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**Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Major Group Facilitating Committee for
NGO Major Group**

**Pursuant to the call that was sent out to all accredited organizations to nominate
candidates for elections of the TWO MGFC representatives for NGO Major Group.**

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)
1.	Ahmed Fathy Ahmed - Youth loves Egypt Email: ylefoundation@gmail.com	Head and founder of youth love Egypt foundation	we are member of youth love Egypt foundation, we are an accredited organization from UNEP and UNEP MAP, we are an active player in the environmental field we are combating plastic pollution through organizing cleanness campaigns, we would like to participate in the Facilitating Committee to have role in participating in decision making in UNEP
2.	Arumugam Sankar and Empower India Email: empowersankar@gmail.com	Ammukutty, President, Empower India	Mr.Arumugam Sankar is the Founder and Executive Director of EMPOWER INDIA which is working with grassroots communities for the past 27 years. He is an Indian, Social Activist with legal background and Post Graduate in Economics representing India, country with diverse Socio - Cultural ethnic background. He is the active member of APRCEM and Environment Defenders Asia Pacific Group too. Attended



			many Trainings and workshops at the State, National and International Level. He, conducted number of trainings and on various Social Issues to different stakeholders like police personnel, college teachers, general public, farmers, self-help group women and students. Author of many books - “Consumers for You”, “Breast feeding is Best”, Law and Environment”. He traveled all over world and attended High Level meetings in UN HQ.
3.	BAKAYOKO Evariste - REDDA-NESDA Email: e.bakayoko@redda-nesda.org	BAMBA Youssoufou Joseph - REDDA-NESDA	M. Bakayoko Evariste, achève un Master en Anthropologie et également un Master en Communication. Il a une bonne expérience en matière de Communication et Développement Durable.
4.	BROU Ahossi Nicolas - REDDA-NESDA Email: n.brou@redda-nesda.org	BAMBA Youssoufou Joseph - REDDA-NESDA	Le premier candidat, Dr BROU Nicolas. Titulaire d’un Doctorat, Thèse Unique, Nouveau Régime, en Sciences et Gestion de l’Environnement, Option Sociologie et Anthropologie de l’Environnement de l’Université Nangui-Abrogoua, Enseignant-chercheur, Maître-Assistant(CAMES) à l’Université Félix-Houphouët-Boigny (Ex-Université de Cocody-Abidjan), Dr Brou est aussi le Coordinateur du



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			<p>"Réseau des Jeunes Chercheurs et Acteurs en ECOSANTE" au sein de la COPES-AOC. Membre du Laboratoire des Sciences de l'Environnement (L.S.E) de l'U.F.R - Sciences et Gestion de l'Environnement de l'Université Nangui Abrogoua (Côte d'Ivoire), Membre du Laboratoire de Sociologie économique et d'Anthropologie des Appartenances Symboliques (LAASSE,) Dr BROU a fait partie de l'équipe de recherche "Sciences Sociales" du 'Projet Buyo II' intitulé « Amélioration de la santé humaine et celle des écosystèmes dans la région de Buyo, Sud – Ouest de la Côte d'Ivoire » de 2001 à 2003. Il a été ensuite consultant puis chargé du volet sociologique du Projet EcoSan (Assainissement Ecologique) pour le compte du Centre Régional pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement à faible coût (CREPA-CI) de 2003 à 2006. Dr BROU est également Spécialiste Programme au Secrétariat du "Réseau pour l'Environnement et le Développement Durable en Afrique" (REDDA depuis 2006) Il a une bonne expérience en conception et/ou exécution de projets. Ses travaux de</p>
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			recherche et ses communications au plan national, régional et international ont porté sur la problématique de la gestion de l'environnement en lien avec les déchets et les maladies liées à l'eau ; l'Education Relative à l'Environnement ; la vulnérabilité sociétale en lien avec les pressions anthropiques et la santé humaine, notamment celle des femmes ; la gestion des ressources forestières ; l'Evaluation des impacts socioéconomiques et environnementaux des déchets plastiques ; la gestion durable des ressources naturelles ; etc. Le second candidat,
5.	Dipayan Dey, Terre Policy Centre	Ankit Gaurav, Project Leader - Terre Policy Centre	
6.	Eldoushy Abdelkarim Ahmed - Youth loves Egypt Email: ylefoundation2@gmail.com	Head and founder of youth love Egypt foundation	we are member of youth love Egypt foundation, we are an accredited organization from UNEP and UNEP MAP, we are an active player in the environmental field we are combating plastic pollution through organizing cleanness campaigns, we would like to participate in the Facilitating Committee to have role in participating in decision making in UNEP



7.	Griffins Ochieng; Centre for Environment, Justice and Development (CEJAD) Email: ogriffins@gmail.com	Bjorn Beeler, IPEN International Coordinator	The global NGO network, IPEN, with members in nearly 600 NGOs across 125 countries has identified and is formally nominating Mr. Griffins Ochieng as a representative of the NGO Major Group to the UN Environment Major Groups Facilitating Committee. IPEN has worked in UNEP environment conventions since 1998, and is active in the Stockholm, Basel, Rotterdam and Minamata Conventions today. In addition, IPEN has actively participated in the UNEP Governing Councils and now UNEA meetings. Griffins Ochieng has proven his skills to engage in international meetings, report back and coordinate NGOs. Mr. Ochieng is a co-founder and executive director of Centre for Environment Justice and Development (CEJAD), a public interest organization based in Nairobi, Kenya and a participating organization of IPEN. Mr. Ochieng has extensive knowledge and experience regarding UNEA and its subsidiary meetings, having actively participated in the UNEP governing processes since 2008 during governing council meetings. In addition, Mr. Ochieng currently participates in the Committee
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			<p>of Permanent Representatives (CPR) where he represents the NGO major groups and contributes actively in the development of the major group's policy papers related to the discussions in the CPR and UNEA subsidiary meetings, both at the regional and international level. Backed by his qualifications and career work, Griffins has expansive knowledge in environmental issues, including chemicals and waste, wetlands management, biodiversity, among others. This knowledge will help Mr. Ochieng foster balanced representation among all major groups. His involvement and active participation in national, regional and international meetings on chemicals conventions and UNEA has enabled him to create a good rapport with a number of delegates at the regional and international level.</p>
8.	<p>Khawla Muhannadi, President, Environment Friends Society, Bahrain</p> <p>Email: info.efs.bahrain@gmail.com</p>	<p>Lubna Dawany, The Secretary, Environment Friends Society; Dr. Nisrine Hour, Executive Board Member, Green Hand Organization Lebanon</p>	<p>الاجتماعية، بقيادة نسائية و بأهداف بيئية منذ عام 2000. اسست برنامج ريم لقادة البيئة الصغار تديره و تشرف عليه من 18 عاما حتى الان. شاركت في تأسيس اول اتحاد لمؤسسات المجتمع المدني للدفاع عن موائل بيئية (التكتل البيئي للدفاع عن فشت العظم بالبحرين (وكانت المنسق العال للتكتل حتى حقق اهدافه بوقف مشاريع كبرى تهدد الشعب المرجانية، متخصصة في مجالات تقنية المعلومات</p>



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		<p>السياحة البيئية، صون الطبيعة، التوعية البيئية، المسؤولية المجتمعية. قادة في التعريف بدور مؤسسات المجتمع المدني كشريك اساسي في اتخاذ القرار و التنمية المستدامة. نظمت و تحدثت في عشرات الندوات و المحاضرات التوعوية بهدف رفع الوعي المجتمعي تجاه قضايا بيئية تطرق للمرة الاولى في البحرين و الوطن العربي. صممت و ادارت ورش تدريبية للاطفال و للمتخصصين في مجالات الحقوق البيئية، الكفاءة المائية، و المواطنة البيئية. اسست و قادت الفريق البحريني للحفاظ على السلاحف البحرين منذ عام 2013 حتى اليوم.</p> <p>Dr. Khawla Al-Muhannadi established the first civil society organization in Bahrain and Arabian Gulf, both sexes, multi-ethnic, reconstruction, academic and practical disciplines, religious and social affiliations, led by women with environmental goals in 2000; and initiated, managed and supervised the Young Environmental Leaders program "RIM" for the last 18 years. She co-founded the first consortium of CSOs to defend environmental habitats and coordinated it to achieve its goal of stopping major projects threatening coral reefs. She is specialized in information technology, environmental tourism, nature conservation, environmental awareness, community responsibility, and</p>
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			is a leader in defining the role of CSOs as a key partner in decision-making and sustainable development. She organized, designed and conducted training workshops for children and specialists in the fields of environmental rights, water efficiency and environmental citizenship. She founded and led Bahrain's Turtle Conservation Team from 2013 until today.
9.	Paul Harris, Atlantic State Legal Foundation, INC Email: pharris@aslf.org	Dr. Samuel Sage, Atlantic State Legal Foundation Inc (ASLF)	Paul Haris manages and plays role of NGO management and dedicated for social empowerment and environment conservation.
10.	Pradeep Mahapatra, UDYAMA. Email: udyama.pradeep@gmail.com	Mrs. Kananbala Dash, UDYAMA	Mr. Pradeep Mahapatra, is the Secretary of UDYAMA. He is a Development-Catalyst close three-decades, have involved in eco-development & Community-Resilience-process , he has exposed to local-regional-NGOs,(SWRC-AGRAGAMEE ,CARE-India, , CYSD-Plan, RGVN, CPSW, CAPART, NEAB , intergovernmental-organization & has undertaken massive-livelihoods-restoration during super-cyclone-1999, Gujart Eart Quake and Indian Tsunami He is spearheading UDYAMA, (www.udyama.org) as founder , undertaking citizen-action on



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			<p>DRR ,END-WATER-POVERTY campaign, Deepening-Governance & Capitalizing-Mainstream-resources-impact-towards livelihoods & Community-Disaster-Resilient-process &Climate-justice focusing life-skill-building with grass root-initiatives innovations , gearing greening , green energy , has added value for money to country resilience towards lasting resilient process, demonstrating sustainable-consumption and production with rejuvenating rich social, ecological capital . He is a team-player working in tough & challenging-conditions & managing-major conflicts are his strength, undertaking Next-Development-Challenges. Some-time he undertakes action-research and evaluations. As passion he is working with community-directly to change-culture of self-resilience and prefer negotiations with his sincere learning ability, he has actively engaged community-resilience process. Regarding his Professional Association, he has personally and institutionally involved with numbers of local, national and international humanitarian and development</p>
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		<p>organizations: Network Ecosystem Service Partnership, CTCN, International-climate-variability & change, Life-member of Indian Association of Soil and Water-Conservation, Dehradun, India. Life-Member of Orissa Environmental Society, Bhubaneswar. Life-member India Water Partnership & Global Water Partnership, Life Member of Indian Red Cross society- Network-member of MANAGE, Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture. ,SRI India Stakeholder Forum, End Water Poverty- UNEP-10YFP,SCP,WSSCCC ,Network-member of eradication of Hunger & Poverty , Water Climate Coalition, UNGLOBAL COMPACT FAO, UNISDR, National-Institutes of Environment-Professionals-Global Network Member of DRR , Urban Poverty ,Migration & livelihoods, ACCCRN, CANSA, ,we Adapt ,WOCAT-,Roster Expert UNHABITAT- Observer UNFCCC , Roster-Expert CDKN , Observer-UNCCD - , -Disaster Resilient Development-forum & Global Network for disaster reduction ,Network member at SusanA-Water & Sanitation , SAMHITA, SWA and many more to bring learning linkage and leveraging resources. He is</p>
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			an asset to organization. His networking ability is outstanding. Hope Mr. Mahapatra will contribute a lot to major groups.
11.	<p>Prof. Medani P. Bhandari, PhD, Atlantic State Legal Foundation, INC.</p> <p>Email: medani.bhandari@gmail.com medani.bhandari@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dr. Samuel Sage, Atlantic State Legal Foundation Inc (ASLF)</p>	<p>Prof. Medani P. Bhandari, brings about 25 years of experiences managing NGOs both from north and south. Prof. Bhandari has published about 10 papers on NGOs and INGOs management and its roles in social empowerments and environment management. All credentials of Prof. Bhandari are available on webs and are all open for consultations.</p>
12.	<p>Vinitaa Apte, Terre Policy Centre</p> <p>Email: aptevh@gmail.com</p>	<p>Ankit Gaurav, Project Leader - Terre Policy Centre</p>	<p>Dr. Vinitaa Apte was consultant in United Nations Environment Programme, Paris as a communication expert and senior official and international expert on Sustainable Development and Green Economy. She successfully led a global team of Interns & consultants with diverse cultural background in UNEP's Paris office & in TERRE's office. Possesses hands on experience in forging innovative and award-winning partnerships with governments, NGOs and international organizations on critical issues of strengthening synergies and led a Programme</p>



			<p>on Sustainable livelihood in the World natural heritages. Strong facilitator and best communicator in consensus building at national and international platforms in difficult environmental negotiations. Renowned for creative concepts and practical programmatic approaches in developing, implementing, reporting and monitoring national strategies for ecosystem nurturing. Innovation led visionary at global as well as enterprise level in strengthening corporate social responsibility, community led nature conservation and restoration Status. Key publications and notable Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received GunwantKamgar Award in 1994 as excellent performer in Bank.• Received Best Actress, Best writer and Best colleague award in banking career.• Received UNEP award on 20th Anniversary Montreal Protocol for the 'Outstanding Contribution' to the out reaching of the Montreal Protocol (2007). <p>Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written articles in well-known national and
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			<p>international journals, reports and books.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published four books and one of the books are now incorporated in Pune University FY BA course. • Presented paper on sensitive ecosystem in the International Conference at Beijing organized by UNESCO • Co Author of the book on rocky plateau. Experience as a team leader: • 2009 -till date: President, TERRE Policy Centre • 2011- 2012: Consultant UN safe Planet campaign, Geneva • 2004 - 2011: Consultant UNEP Ozone Action.
13.	<p>Zaher Redwan, Green Hand Organization.</p> <p>Email: zredwan@greenhand.org.lb</p> <p>zaher.redwan@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dr. Nisrine Hourri, Executive Board Member, Green Hand Organization Lebanon;</p> <p>Lubna Dawany, The Secretary, Environment Friends Society</p>	<p>Zaher Redwan, environment and development specialist, founded Green Hand Organization - GHO in 1999 with a vision of conservation of floral biodiversity among engaging of the community and has been recognized as a social and environmental entrepreneur by ASHOKA organization in 2013. Zaher Redwan is a committed, professional, enthusiastic, passionate leader with a high capability of mobilizing diverse communities to work united towards achieving a common result/goal. Zaher Redwan has</p>



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			<p>built up GHO from scratch towards an NGO recognized in community engagement towards biodiversity protection and conservation with a focus on the flora, and this recognition has gone beyond national among many affiliations with the American Public Garden Association - APGA, Arab Forum for Environment and Development - AFED, International Union for Conservation of Nature - IUCN, and GHO recently was elected as the chairperson of the IUCN national committee, BGCI – Botanic Garden Conservation International and accreditation by UN Environment.</p>
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