduras. Governance Challenges*. CIPRODEH, 2007.
21. *Responses to the problem of citizen security in Honduras*. FUNCENAT/ State of the Region. August 2007, input for the State of the Region Report 2008.
22. *Practical Guide for Conflict Resolution in the Community*. CIPRODEH, 2007 .
23. *Research on Indigenous Persons Deprived of Liberty in Honduras*. Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, IIDH, San José, Costa Rica 2007.
24. *Manual on Community Violence Prevention Strategies*. Centro de Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos, CIPRODEH, 2006.
25. *Manual Los Derechos Humanos en la Practica Policial (Human Rights in Police Practice)* (Five Modules for the non-formal education of Basic Scale Police). CIPRODEH, Secretariat of Security 2014.
26. *Study on International Arms Transfers in Honduras*. Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, Costa Rica. October 2005 - January 2006.
27. *Diagnosis on Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Honduras*. Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible, IEPADES Guatemala. August-Dec. 2005
28. *Comparative Analysis of the Framework Convention on International Arms Transfers and the Honduran Legal System*. Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, Costa Rica. December - March 2005.
29. Participant in the drafting of reforms to the Organic Law of the National Police of Honduras. 2007-until June 2008.
30. *Review and Proposal of Guiding Documents for Social and Gender Equity in the National Police of Honduras*. Preparation of: 1) Operating Regulations of the Gender Unit of the Secretariat of Security; 2) Regulations on Maternity, Breastfeeding and Parental Leave for the personnel of the Secretariat of Security and the National Police; and 3) Regulations on Prevention and Punishment of Sexual Harassment in the National Police. Gender Unit, Ministry of Security - Canadian Cooperation Agency. 2003-2004.
31. Research chapter Honduras: *In-Depth Assessment of Institutional Changes to Address Domestic Violence against Women in Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean*. Dec. 2002- February 2003. CLADEM Latin America.
32. Elaboration of Study on: *Accountability Systems to Guarantee Transparency and Citizen Participation - Country Honduras*. Input for the Chapter on the Quality of Democracy, Second Report on Human Development in Central America and Panama. UNDP Costa Rica. November-December 2002.
33. Elaboration of the Honduras section of the Manual on *Human Rights in the processes of detention, custody, deportation and transfer of migrants in Honduras*. Regional Network of Civil Organizations for Migration. Year 2001.

***I certify that the information I have provided is true and accurate. Likewise, I authorize the recipient of this curriculum to verify the information provided herein in records of public and private, national and international institutions.***

**Tegucigalpa, M.D.C. October 28, 2024.**

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