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Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Regional Facilitators

Pursuant to the call that was sent out to Latin America and the Caribbean accredited organizations to nominate candidates for elections for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region.

Serial 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.	Manuel Alejandro Abreu Medina Juventud Unida en Accion Ing.manuel.abreu@gmail.com Venezuela	Dalia Fernanda Márquez Añez - General Secretary Juventud Unida en Accion juenaong@gmail.com	Manuel Abreu is a chemical engineer with master in science and technology of food, with more than 20 Years working in ONG's related to youth, children and environment. He speaks Spanish(native), English (Fluency) and French(basic). His qualifications are: Entrepreneurialism, improvement, continuous learning, self confidente and reinvencción. He participated in many events like: OAS Youth Forum, Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, Global Major Group and Stakeholder Forum, UNEA Road, UNGA Road, ECLAC Forum/2030 Youth Forum, etc. Nowadays, as a member of JUENA (Accredited ONG by UNEP), he work with environmental projects like Formation and Promotion for Climate Governance Congress, SDG Observatory where sdg 6, 12,13,14,15 are under study and have access to many information linked with environmental issued, included resolution of last UNEA. In addition, he was involved with LACEMOS in many activities, for 2 year he was Global Focal Point for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Science-Policy Interface Platform and 2 years as LAC Focal



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			Point in SCP for UN-MGCY. Scout of Venezuela for 14 years, participate in many international events and was awarded in 2nd place in Science and Technology Scout Competition at Shajah, UAE.
2.	<p>Cesar Neftali Artigas Juventud Unida en Accion</p> <p>cesarneftali@gmail.com</p> <p>El Salvador</p>	<p>Dalia Fernanda Márquez Añez - General Secretary</p> <p>Juventud Unida en Accion</p> <p>juenaong@gmail.com</p>	<p>Cesar Neftalí Artigas has been the Regional Coordinator of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) from 2014 to 2017 for the LAC region. He is currently Coordinator of the National Driving Team of the Escazú Agreement in El Salvador, Coordinator of the National Coalition of Global Call to Action against Poverty from El Salvador, Coordinator of the National Driving Group of Resolution 2250 in El Salvador, Founding Member and of the Core Team of the Latin American and Caribbean Forum of Youth (FLACJ), currently Regional Youth Mentor. President of the Generations of Peace Association (ASDEPAZ) El Salvador, Linked to LACEMOS. Member of civil society networks such as the Climate Change Table, National Coalition for Social Protection and National Coordination by the Montevideo Consensus, all of these in El Salvador. Coordinator of processes of National Civil Society Consultation on 2030 Agenda, Financing for Development, Habitat and New Urban Agenda, Climate Change, Risks. He also have Experience in facilitating training and incidence processes in issues of sustainable development, ecological rights and culture of peace, climate change and human rights, population and development.</p>
3	<p>Mitchel Nicolás Zuluaga Quintero</p>	<p>Andrés José Vivas -</p>	<p>Mitchel Zuluaga es Ecólogo con un enfoque de trabajo en Sistemas Socioecológicos,</p>



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	<p>Colegio Nacional de Ecologos (COLNADE)</p> <p>mitchel.zuluaga@gmail.com</p> <p>Colombia</p>	<p>Presidente COLNADE</p> <p>contacto@colnade.co</p> <p>Colegio Nacional de Ecologos (COLNADE)</p>	<p>Gobernanza Ambiental y Construcción de Paz Ambiental, con experiencia en Coordinación de Proyectos de Cooperación Internacional sobre educación ambiental con jóvenes como estrategia para la construcción de paz ambiental y territorial. Desde el 2017 es miembro de la Junta Directiva del Colegio Nacional de Ecólogos - COLNADE e investigador del grupo de investigación en Ecología Política - ECOPOL. Adicionalmente, es miembro fundador del capítulo colombiano del GYBN (Global Youth Biodiversity Network) y participó en la COP 14 de Biodiversidad en Sharm El-Sheik en el 2018 como representante del GYBN.</p>
4	<p>Maria Teresa Rodríguez</p> <p>Colegio Nacional de Ecologos (COLNADE)</p> <p>mtrodriguez2014@gmail.com</p> <p>Colombia</p>	<p>Andrés José Vivas - Presidente COLNADE</p> <p>contacto@colnade.co</p> <p>Colegio Nacional de Ecologos (COLNADE)</p>	<p>María Teresa Rodríguez es Ecóloga con estudios de maestría en Desarrollo Sostenible y Medio Ambiente, con amplia experiencia en el sector ambiental, en instituciones públicas y privadas, a través del ejercicio de la investigación, la gestión ambiental y la docencia universitaria, enfocado en la gestión pública de lo ambiental, el ordenamiento ambiental del territorio y la educación ambiental. Desde 2014 es miembro de la Junta Directiva del Colegio Nacional de Ecólogos - COLNADE e investigadora del grupo de investigación en Ecología Política – ECOPOL.</p>
5	<p>Gladys Lorena Terrazas Arnéz</p> <p>pazinde@gmail.com</p> <p>Red Paz Integracion y Desarrollo (PAZINDE)</p>	<p>Mauro Pereira - Executive director</p> <p>Defensores do Planeta</p>	<p>We are two leaders in our countries and with a relevant role in South America, we both represent organizations that have an important role in Brazil and Bolivia, two countries that are going through a difficult time where the participation of civil society in maintaining democracy is fundamental, we work with governance, youth,</p>



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	Bolivia	mauropereira@defensoresdopl aneta.org.br	<p>traditional communities, climate change and the 2030 agenda. We have been working with the United Nations for many years on building sustainable development and implementing the SDGs and we want to work together with Latin American civil society to build ways to increase participation in local, regional and international decision-making spaces. We want to build a document of action and demand for the region to build a more just and sustainable future for Latin America.</p> <p>I am Gladys Lorena Terrazas Arnéz Career: Bachelor of International Relations "NUR" University Degree in National Provision (2006) • Career: Law Degree (9th semester) Postgraduate 1. Master's Degree in Indigenous Rights and Development 2015-2016 Gabriel Rene Moreno University UAGRM Santa Cruz - Bolivia. 2. Diploma in Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 Agenda - INACAP Curicó, Chile 2019 3. Diploma in Knowledge Dialogue and research applied to climate change, Modality Semipresencial Universidad Mayo de San Simón 2017 4. Diploma in Feminist Economics, Fiscal Policy and Gender Sensitive Budgets in Contexts Intercultural, Virtual Modality CIDES - Universidad Mayor de San Andrés August - December 2012 (UN Women Scholarship) 5. Diploma in Cyber-Activism and Defense of Civil Society - Tomas Moro School of Government, Virtual Mode Colombia 2012 6. Diploma in Higher Education - University of Aquino Bolivia - UDABOL (September - December 2008) Thesis Theme: Textbook, Manual of Alternative Resolution Methods Conflicts 7.</p>
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			<p>Iberoamerican Diploma of Specialization - Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Public Policies (2006) Collège Universitaire Henry Dunant (CUHD) - Fundación Henry Dunant Latin America - OIE Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture 2006 - Thesis Theme: Youth in Bolivia Analysis of Public Policies with focus Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. 8. Diploma in Governance and Municipal Political Management (2004) UNIVALLE University - Andean Development Corporation CAF- The George Washington University 2004 Thesis Theme: Public Policies on Citizen Security "Strategic Situational Plan of the Police in the City of Santa Cruz de la Sierra " 9. Mention in Arbitration and Conflict Resolution (2004) "NUR" University Thesis, Academic Research • Publication: Visions of Development Book - Konrad Adenauer Foundation 2014 • Publication: Experiences of Indigenous Socio-environmental Monitoring in the Captains Council Guaraníes de Chuquisaca 2015 • Publication of the Book: State of the "Environment and access to property and territory" Bolivia 2016 Chapter Konrad Adenauer Foundation Bolivia 2016 • Master's Thesis: "Analysis of the participation and progress of indigenous peoples Latin Americans in spaces of international negotiation against climate change 2010- 2016. " Languages - Spanish (Mother Language) - Guaraní (Basic) - English Certificate in Advanced English Work experience 2019 Coordinator of Academic Projects- International Trade Degree Faculty of Economic Sciences</p>
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			<p>UAGRM 2019 Postgraduate Teacher Diploma in Policies and Rights of Children and Adolescents UAGRM Psychology Degree 2019 Postgraduate Teacher Diploma in Social Intervention Policies Career of UAGRM Social Work 2019 Teacher of the Diploma in Foreign Trade and International Integration Idea Foundation 2016-2019 External consultancies Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Bolivia, on development issues sustainable, resilience and economy logistical support and organization of events academics on issues of a new approach to human rights, the penal system, drug policy and public health. 2018 Teacher Career International Relations Universidad Autónoma Gabriel Rene Moreno and NUR University 2018 Teacher of the Diploma in Leadership for Transformation 2009-2018 Teaching Degree International Relations University NUR 2016-2018 Indigenous Women and Adaptation to Climate Change Project CLIMADAP Netherlands 2016-2018 Gabriel Rene Moreno Autonomous University Guest Professor of the International relations 2017 Consulting Ministry of Environment and Water - Plurinational Authority of the Mother Earth: International Relations and Climate Change COP 23 Bonn, Germany 2016 Indigenous Women and Climate Change Project Local Solutions to problems Global- CISU Denmark Fund (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Guatemala) 2015 COCCON Project - Hivos Consulting for Bolivia: Systematization of Case Studies in socio-environmental monitoring in Bolivia Tarija and Chuquisaca area 2015 Project: Climate</p>
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			<p>Agreement 2015 Coordinator of the first simulation project of the COP 21 Conference of the Parties Model United Nations in Change Climate supported by the British Embassy in La Paz. 2015 Project: Systematization of experiences of Indigenous Socio-environmental Monitoring in the Council of Guarani Captains of Chuquisaca CCCH 2014 Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin COICA - Support in preparing proposals for climate change advocacy for the Indigenous Peoples for COP 20. 2014 G77 Summit of Heads of State - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia Support to Regional coordination, coordination of activities, Summit of Women, Youth and bilateral meetings. 2013 GIZ- Pro Indigenous Regional and ConVomujer Regional Programs - Consulting Consulting technique for the participation and incidence of the agenda of indigenous women in national, regional and international scenarios 2013 Latin American Energy Organization OLADE - Energy Population and Program Development, Consultant- Facilitator NATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP- Dialogue Tripartite on the following topics: Prior and informed consultation, Monitoring participatory environmental and social impacts, and Sustainable Development of Communities in Bolivia. 2013 GIZ- Pro Indígena Bolivia - Central Strategic Plan of Indigenous Women of La Paz CMILAP Participatory construction of the Strategic Plan from the perspective of indigenous women of the northern Amazon of La Paz 2013 Fundación</p>
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			<p>Construir - European Union Community Defenders and access to justice Plural. Indigenous and Peasant Women Training Project for the defense and prevention of gender violence. 2013 Climate Reaction and PAZINDE - Evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals MDG's, Bolivian report of civil society on the evaluation of compliance of the MDGs at the national level. 2012-2014 Fundación Construir- Cooperazione Internazionale COOPI - European Union Coordinadora La Paz - Project: Strengthening of indigenous peoples and originally from Bolivia in the administration of plural justice and mechanisms of conflict resolution. 2012 Pazinde Network and Avina Foundation - Rio + Vos Virtual Campaign (Coordinator in Bolivia) Global Civil Society and Youth Campaign to raise awareness of the environment 2012 Participation in Rio + 20, within the framework of the Major Group of Children and Youth, and in Coordination with the Major Group of Women, in addition to technical support to Indigenous Peoples activities and participation in the Global Indigenous Caucus. 2011 World Youth Caucus and Indigenous Caucus in the framework of the Conference of the Parties - COP 17 in Durban, South Africa, technical support in positioning and relationship of Youth and Indigenous Peoples against the REDD Mechanism 2009-2010 GTZ, Organization of the ACTO Amazon Cooperation Treaty and Ministry of External relationships External Consultant - German Amazon Technical Regional Cooperation Program GTZ and Organization of the Amazon Cooperation</p>
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			Treaty "OTCA". Consulting in the PROCOIN Program Trade Development and Promotion Program Investments. 2008 United Nations System in Bolivia - United Nations Information Center La Paz - CINU Assistant to the Contigo Avanzar II Project - Millennium Development Goals 2007 Avina Bolivia Foundation Coordinator of the Peace and Integration and Culture Development Project for Peace, Social Integration and Human Rights
6	<p>SEVERE Joseph</p> <p>Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Développement (UNASCAD)</p> <p>unascadhaiti@gmail.com</p> <p>Haiti</p>	<p>Douyon P. Evald, General Coordinator</p> <p>Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Développement (UNASCAD)</p> <p>unascadhaiti@gmail.com</p>	<p>I- SEVERE Joseph Short bio He is born in Haiti. He is studying Education science and other. Now he is Executive Director of UNASCAD (Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Développement), a civil society organization listed in the databases of UNCSO, accredited by Global Compact for Migration and UN-Environment, recognized by Major Groups, Together First, Guardian, UNDRR... On the auspices of Together First, he is the Focal point to celebrate the UN75th anniversary in Haiti for this year 2020. He is Commitment Volunteer of Sendai Framework, He is co-author of multiple newsletters written and distributed in the intense promotion of the Sendai Framework linked to SDG and COP21. On the auspices of ECOSOC and Major Groups, he was Lead Discussant for the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) by representing the Latin American Caribbean during the transition MDG to SDG, 6 July 2015, New York. On the auspices of UNDRR and Major Groups, he was International Delegate for the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Japan, Sendai, 14-18 March 2015. On the auspices of RET International, he was Regional Delegate for</p>



			Disaster Risk Reduction, Panama, March 2018. On the auspices of Global Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (GNDR), he was International Delegate for the Summit on Disaster Risk Reduction, Malaysia, April 2018. N.B. : French is his main language.
7	<p>Dr Alcindor Paul Westchlyne</p> <p>Union des Amis Socio Culturels d’Action en Développement (UNASCAD)</p> <p>unascadhaiti@gmail.com</p> <p>Haiti</p>	<p>Douyon P. Evald, General Coordinator</p> <p>Union des Amis Socio Culturels d’Action en Développement (UNASCAD)</p> <p>unascadhaiti@gmail.com</p>	<p>II- Dr Alcindor Paul Wetschlyne Short bio</p> <p>She is the Haitian nationality. Firstly, she is studying Nursing science and secondly globally Health science. With the Haitian Environment Ministry, she follows many seminars in environment and climate change. For the moment, she is the health Coordinator program for UNASCAD. N.B. : French is her main language.</p>
8	<p>Ms Ruth Spencer</p> <p>Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas Trust Inc. (MEPA)</p> <p>ruth.spencer@mepatr.ustantiguabarbuda.org</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda</p>	<p>Mr Gary Gore, Chairman, Director</p> <p>garry.gore@mepatr.ustantiguabarbuda.org</p> <p>Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas Trust Inc. (MEPA)</p>	<p>Ms Ruth Spencer is a Yale University MA Development Economist. She is a founding member and Deputy Chair of MEPA and has been supporting local, regional and international processes across most of the MEA Agreements with passion and commitment to the empowerment of local community groups to make their contributions visible from local to global processes. This role and position requires someone who is willing to go the extra mile to include those groups and countries within LAC that have been marginalized and left out of the regional processes. Leaving no, one behind is a value and virtue that Ruth is working to and is very evident in the transformations that is taking place at the local community level. She has built many partnerships and knows how to connect at all levels with</p>



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		<p>government agencies and private sector, piggybacking on ongoing national and regional programs to make the connections which has allowed for many synergies to take place. Her knowledge of the many MEA agreements and conventions enables her to make the linkages that demonstrate multiple benefits and outcomes. It is not an easy process for language differences play a major role and finding “outside the box modalities” is required make the connections to bring collective benefits using the “all of society approach-the vision of the UN CBD. Ruth was selected by the Government as the NGO negotiator for the Principle 10-now called the Escazu Agreement for LAC and she has built many connections with senior members of government and Environmental Ministries as well as NGO’s across LAC and the impacts of her advocacy and public awareness actions is seen and she has been recognized by UN ECLAC as an Escazu Champion. Ruth was recently selected on the Advisory Board for Women4Biodiversity-a platform for Women at UN CBD. She was elected as the as the Caribbean Focal Point by 3rd LAC UNECLAC Forum/ Third Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development held in Chile, April 22-24, 2019. She currently has responded to a Call for Submissions from UN Women Call for Regional Membership of the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG) and the letter of Guarantee was provided by Mabel Bianco, who holds the following regional portfolios. President - Fundacion para</p>
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			<p>Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer Co-Chair - Latin America & the Caribbean Committee NGO CSW OP - Latin American & the Caribbean Women's Major Group Coordinator - Women's Human Rights Defenders for G20 Observatory Coordinator - Global Network Women Won't Wait End HIV and GBV Now! Based on her local work in Sustainable Waste Management-Chemicals, Pollutants and Plastics, she was Appointed to the UNEP Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group on Marine Litter and Micro plastics, October 2019. She prepared a case study on Antigua's contribution in the Blue Economy publication by the GEF/SGP which was launched at the Oceans Conference in Nairobi in Nov 2018 She contributes local knowledge and community based adaptation processes to the Rio Convention Stakeholder Working Group since 2019 for the GEF Funded project-Monitoring and Assessment of MEA Implementation and Environmental Trends in Antigua and Barbuda She was appointed to the National Working Group for the Mercury-Minamata Convention, April 2018. She has initiated four national mercury management projects with MEPA, the Antigua and Barbuda Medical Association, the Clare Hall Christian Union Church with many branches across the island and with the Zero Waste Antigua and Barbuda group, accredited to UNCCD. All the projects are using different pathways for Mercury Phase out and Phase down. Appointed by American University of Antigua-School of Medicine to the Research Council-Feb 2011- present.</p>
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			<p>Appointed by the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda to the Advisory Body of the Tourism Destination Stewardship Committee(DSC) of Antigua and Barbuda to serve the Ministry of Tourism and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority- Jan, 2018 Ruth has been participating in the IPBES meetings organized for IPLC's for ILK. She has been organizing and conducting national dialogues contributing to the IPBES-assessment on Pollinators and has submitted articles to the Biodiversity and Ecosystems Network(BESNET) Antiguan groups will be making contributions to the upcoming assessment on Invasive Alien Species on the Giant African Snail. Ruth has received 3 Energy Awards- She was awarded the National Energy Globe Award for Antigua and Barbuda, under the patronage of the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) and in cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). -June 5, 2015 One of 5 finalists selected by the Caribbean Community Secretariat for the 2018 Caribbean Energy Personality. Awarded on International Women's Day(IWD) 2019, by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda-the Department of Gender Affairs, the Inaugural Award for Energy, Climate Change and the Environment Since 2015, Ruth was selected as the Deputy Chair- Antigua for the - Energy for Sustainable Development in Caribbean buildings, the "first regional project of its kind in CARICOM", are to increase the number of successful commercial applications of energy</p>
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			<p>efficiency and conservation in buildings as well as expand the market for renewable energy technology applications for power generation in Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Belize, St Lucia and St Vincent and the Grenadines. Appointed Member of the National GEF/Technical Assistance Committee-November. 2014 now by legislation called the National Climate Change Committee After attending a side event at a UN CBD meeting, Ruth learnt about the Landscape-Seascape approach being promoted by the International Partnership for Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) and returned home and had the MEPA trust connect with IPSI. Through Ruth's submission, MEPA met the requirements for membership in the IPSI in 2018. At the 2019 Plenary it was announced that MEPA was selected to serve on the Steering Committee. Ruth has each year worked with local groups building capacities and submitted case studies which has all being shortlisted. Ruth was appointed by CANARI, a regional agency, also accredited to UNEP as a mentor for a fisher folk organization in Barbuda under a project that CANARI is co-implementing - "Developing Organisational Capacity for Ecosystem Stewardship and Livelihoods in Caribbean Small-Scale Fisheries (Steward Fish)" project. This would include aspects of Blue Economy, plastic and micro plastics in Sept 2019 Ruth is a very proactive woman and her actions has led to MEPA building many partnerships across many platforms. After attending and participating at a side event at COP13 in Mexico, in 2016 that shared about the</p>
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			<p>International Treaty for the Protection of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) led to a connection with Kent Nnadozie who gave me her his card and she returned to Antigua and discussed with the Ministry of Agriculture technicians and after building linkages with FAO, the cabinet subsequently signed on to the agreement.</p>
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