

## Lyudmila Petina

Country, city: Minsk, Belarus

Position: chairperson

Organization/Business name and website:

Public Association "Women's Independent Democratic Movement"

http://widm.iatp.by; www.bbwom.by

Areas of Expertise: women's human rights, improving the competitiveness

of women in political and economic life.

Favorite Quote: The way to success is through the first step



## SHORT BIOGRAPHY:

Citizenship: Belarus

Education: Belarusian State University, sociologist

Course of career:

1990 – 1996 Owner and director of travel company "Susvet –tur

1997 – 2005 Women's Education & Counselling Center

1993 – till now Chairperson of Public Association "Women's Independent Democratic Movement"

2000 – till now Member of the National Council on Gender Politics

March 2012 – till now Vice-president of United Civil Party of Belarus.

**Some achievements:** In 2003 and 2010 participated in the preparation of Shadow Reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women in Belarus. Shadow reports was presented to the UN on the 30th and 48th sessions of the CEDAW. Initiated and conducted three forums of women entrepreneurs in Belarus in 2004, 2005, 2009. Forums become an open platform to discuss the situation in the business environment and debate on women's leadership, and the place of presentation of success stories of women entrepreneurs. In 2005 initiated a national competition "Successful business woman", which was repeated in 2009.

Languages: Belarussian (mother tongue), Russian, English (intermediate)

Hobby: literature, travel, yoga

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