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Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Major Group Facilitating Committee for Farmers 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 Indigenous Peoples and their Communities 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.	Tcharbuahbokengo NFINN, Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights feedar97@yahoo.com	Chui Petra Kienyiy, Environment Delegate, Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity and Agricultural Revampment with Human Rights (FEEDAR&HR)	Tcharbuahbokengo NFINN is the current Co-Chair and with Melissa Mohammed as a Woman both will serve better as Co-Chairs.
2.	Marissa Mohamed, Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD), mohamedmarissa@gmail.com	Chui Petra Kienyiy, Environment Delegate, Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity and Agricultural Revampment with Human Rights (FEEDAR&HR)	Tcharbuahbokengo NFINN is the current Co-Chair and with Melissa Mohammed as a Woman both will serve better as Co-Chairs.
3.	Wali Haider, Roots for Equity walikhi@yahoo.com	Azra Talat Sayeed, Executive Director, Society for Roots for Equity	Mr. Wali Haider, Joint Director, has been serving the organization for the past 21 years. Roots for Equity works with marginalized communities, especially the small and landless farmers,



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		<p>including religious minorities and women, and in this context strongly advocates food sovereignty. In his early years at the organization, Wali Haider was involved in Youth environmental education program as a community educator and campaigner. Later, he was a key team member in developing a political education program, which was implemented across the country by the organization, and resulted in the formation of an independent mass-based platform for small and landless farmers, namely the Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek (PKMT). Apart from playing an active role at PKMT in advancing the struggle for land rights, and seed sovereignty he works with local and national movements and people's organizations in executing farmer rights campaigns and research on issues that support agro-ecology and/or expose harmful socio-economic, political and environmental policies and processes. Wali Haider obtained his MS in Environmental Studies from York University, Toronto, Canada. Currently Mr. Haider is the focal point for farmer's</p>
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			<p>constituency for Asia at Asia Pacific Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (APRCM). In this capacity, he has been part of the organizing committees responsible for engaging the farmer constituency in the region. Mr. Haider has participated in UNEA 2 and UNEA 3, in Kenya in 2015 and 2017 as part of APRCM delegation, and in 2017 was one of the organizing committee members of the Global Major Group and Stake Holder Meeting. We believe Wali can play an active role in formulating civil society engagement through the farmers major group at UNEP. He is a passionate activist for farmers' rights, and is fully capable of playing an effective role at major group engagement in the UN Environment in particular UNEA process.</p>
4.	Gábor Figezky, IFOAM - Organics International, g.figezky@ifoam.bio	Niamh Holland-Essoh, coordinator, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)	Gábor Figezky is the Head of Global Policy at IFOAM - Organics International. The global umbrella organization for organic agriculture movements is advocating for a change towards truly sustainable agriculture and food systems by showcasing how agricultural systems based on the principles of



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		<p>health, ecology, fairness and care can address hunger, nutrition, energy consumption, pollution, climate change, inequity and the depletion of natural resources in a holistic manner. Gábor is leading the planning and implementation of the organization's global advocacy activities on sustainable agriculture and food systems, nutrition, biodiversity and climate change. He is representing his organization and farmers in various UN processes including UNFCCC, UNCCD, CFS, the 10yfp Sustainable Food Systems Programme Multistakeholder Advisory Committee and acting as the organizing partner for the Farmers' Major Group for the HLPF on Sustainable Development. He has a background in agriculture and ecology and has worked in nature conservation and sustainable agriculture at senior positions in the civil society as well as the state sector. He has worked on the design of biodiversity-friendly agri-environmental schemes and evaluated rural development programmes and reports from the national to the global level. He is the</p>
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			<p>author of and have contributed to various reports, brochures and articles on sustainable agriculture, marketing of local farming goods and the use of the European Union's rural development funds. He has been promoting agro-ecology as a viable solution that can deliver results on all the SDGs for 20 years now. His background clearly qualifies him to be a representative of the Farmers Major Group to the UN Environment Major Groups Facilitating Committee.</p>
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