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**Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Regional Representatives of West Asia Pursuant to the call that was sent out to all accredited organisations to nominate candidates for elections for the FIVE regions: Africa, West Asia, Asia Pacific and Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean; that had not carried out elections.**

| Ser. No | Name and Organisation of nominated Candidate   | Name and Organisation of the nominator   | Short Bio of the Nominated Candidate (as submitted by the nominators)  |
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| 1.      | <b>Marie Therese Merhej Seif</b> - Human Environmental Association for Development(HEAD) | Naji Kodeih , President, IndyACT: The League of Independent Activities (IndyAct) | <p>Ms. Marie Therese Merhej is Married to Mansour Moussa Seif. Holding a Master Degree in Architecture-Fine Arts Lebanese University (INBA) Beirut 1984.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Preparing PHD Environmental Engineering USA.</li> <li>➤ Diploma in Photography from University Kaslik (USEK)1985.</li> <li>➤ Sworn Expert in civil Engineering at Lebanese Court 1988.</li> <li>➤ Sworn Expert in civil Engineering at Central Bank, Banking Control Commission &amp; Real Estate &amp; Financial affairs from 2000.</li> <li>➤ Sworn Expert in Engineering &amp; Real estates with many Lebanese Banks.</li> <li>➤ Completed several Courses in Arbitrators and Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London) from 2000.</li> <li>➤ Completed several courses in Arbitrators in Engineering and Membership in Islamic Countries 2005 (Judge Arbitrator B).</li> <li>➤ Completed several courses in FIDIC (International Federation of Consulting Engineers) Conditions of contracts 2006.</li> <li>➤ Several courses in Planning, Scheduling &amp;Controlling with Primavera project planner 2007.</li> <li>➤ Completed several courses in Green Building and Green Cities 2009</li> <li>➤ Member of the steering committee in GIZ representing NGO'S in Lebanon (2011-2014)</li> </ul> |



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|  |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Member of Lebanese Japanese Association for Culture and Business Men LJACB(2010-present)</li> <li>➤ President of Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD) (2009-present)</li> <li>➤ Board member of political bureau at Green Party Lebanon (GPL). <a href="http://www.greenpartylebanon.org">www.greenpartylebanon.org</a></li> <li>➤ President of Arbitrator Committee in Green Party Lebanon GPL in 2013</li> <li>➤ Member of Environmental Committee in OEA Order of Engineering Beirut.(2006-present)</li> <li>➤ Member of the Regional Arab network for Environment &amp; Development (RAED) (2003-present) ➤ Vice President of the Lebanese Environmental Forum (LEF)<a href="http://www.lbeforum.org">www.lbeforum.org</a></li> <li>➤ Member of the Committee Natural Reserve of Bentaal (1998-2009)</li> <li>➤ Member of the Executive Council of Cultural Council-Byblos (1988-2014)</li> <li>➤ Member of Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)</li> <li>➤ Founder &amp; Vice President of RAAPVC (Arabs&amp; Africans Countries)</li> <li>➤ UNEP Regional Representative for Major Groups&amp; Stakeholders for West Asia (2016-2017) Participation in Media interviews as needed defending Environmental issues.</li> <li>• Participation in National and International events including conferences and resources mobilization and negotiation.</li> <li>• Lobby with the Lebanese government and Parliament in promoting environment policies and regulations.</li> <li>• Represent the Green Party &amp; HEAD in strengthening its national relationships, building alliances and mobilizing resources nationally.</li> <li>• Participation in Workshop (Horizon 2020 Capacity Building Mediterranean Environment Program “Effective involvement of the Media and NGOs in the</li> </ul> |
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|  |  |  | <p>de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea” Cairo, 15-16 October 2011)in 2012&amp;2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation in the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for Rio +20 (Cairo, October14 2011) with the collaboration of ESCWA-UNEP.</li><li>• Participation in the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting final Draft for Rio +20 (Cairo, 16-17 October 2011)</li><li>• Participate in sustainable event in Brazil RIO+20 in 2012.</li><li>• Participation of NGOs in the upcoming COP 17 in Durban Negotiation Meetings from November 26 to December 9, 2011.</li><li>• Participation in the Statement/ recommendations of the West Asia Regional Consultation Meeting of Major Groups and Stakeholders in Preparation for the12th Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF) and 26th Session of the Governing Council/ Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-26/GMEF) 30 November- 1 December 2010, Beirut, Lebanon</li><li>• Participation in Arab Economic Social&amp; Development Summit Workshop on 17-19Jan ,2009,Kuwait (Private Sector &amp;Civil Society Forum) under the patronage of his Highness Sheikh Nasser El Muhammad Al Hamad Al Sabah , Prime Minister of Kuwait.</li><li>• Participation in the Civil Society Dialogue on Mediterranean Processes with MIO-ECSDE,RAED, 1-4 November, 2009, Cairo, Egypt</li><li>• Participation in the Regional Civil Society Consultation GC/GMEF in preparation for COP15, take place on 2-4Nov. 2008 with the participation of UNEP/ROWA/WSSD/NGO’S in Muscat-Oman.</li><li>• Participate in Regional Consultation Meeting of West Asia Major Groups and Stakeholders in Dubai 2012 &amp; in Amman, Jordan, 26-27 November 2013</li><li>• Participate in” Colloque International sur l’habitation et la politique des villes”Aghadir 17-19 April 2014.</li><li>• Participation in Workshop “Horizon 2020</li></ul> |
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|  |  |  | <p>Marine litter management in the Mediterranean "Greece, Athens 13-15May 2014,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in workshop in "Environmental Costal Cities "15-17 May 2015 Dakhla-Morocco</li> <li>• Participate in Amman Regional Forum Arab Cities Resilience with UNDP 25-26 Nov 2015.</li> <li>• Participate in UNEA-2 under the theme "Delivering on the Environmental Dimension of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development" Nairobi 14-19 Feb 2016. • Participate in IPEN Global Meeting &amp; Forum in San Francisco 14-19 Nov 2016. Training and special skills:</li> <li>• Attended and provided support to several national training courses on the role of citizens and non- governmental organizations in policy making, environmental conservation, and strategic development.</li> <li>• Participated in several international conferences and training activities on environmental issues in many countries and cities including (Egypt, Oman, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Tunis, Athens, etc.)</li> <li>• Implementation of awareness campaigns targeting the public at large and the educational sector including schools and universities. Researches &amp; WORKSHOPS DONE: 1.Under the Patronage ofthe Ministry of Environment(Lebanon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparing a Regional "Green Building workshop "on contribution with OEA Beirut, Liba-Jica under the umbrella of MOE/Oct 2010.</li> <li>▪ Workshop organized by development GATEWAY &amp; CRTDA for social development (KYS) 20 Nov.2004 (Byblos).</li> <li>▪ Workshop Biodiversity: Reserves in Lebanon" (11 Nov.2004)</li> <li>▪ Course arrangement by NGO, Ministry of Environment, UNDP, "Project Cycle Management &amp; Fundraising" for NGO'S (10-11- 12May2004).</li> <li>▪ Environmental Impact Assessment</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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|    |  |  | <p>Training Workshop (Word Bank-METAP)(June 2001).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to strategic Planning, Project Cycle management and Fundraising &amp; Fundraising for NGO'S (10-12 May 2001).</li> <li>▪ Co-Management of Natural Resources IUCN publication (9Janv.2001).</li> <li>▪ Cooperation between ministry of Environment and NGO'S (30 Janv.2001)</li> <li>▪ Collaboration Management (3-4 Nov.2000)</li> <li>▪ Management of Nature Reserves-phase Two: Ecotourism-Rural Developments" (25-26 Nov.2000)</li> <li>▪ Management of Nature Reserves-phase one (Nov.2000)</li> <li>▪ Planning management Plans for protected Areas (Nov.1999)</li> <li>▪ Proposal Design and Preparation (August 1999) 2. Under the Patronage of Ministry of Tourism (Athens) Between Lebanon &amp; Syria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Collaborate in Workshop in Athens (Fairtour) Project Tourism Development (1-5Nov.2004)</li> <li>❖ Collaborate and organize the workshop in Beirut "Riviera Hotel" Tourism Development between Lebanon &amp; Syria with the" Center European Constitutional Law"CECL &amp; LEF 3. Under the Patronage of Ministry of Tourism (Lebanon)</li> <li>❖ Social, Cultural &amp; Heritage workshop in Byblos-Organized by APSAD, UNESCO &amp; Ministry of Tourism (13 Nov.2004) Special interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural and social activities</li> <li>• Green Buildings, Green Cities</li> <li>• Green Mind and Sustainable life</li> <li>• Arts</li> <li>• Traveling (Discovering new culture)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Languages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arabic, English, French</li> </ul> |
| 2. | <p><b>TAREQ AHMED ABDO HASSAN</b> - Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL)</p> | <p>Assad Serhal - Director General</p> | <p>Tareq has graduated from the University of Malaya -Malaysia as a chemical Engineer . He has gone through a numerous Professional training courses in, leadership, Management, Organization Management , Soft Skills, Research and gained a diploma in</p>  |



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|  |  |  | <p>Economic Development from the American University in Cairo in 2014. He has more than 6 years of experience in Organizational Management and Sustainable Development Policy. He was nominated as the UN Environment (UNEP) Regional Representative for Major Groups and Stakeholders (Civil Society ) for West Asia Region during the UNEP Consultative Meeting (November 2015- Present) -Beirut . He has been involving with Climate Change issues and climate policy since the year 2010 which his participating during the Convention of Parties for Biodiversity COP10 in Nagoya Japan as well as he has attend the Doha climate Change conference COP 18 in Doha 2012. He also participated at the United Nations Environment Assembly session one and two (UNEA 1 &amp; UNEA 2) in UNEP Headquarter in Nairobi in 2014 and 2016 respectively. He was appointed as the Chairman of International Youth Council Chapter in Yemen in 2012 as well as the National Coordinator of Arab Youth Climate Movement in Yemen since 2013.He is also one of the UNEP TUNZA Youth Advisory council for the West Asia region. He was nominated as one the Global Environment Outlook Experts GEO-6 for the West Asia region .He has a huge participation in Environment, Sustainable Development as well as Youth Development. In addition, He has participated and involved in reporting of the Arab High level Forum for Sustainable development 2014 organized by UNESCWA and UNEP . He has also worked as an advisor for Non -Government Organization locally in Yemen and in the Arab Region especially for Sustainable development policy and development Projects. He has conducted numerous training on Youth development, Education for Sustainable Development and participated in tens of international conferences, summits, workshops, round tables, in Europe, Africa, Asia and MENA.</p> |
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| 3. | <b>Zaher Redwan</b> - Green Hand Organization Lebanon | Youssef Ghorayeb - Vice Chairman, Green Hand Organization Lebanon | ASHOKA Fellow: A Social & Environmental Entrepreneur Recognized by ASHOKA Org. in regards the Innovation & Creativity of the Green Hand Environmental – Community Engagement Model SWITCHER: Nominated & Selected at SWITCHMED Connect, Initiative by UNEP, UNIDO & EU, for developing gourmet products that add high value to traditionally harvested wild herbs & fruits Chairman of Green Hand Organization – an Environmental, Social, Cultural NGO, committed on Conserving floral biodiversity through engaging the community Founder President of the Syndicate of Lebanese Craftsmen and Authentic Producers - Lebanon Chairman of International Union for Conservation of Nature - IUCN National Committee and Representing Lebanon in the IUCN - Regional Committee |
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