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**Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Major Group Facilitating Committee for Children and Youth 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 Children and Youth 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.	Isingizwe Honorine, YVE Rwanda (honoricia5[at]gmail.com) Gender: Female Country of Nationality: Rwanda Country of Residence: Rwanda Age: 28	Sena ALOUKA, International Director, Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environment (JVE International)	Honorine is a holder of the Bachelor of Science in Land Survey. She has been volunteering in environmental Youth organisation since many years and participated in various international conferences. She has been successfully appointed as the Executive Country Director of Young Volunteers for the Environment (YVE) in Rwanda, an international organization present in more than 28 countries that rallies young people around Climate Change, Environmental Protection and Sustainable livelihoods. She is a versatile young lady with a passion on low emission development, climate resilience, youth green jobs, gender justice, and the SDGs. Fluent in English and French, She has coordinated various networks and campaigns in



			East Africa and will be a good resource for the UN MGCY.
2	<p>Kudzanai Cynthia Chimhanda - Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA) kudzanaicy[at]gmail.com Gender: Female Country of Nationality: Zimbabwe Country of residence: Zimbabwe Age: 26</p>	<p>Allen Ottaro - Executive Director, Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA)</p>	<p>Kudzanai is a development researcher and agricultural economist by training, with three years of cumulative experience focused on policy practice, youth in environment and agriculture, green economy and structural transformation, especially in the Zimbabwean and African context. A graduate of the University of Zimbabwe, Kudzanai currently volunteers with the CYNESA Zimbabwe chapter, where she serves as Deputy Country Director. She enjoys using interactive social media platforms to learn and share knowledge with peers. In March 2019, she participated in the 4th UN Environment Assembly, as a member of the CYNESA delegation where she made valuable contributions regarding children and youth participation. Kudzanai is 26 years old and lives in Harare, Zimbabwe.</p>
3	<p>Olive Ntivuguruzwa - Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA) Oliventi[at]yahoo.co.uk Gender: Female Country of Nationality: Rwanda</p>	<p>Allen Ottaro - Executive Director Catholic Youth Network for Environmental</p>	<p>Olive graduated from the University of Rwanda, College of Science and Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering. She speaks English and French, and</p>



	Country of residence: Rwanda Age: 25 (turning 26 on July 8th)	Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA)	currently volunteers as the Finance officer for the CYNESA Rwanda chapter. Olive has experience in conducting research on energy use and sustainable urban design in slum areas. She has actively participated in policy forums at the national level in Rwanda, organized by the Rwanda Environmental Management Authority, and has ably coordinated engagement of young people in environmental advocacy. Olive is 26 years old and lives in Kigali, Rwanda.
4	Yugratna Srivastava via SustainUS (in partnership with Plant-for-the-Planet) Yugratna[at]gmail.com Gender: Female Country of Nationality: INDIA Country of Residence: INDIA Age: 23	Aneesa Khan, Executive Coordinator - SustainUS	As 23-year-old female from a developing country, Yugratna comes from a middle-class family and has been involved in climate and environmental protection since a young age, both through on-ground community work and engagement in broader processes. Through various campaigns, and grass-root projects: such as Tarumitra, TrillionTreeCampaign, and StopTalkingStartPlanting, she has worked with school children and local youth in villages and towns within India, focussing on peer-to-peer capacity building of students, having conducting dozens of trainings on basics



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		<p>of global warming and ways to take action; and is also currently mobilising within and outside US for upcoming Climate Summit. Further to this, she has policy-advocacy experiences in intergovernmental processes of climate change where she has coordinated three Global South Scholarships (including for COP23, and COP24) that trained and funded participation of youth from developing countries to climate change negotiations - with such a massive engagement for first time in history. Working with youth organisations, she also coordinated the first ever ACE Youth Forum (April 2018) - the outcomes of which are now part of Paris Agreement Rulebook and has also supported last three COYs. Finally, she has also supported UNEP MGCY as volunteer for last UNEAs in tasks such as intervention drafting, following negotiations, building capacities of youth at UNEA and in consultations on Stakeholder Engagement processes within UNEP, thereby possessing understanding for needed role. Therefore, given her</p>
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			<p>young age, and her experience as on-ground activist &amp; former focal point of climate change youth-NGOs (YOUNGO) to UNFCCC for last year (2018), she embodies the needed skills to facilitate engagement of children and youth now in broader context of environmental governance and issues to UN Environment. Throughout her work, she will actively consult with all member NGOs of the constituency ensuring that their voices are heard in an equitable manner at all levels.</p>
5	<p>MaryAnn Mukete, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Maryannmukete[at]gmail.com Gender: Female Country of Nationality: Cameroon Country of Residence: Cameroon Age: 30</p>	<p>Ntiokam Divine, Founder and Managing Director CSAYN</p>	<p>Arnold and Maryann have been serving for CSAYN as Zero Hunger Challenge Pledge Lead and Programs Officer respectively. They have shown and proven to be able to coordinate all the CSAYN Country Coordinators based in 41-member countries. Their efforts have given us a number of opportunities is engaging youth in achieving SDG 13 via CSA practices and to enhance the domestication of the Global Goals. That said and done, I strongly recommend them for this position.</p>



6	<p>Arnold Alem, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Arnoldalem[at]gmail.com Gender: Male Country of Nationality: Cameroon Country of Residence: Cameroon Age: 24</p>	<p>Ntiokam Divine, Founder and Managing Director CSAYN</p>	<p>Arnold and Maryann have been serving for CSAYN as Zero Hunger Challenge Pledge Lead and Programs Officer respectively. They have shown and proven to be able to coordinate all the CSAYN Country Coordinators based in 41-member countries. Their efforts have given us a number of opportunities is engaging youth in achieving SDG 13 via CSA practices and to enhance the domestication of the Global Goals. That said and done, I strongly recommend them for this position.</p>
7	<p>Frederik Buchholz, International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) frederik.buchholz[at]posteo.de</p>	<p>Lisa Prior, Vice-President, International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)</p>	<p>Frederik Buchholz recently finished his B.Sc. in International Forest Ecosystem Management, works currently as an intern at the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) and will start a M.Sc. in Environmental Science at the University of Wageningen in September 2019. As an IFSA member, Frederik developed and organized a lecture series on societal, political and technical challenges of climate change. Furthermore, he participated as an observer of IFSA at the CBD COP 14 and as a delegate within the MGCY at the recent UNFF 14. His active</p>



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		<p>participation and work during the preparation, course and postprocessing of the UNFF 14 gave Frederik great and important insight with respect to the role of civil society within the UN and strategies to enhance participation. Through these experiences, Frederik gained exceptional leadership abilities. He is able to facilitate clear communication, take responsibility and show empathy and support for his peers and colleagues. In addition, Frederik is able to establish connections with different people and influence group dynamics positively with his understanding of distinct perspectives and solution-oriented working ability. Frederik will run this summer for the Head of UNEP Sub-Commission position within IFSA. Through his past work and potential future position as an IFSA representative, Frederik has access to a worldwide network of youth organizations and other constituencies. This enables him to establish and leverage decentralized and multiple entry points for a diversity of youths into the MGCY. A</p>
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			<p>focus of action for Frederik would be an analysis of previous successes and failings within the MGCY, to identify what needs to be developed in consultation with UN Environment colleagues, members of MGCY, as well as other MGs and relevant stakeholders. Furthermore, his objective would be to develop a transparent and solidified framework for operationalizing the MGCY, including clear guidelines, allocation of responsibilities and entry points.</p>
8	<p>Sara Obura; Globetree sara.ollas[at]live.se Sara's gender: Female Nationality: Swedish Residence: Sweden Age: 25</p>	<p>Kajsa B. Dahlström President Globetree</p>	<p>I (Kajsa Dahlstroem, President Globetree) met Sara in 2011. She was then in her final year of high school, preparing for a field study in Kenya within her studies of Global Relationships. Sara has been with Globetree ever since. Her passion is the environment at local and global level and since she joined the Globetree programs and projects in Dandora she highlights the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. This year (2019) Sara was my personal assistant preparing for the closing ceremony of UNEA 4 and Head of the secretariat at the kick-off celebrating UNEP</p>





			50 years, initiated by Globetree in cooperation with the National Museums of Kenya. Sara doesn't back for a challenge, learns quick and takes initiatives. I appreciate she is stress resistant and dynamic, always finds a way forward with a joyful attitude. Sara will be a good team player in MGFC for Children and Youth .
9	Yugratna Srivastava; Globetree Yugratna[at]gmail.com Gender: Female Country of Nationality: INDIA Country of Residence: INDIA Age: 23	Kajsa B. Dahlström President Globetree	
10	Perpetual Wanjiku W Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc perpetual25wanjiku[at]gmail.com Gender: Female Country of Nationality: Kenya Country of Residence: Nairobi Kenya Age: May 27, 1997	Pierrette J Cazeau President & Founder, Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc	Our candidates have been contributing to our Foundation for close to one year. Both of them have a strong background in environment "climate change". These candidates have strong backgrounds in Sustainable Development Goal. They are very reliable and have experience working independently with little supervision. Our candidates have produced numerous well-written documentations for case studies. They are fully qualified to conduct classes for change makers to teach Bio-Diversity plus



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11	<p>Luidgi J. Selvius Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc lselvius.hcrff[at]gmail.com Gender: Male Country of Nationality: Port-au-Prince Haiti Country of Residence: Haiti Age: June 28</p>	<p>Pierrette J Cazeau President &amp; Founder, Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc</p>	<p>Our candidates have been contributing to our Foundation for close to one year. Both of them have a strong background in environment "climate change". These candidates have strong backgrounds in Sustainable Development Goal. They are very reliable and have experience working independently with little supervision. Our candidates have produced numerous well-written documentations for case studies. They are fully qualified to conduct classes for change makers to teach Bio-Diversity plus Marine Environment and</p>



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12	<p>Teresa Oberhauser, AEGEE-Passau. teresa.oberhauser[at]posteo.net Gender: Female Country of Nationality: Germany Gender Country of Residence: The Netherlands Age: 28</p>	<p>Matis Joab, Board Member and Financial Director of AEGEE-Europe on behalf of the Board of Directors of AEGEE-Europe</p>	<p>Teresa Oberhauser is a 28-year-old German national living in The Netherlands. With fluency in 5 languages and a working experience at the UNESCO headquarters as well as in the climate department of one of Germany's Federal Ministries she has experienced international and transnational cooperation on topics linked to Youth and Environmental Issues. Her experience from working with the ministry during COP23 additionally provided her with a great understanding of the topics linked to international climate policy and the actors</p>



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		<p>and NGOs active on the topic of Children and Youth as well as Environmental issues. Her studies of Politics and Public Administration with a focus on Climate Policy as well as her current job as EU Project Lead on Circular Economy projects support this expertise. Teresa is one of our most experienced members with over 7 years of work within AEGEE. During this time she has experience Youth politics from different perspectives for example as one of the Moderators of the Society and Environment Interest Group and as Liaison Officer towards UNEP and UNFCCC. She has worked on environmental campaigns among others a Model United Nations conference in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention located at UNEP's premises in Vienna. As Liaison Officer for AEGEE towards UNEP she has gained relevant insight into UNEPS work especially the work of the Major Groups Facilitating Committee. Working and leading committees of different sizes within AEGEE made her very experienced with working in teams, coordinating work,</p>
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			<p>facilitating the work of a diverse group of people and guiding discussions to fruitful results. Leading an international team of volunteers, she has learned to create a positive environment where diverse opinions and backgrounds are taken into account while keeping clear structures of organisation and communication guaranteeing a smooth and transparent working process.</p>
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