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Languages you speak: English (fluent), Norwegian (native speaker)

Organisation Representative: Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development (ForUM)

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Where is your organization based?: Norway

Do you have permission from your organization to serve as a facilitator, knowing that it could occupy 20-30% of your time over the next 2 years?: yes

What kind of additional support you will receive if you became the next Co-Facilitator:

My organisation, ForUM Norway, supports me seeking nomination and will allow and facilitate me in performing my duties as co-facilitator as part of my paid full-time position in the organisation. The organisation will also provide me with the necessary resources to fulfil my duties, including participating in international meetings.

What is your background in NGOs and Civil Society work on the ground?:

I have ten years' experience in NGOs and civil society work, from local community work to international negotiations. In June 2020 I was lead on the facilitation of the MGS consultation at the #ForNature events hosted from Oslo in preparation for UNEA-5. This was the largest digital consultation to date and was an integral part of the UNEA Bureau and CPR. Before joining ForUM Norway in 2018, I coordinated a network of women human rights defenders from North Africa, South-East and West Asia. My background also includes participating in a wide variety of international meetings and negotiations, such as the UN General Assembly, the UN Financing for Development Forum, the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, the Convention of Parties (COP) for Cluster Munitions Ban. I have also represented the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in conferences preparing for the Humanitarian Initiative leading to the nuclear ban. In all these processes I worked closely with international civil society and NGO networks.

Why do you want to be a Co-Facilitator of the UNEP NGO MG?:

Civil Society across the globe are experiencing a shrinking space and the multilateral system have been suffering under increased conflict levels. The world is facing major threats to our existence and strengthening actions for nature is at the core of changing the outlook of humanity for the better. Following this, the meaningful and efficient participation of civil society and NGOs with our unique perspectives and competence is more needed than ever. I wish to use my experience in coordination and strategic planning to contribute to a well- coordinated and inclusive NGO and non-state actor presence in UNEP, leading to better and more inclusive policies for all as well as inspire international

NGOs to engage in the implementation of UNEP's MTS and Programme of Work. I also hope that an active outreach programme could inspire more NGOs to approach UNEP to become accredited and active NGOs there.

Have you served as a Co-Facilitator for the NGO MG before?: no

If so, when and what were the accomplishments for the NGO MG then?:

What is your vision for how CSOs can better inform environmental governance at the global level including UNEP?:

I believe that civil society organisations can contribute not only with important perspectives and representation, but also with valuable expertise in their field. Through strategically focused, inclusive, transparent, concrete, and constructive contributions in relevant arenas and with focused and relevant benchmarks in every process, CSOs can inform environmental governance at the global level. By taking our participation at UNEAs seriously and making efforts to follow up and implement decisions made at UNEAs, the NGO community may also contribute to holding governments accountable to what they have agreed to. I also think that CSOs capacity is often undervalued or not understood by 'outsiders'. Making the official stakeholders aware of the collective capacities and experiences held by CSOs would be something I would be interest in promoting. For instance, CSOs can make all the difference when they are able to work together to make the right priorities at the right time. Well informed CSOs may present different approaches to ordinary themes and issues. For instance, by building on the initiative to form thematic clusters, while at the same time creating meeting points for sharing of knowledge and experiences across processes, experts in each theme may be granted space to aced in a focused way, while not missing out on opportunities for synergies. Climate action, nature action and chemical and pollution action are points in case as they are closely linked, but also require necessary frameworks to be explored and discussed as separate issues . An increased awareness of the growing need for such a balance will contribute to developing action-oriented programmes to be implemented based on more efficient environmental governance without compromising on inclusiveness. Further, having the long-term strategic perspectives will contribute to prioritising which matters require attention in each setting.

What is your goals for the UNEP NGO MG over the course of the next two years, and how would you make these goals a reality?:

My goals for the UNEP NGO MG for the next two years are closely linked to my vision, partly elaborated above. Time is of the essence. We cannot afford not to be visionary from day one. My goal is to see that the major group for NGOs will become be a strong voice for inclusive, sustainable environmental governance across regions and processes, but also be the voice of reason and expertise showing that change is not only necessary, but possible. I will work to make these goals a reality through coordinating strategy calls within the NGO group, but also in close dialogue with the other major groups to identify a united message when possible. Drawing on my experience from being part of, and coordinating, networks of sometimes conflicting interests and priorities, I will seek compromise when possible and sensible, and facilitate respectful disagreements when necessary. Being mindful of what are the most challenging and sensitive areas of disagreement and prioritising dialogue to find the solutions that can be accepted by most, will be an important element of my vision.

Is there anything else you wish to share about yourself or your organization which you think would be helpful for members of the NGO MG to know?:

My organisation is a network of more than 50 Norwegian NGOs, working with all the SDGs and partner organisations including networks across the world. This has provided me with valuable experience in cooperating across thematic issues and when necessary and expedient arriving at meaningful compromises. Before getting a salaried position, I have spent years as unpaid activist, working on developing projects together with volunteers and full-time employees in the same projects. These projects often crossed into multi-cultural areas incorporating at times a plethora of individuals from very different social strata. I am sensitive to the need for accommodating various situations with as many different individuals.

CV and letter of Approval from the organization

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Work experience

08.2018–	Policy adviser the Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment Policy adviser responsible for coordinating working groups, national and international advocacy, and strategy in a broad network with more than 50 member organisations. Acting director from March-July 2019. <i>Skills acquired: Human Rights, Project management, planning, leadership, strategy, networking, teamwork, partnership, lobbying, advocacy, coordinating, global level advocacy, financing for development, SDGs, environment, climate.</i>	The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment
12.2016 – 01.2018	Project Manager the Women’s Network in the Rafto Foundation for Human Rights Project manager for the Women’s Network, a network of women human rights defenders from the MENA and South East Asia region. Responsible for follow up of several Rafto Prize Laureates across the world. <i>Skills acquired: Human Rights, Project management, planning, leadership, strategy, networking, team work, partnership, lobbying, advocacy.</i>	The Rafto Foundation for Human Rights
06.2015 – 12.2016	International Secretary in AUF Political advisor responsible for international matters, including policy development, international collaboration and managing international projects and networks. <i>Skills acquired: Project management, project planning, cooperation with partner organisations, networking, communication, social media, planning and execution of campaigns, fundraising, Norad applications and reporting, organising international seminars, training of trainers</i>	AUF- Norwegian Labour Youth
06.2015 – 09.2015	Election Official Election official during the Norwegian Parliamentary Elections	Oslo Municipality

Relevant experience

01.2013 – 04.2015	Head of Norwegian People’s Aid Solidarity Youth Head of the political youth organisation in Norwegian People’s Aid <i>Skills acquired: Presentation techniques, team work, media strategy, organisation building, communication, social media, planning and</i>	Norwegian People’s Aid Solidarity Youth
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execution of campaigns, governmental lobbying, leadership, networking, event planning, training.

01.2013 – 04.2015	Executive Board Member Norwegian People's Aid Member of the executive board in one of the largest humanitarian organisations in Norway. <i>Skills acquired: Economy, strategising, risk analysis, teamwork</i>	Norwegian People's Aid
01.2013 – 04.2015	National Steering Group Member International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Norway Member of the national steering group of ICAN Norway. <i>Skills acquired: Economy, strategising, risk analysis, teamwork, international lobby</i>	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

Education

08.2013 – 06.2015.	MA in Political Science Research methodology and statistics, negotiation theory, democratisation in the global South, politics of poverty, organised political actors, field research in South Sudan. Dissertation: <i>“The Peripheral State? A study of the implementation of state building in South Sudan's peripheries».</i>	University of Oslo
08.2011- 06.2013	Post studies Science of administration and organisation, state and institutions in developing countries, theory of organisation and mobilisation, Arabic language and culture, history of the Middle East.	University of Bergen
08.2008 – 06.2011	BA in Comparative Politics Democratisation, statehood, election systems, political actors, political Islam, political thinking. One semester abroad at the American University of Cairo Dissertation: <i>«Valget i Sudan- Ett skritt frem eller to tilbake for Sør-Sudan?» (The Election in Sudan- One Step forward or two back for South-Sudan)</i>	University of Bergen

Language skills

Norwegian:	Native speaker
English	Excellent command, both written and spoken
German	Basic knowledge, both written and spoken
Arabic	Basic knowledge, both written and spoken

Additional skills

Microsoft Office	Experienced user of Word, Excel and Powerpoint
STATA	Experienced user

To whom it may concern

Oslo, 15. December 2020

The Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development (ForUM) is a non-governmental organisation accredited to the UN Environment Programme.

I hereby authorize *Ms Ingrid Rostad*, Policy Adviser in the Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment, to seek nomination for the position as co-facilitator for the NGO major group in UNEP on behalf of our organisation.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Kathrine Sund-Henriksen
Director
The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment