

Africa candidates (English & French):

1. Luke Kapchanga, Emony Yefwe International, Kenya

Luke Kapchanga is the founder director Emony Yefwe International. Media practitioner by profession, last active assignment was covering the Universal Periodic Review of the Human rights council in Geneva, 2010. IPCC report review expert.

Emony Yefwe International is a grass roots based organisation, raising the voice and participation of the public on SDG implementation, in Bungoma Kenya. I am the organization's focal point on issues related to policy advocacy on climate change mainstreaming into sector planning. Oversee programmes execution, draft and present petitions to both county and national assemblies. I have been creating awareness on the 2030 Agenda among multi-stakeholder partners at local & national level. I am very keen on monitoring efforts being done by the government on mitigation and adaptation measures in addressing impacts of climate change to communities. I represented the organization at UNEA3, actively participating in its follow up activities, contributing to the regional position papers. I have also written two blogs on SDG implementation at the national level, on the Together2030 platform.

I have the passion of making members increase meaningful engagement in the process of design, implementation, monitoring and review of the 2030 Agenda at all levels. I believe members require ample time to communicate their needs and interests to governments in tailoring, implementing and reviewing public policies.

To work with others in enhancing engagement strategy, where possible face- to- face workshops, online platforms, focus group discussions and written comments, by ensuring more substantive contributions. Have robust mechanisms and platforms available for stakeholders from the CSOs to contribute to the implementation of the SDGs. I am aware of the lack by southern civil society representatives of much needed resources to raise awareness and build capacity to play a meaningful role in the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030.

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Luke Kapchanga est le directeur fondateur d'Emony Yefwe International. Praticien des médias par profession, la dernière mission en cours portait sur l'Examen périodique universel du Conseil des droits de l'homme à Genève, 2010. Expert en révision du rapport du GIEC.

Emony Yefwe International est une organisation locale qui élève la voix et la participation du public à la mise en œuvre des Objectifs de Développement Durable à Bungoma, au Kenya. Je suis le point de contact de l'organisation pour les questions liées au plaidoyer politique en faveur de l'intégration du changement climatique dans la planification sectorielle. Superviser l'exécution des programmes, rédiger et présenter des pétitions aux assemblées de comté et aux assemblées nationales. Je sensibilise les partenaires multipartites aux niveaux local et national au Programme 2030. Je tiens beaucoup à surveiller les efforts déployés par le gouvernement pour mettre en place des mesures d'atténuation et d'adaptation afin de réduire les impacts des changements climatiques sur les communautés. J'ai représenté l'organisation à l'UNEA3, en participant activement aux activités de

suivi et en contribuant aux prises de position régionales. J'ai également écrit deux blogs sur la mise en œuvre des ODD au niveau national, sur la plate-forme Together2030.

J'ai la passion de faire en sorte que les membres participent davantage au processus de conception, de mise en œuvre, de suivi et d'examen du Programme 2030 à tous les niveaux. Je crois que les membres ont besoin de suffisamment de temps pour faire connaître leurs besoins et leurs intérêts aux gouvernements lors de l'adaptation, de la mise en œuvre et de la révision des politiques publiques.

Collaborer avec d'autres pour améliorer la stratégie d'engagement, dans la mesure du possible des ateliers en face-à-face, des plateformes en ligne, des discussions de groupe et des commentaires écrits, en assurant des contributions plus substantielles. Disposer de mécanismes et de plateformes robustes à la disposition des parties prenantes des OSC pour contribuer à la mise en œuvre des ODD. Je suis conscient du manque de ressources dont les représentants de la société civile du Sud ont besoin pour sensibiliser et renforcer les capacités afin de jouer un rôle significatif dans la mise en œuvre et la responsabilité de l'Agenda 2030.

2. Caroline Usikpedo-Omoniye, Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace & Development, Nigeria

Caroline Usikpedo is the Founder / National President of the Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace & Development (NDWPD), and the National Coordinator of the Civil Society Advance Forum on Sustainable Development (CAS2030) in Nigeria, a not-for-profit, non-partisan, national platform and alliance of Civil Society organizations working to promote the achievement of the SDGs and the agenda 2030 in Nigeria.

Caroline has been engaged in the SDG's process since inception, being a member of the Women's Major Group for Sustainable Development and the Feminist Task Force, she was part of the African-wide CSOs delegation for the formulation of the post-2015 Development framework with the High Level Panel Co-Chairs (Presidents of Liberia, Indonesia and UK Prime minister) and other members which started from Liberia to Bali –Indonesia and to London and New York.

She was at the United Nations in New York September 2015 when the new goals were proclaimed, a historical moment which brought about the SDG's and Agenda 2030 which the World focus has now shifted to.

She has also participated and contributed greatly to the global meetings on SDGs, the HLPF meetings and the African Regional meetings of the SDGs. She is recognized as a women leader within and across the globe, she co-facilitated the Women Major Group at UNEP from 2013 to 2018.

In an effort to localise the SDGs in Nigeria, Caroline through the SDGs Alliance (CAS2030) convened a very first and successful National conference of the SDGs in Nigeria.

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Caroline Usikpedo est la fondatrice / présidente nationale du Mouvement des Femmes du Delta du Niger pour la Paix et le Développement (NDWPD) et coordinatrice nationale du Forum pour la promotion de la société civile sur le développement durable (CAS2030) au Nigéria, une organisation

à but non lucratif et non gouvernementale, une alliance national d'organisations de la société civile œuvrant pour la réalisation des Objectifs de Développement Durable et de l'Agenda 2030 au Nigéria.

Caroline est impliquée dans le processus des ODD depuis le début en tant que membre du Groupe Majeur des Femmes pour le développement durable et du Groupe de Travail Féministe, elle faisait partie de la délégation des OSC à l'échelle africaine pour la formulation et le cadre de développement pour le post 2015 avec les Co-présidents du Panel de Haut Niveau (les Présidents du Libéria, d'Indonésie et le Premier Ministre britannique) et d'autres membres qui sont partis du Libéria à Bali en Indonésie, en passant par Londres et New York.

Elle était aux Nations Unies à New York en septembre 2015, lorsque les nouveaux objectifs ont été proclamés, un moment historique qui a donné naissance aux Objectifs de Développement Durable et à l'Agenda 2030, sur lesquels le monde est désormais concentré.

Elle a également largement contribué aux réunions mondiales sur les Objectifs de Développement Durable, aux réunions du FPHN et aux réunions régionales africaines sur les ODD. Reconnue comme une dirigeante dans le monde et à travers le monde, elle a co-animé le Groupe Majeur des Femmes au PNUE de 2013 à 2018.

Dans le but de localiser les objectifs de développement durable au Nigéria, Caroline, à travers l'alliance des objectifs de développement durable (CAS2030), a organisé une première et fructueuse conférence nationale sur les ODD au Nigéria.

3. Amos Obi, Hetavad Skills Initiative, Nigeria

My Initiative, the Hetavad Skills Initiative has been endorsed and selected by the UN Science, Technology and Innovations-STI-Forum as among the leading innovations for the SDGs-Sustainable Development Goals in May 2016. And as such, I was Given an Invitation to attend the UN High Level Political Forum-HLPF, at the UN Headquarters, in New York in July 2016 and 2017 respectively. Based on these, I was invited to the First Global Festival of Ideas for Sustainable Development held at Bonn, Germany-March 1st to 3rd, 2017.

I have also been selected by AWARD/GAIA -African Women in Agricultural Research Development and Gender in Agribusiness Investment in Africa Networks as one of the leading Gender Friendly innovations in West Africa as such, I was invited among 20 AgricTech innovators and participated in the African Development Bank-AFDB anchored GAIA AgTech Innovations Challenge Boot Camp, April, 2017 at Accra Ghana.

I am also a present recipient of 2018 Google Digital African Challenge Scholarship for Digital Technology Leaders in Africa Training. I have been nominated for the Africa Entrepreneurship Awards 2017 and Innovation Prize for Africa for 2018.

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Mon initiative, Hetavad Skills Initiative, a été approuvée et sélectionnée par le Forum des Nations Unies pour la science, la technologie et l'innovation au sein de STI, parmi les principales innovations pour les Objectifs de Développement Durable en mai 2016. C'est pourquoi j'ai reçu une invitation à assister au Forum Politique de Haut Niveau des Nations Unies - FPHN, au siège des Nations Unies à

New York en juillet 2016 et 2017 respectivement. Sur cette base, j'ai été invité au premier Festival Mondial d'Idées pour le Développement Durable qui s'est tenu à Bonn, en Allemagne, du 1er au 3 mars 2017.

J'ai également été sélectionné par AWARD / GAIA - Femmes africaines dans le développement de la recherche agricole et le genre dans l'industrie agroalimentaire en Afrique comme l'une des principales innovations respectueuses de l'égalité des sexes en Afrique de l'Ouest en tant que telle. J'ai été invité parmi 20 innovateurs d'AgriTech et participé au camp d'entraînement de La Banque de Développement de l'Afrique-AFDB et GAIA AgTech Innovations, en avril 2017 à Accra, au Ghana.

Je suis également récipiendaire de la bourse de formation 2018 Google Digital African Challenge pour les leaders des technologies digitales en Afrique. J'ai été nommé pour les Africa Entrepreneurship Awards 2017 et le Prix de l'innovation pour l'Afrique 2018.

4. Mina Ogbanga, SDSN, Nigeria

Dr. Mina Ogbanga is a multiple award winning development actor and a Ford Foundation Fellow who served at the School of Public and Environmental affairs at the Indiana University, Purdue University. She has served across numerous boards and committees in the promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals. Her vision for the millennium development goals led to immense achievement of many targets within her catchment area which is the Niger delta region. She is the National Coordinator for Partnership, Projects and Policy of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, a lead in the Ebafofa project, and an unrepentant optimist in the possibility of achieving the SDGs when all work together.

Dr Mina is a graduate of many local, national and International Universities including Harvard University, Boston, USA; and Cambridge University, UK amongst others. She holds a Doctorate in Sustainable Development Studies and leads many interventions in Africa.

Today Mina Ogbanga has evolved with the emergence of the SDGs and set up the first SDG Club across Africa called the club17africa (www.club17africa.org). A project which started with one school is today a leading strategy and tool to ensuring the message of the SDGs reach the core youths in and out of schools. Over one million youths in and out of schools are now aware of the SDGs and are working to take action at their various intervention areas. Reaching out to youths is a great passion that has equally won her several awards of excellence.

Recently, she has taken a leading role in the Civil Society coalition on Sustainable Development in Nigeria (www.cscsdev.org). This coalition has over 500 Nigerian and regional Civil Society Organizations that are committed to achieving the SDGs across various sectors. The coalition held the first and landmark SDG Regional Policy dialogue to mark the #act4sdgs, all details can be found on #CSCSDSouthSouth on twitter or other social media handles

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Dr. Mina Ogbanga est un acteur du développement reconnu par de nombreux prix et un Fellow de la Fondation Ford qui a travaillé à la School of Public and Environmental Affairs de l'Université d'Indiana, Université de Purdue. Elle a participé à de nombreux conseils d'administration et comités dans la promotion des Objectifs de Développement Durable. Sa vision des Objectifs de

Développement pour le Millénaire a conduit à la réalisation immense de nombreux objectifs dans son bassin versant, la région du delta du Niger. Elle est la coordinatrice nationale des partenariats, projets et politiques du Réseau des Solutions pour le Développement Durable des Nations Unies (SDSN), dirigeante du projet Ebafofa, et une optimiste impénitente quant à la possibilité de réaliser les ODDs, lorsque tous travaillent ensemble.

Dr Mina est diplômé de nombreuses universités locales, nationales et internationales, dont l'Université Harvard, Boston, États-Unis; et l'Université de Cambridge, Royaume-Uni, entre autres. Elle est titulaire d'un doctorat en études sur le développement durable et dirige de nombreuses interventions en Afrique.

Aujourd'hui, Mina Ogbanga a évolué avec l'émergence des ODD et a créé le premier club SDG en Afrique appelé club17africa (www.club17africa.org). Un projet qui a démarré avec une école est aujourd'hui une stratégie et un outil de premier plan pour faire en sorte que le message des ODD atteigne les jeunes dans les écoles et aussi en dehors des écoles. Plus d'un million de jeunes scolarisés et non scolarisés sont désormais au courant des ODD et s'emploient à agir dans leurs différents domaines d'intervention. Rejoindre les jeunes est une grande passion qui lui a également valu plusieurs prix d'excellence.

Récemment, elle a joué un rôle de premier plan dans la coalition de la société civile sur le développement durable au Nigéria (www.cscsdev.org). Cette coalition regroupe plus de 500 organisations nigérianes et régionales de la société civile qui se sont engagées à réaliser les ODD dans divers secteurs. La coalition a organisé le premier et historique dialogue sur la politique régionale des ODD pour marquer le #act4sdgs. Tous les détails sont disponibles sur #CSCSDSouthSouth sur Twitter ou sur d'autres plateformes de médias sociaux.

5. Tola Winjobi, CAFSO-WRAG, Nigeria

Dr David Tola Winjobi is a human rights activist, a seasoned trainer of trainers, a gender analyst, a community development consultant, an in-depth researcher, and conflict manager. He possesses the following qualifications: B.A. Ed. English; M.Ed Counselling Psychology; M.A. Peace and Conflict Studies ; and PhD Psychology.

He has over 20 years successful senior management work experience as Development Officer of Amnesty International Nigeria training members across Nigeria; as Coordinator of Research and Programmes on democracy and human rights; as Policy Advocacy Officer of CAFOD; as National Coordinator of GCAP/MDGs Nigeria, and as the National Coordinator, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development, and currently the Principal Coordinator of CAFSO-WRAG for Development.

Dr Tola Winjobi is a powerful speaker who has made presentations through workshops and seminars on the issue of democracy, development, good governance, and the rule of law in many countries including Ghana, Italy, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Switzerland, UK, Uganda, and US to mention but a few.

Among the publications to his credit are *Essentials of Amnesty International* (2002); *MDGs Implementation in Nigeria*(2008); *Manual on Democracy and Good Governance in Nigeria* (2004);

HIV/AIDS Handbook for Africa (2006); Advocacy Handbook for CSOs (2011); Nigeria Shadow Report on the Paris Declaration Monitoring and Evaluation (2011); A Position paper on Gender-Based Violence (2013); A Compendium of Deliberations on Post-2015 Development Agenda (2014), From MDGs to SDGs; An Agenda Setting for a Better Global Development Paradigm (2016).

Dr Winjobi is a Fellow, Human Rights Learning Alliances, Fundar Center of Analysis, Mexico, and Centre on Democracy Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, USA. He is also the CSOs Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) African Representative. He is also an Executive Member, Emerging Scholars and Practitioners in Migration Issues Network, Canada. He was the Convener, Campaign2015+ International (now Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development) which is an organization campaigning towards achieving the SDGs and giving the lives of people a meaning. He has also won many awards.

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Dr David Tola Winjobi est un activiste des droits de l'homme, un formateur expérimenté de formateurs, un analyste en genre, un consultant en développement communautaire, un chercheur en profondeur et un responsable des conflits. Il possède les qualifications suivantes: B.A. Ed. Anglais; M. Ed Psychologie du counseling; M.A. Etudes sur la paix et les conflits; et doctorat en psychologie.

Il a plus de 20 ans d'expérience en tant que cadre dirigeant en tant que responsable du développement chez Amnesty International Nigeria, où il forme des membres à travers le pays; en tant que coordonnateur de la recherche et des programmes sur la démocratie et les droits de l'homme; en tant que responsable de la défense des politiques de CAFOD; en tant que coordinateur national du GCAP / OMD au Nigeria, et en tant que Coordinateur National de la Coalition de la Société Civile pour le Développement Durable et actuellement coordinateur principal de la CAFSO-WRAG pour le développement.

Dr Tola Winjobi est un puissant orateur qui a présenté des exposés lors de séminaires et d'ateliers sur la question de la démocratie, du développement, de la bonne gouvernance et de l'état de droit dans de nombreux pays, notamment le Ghana, l'Italie, le Kenya, le Mali, le Mexique, le Nigéria et l'Afrique du Sud. La Suisse, le Royaume-Uni, l'Ouganda et les États-Unis, pour n'en citer que quelques-uns.

Essentials of Amnesty International (2002); Mise en œuvre des OMD au Nigéria (2008); Manuel sur la démocratie et la bonne gouvernance au Nigéria (2004); Manuel VIH / SIDA pour l'Afrique (2006); Manuel de plaidoyer pour les OSC (2011); Rapport parallèle du Nigéria sur le suivi et l'évaluation de la Déclaration de Paris (2011); Un document de synthèse sur la violence sexiste (2013); Un recueil de délibérations sur le programme de développement pour l'après-2015 (2014), des OMD aux ODD; Un agenda pour un meilleur paradigme de développement mondial (2016).

M. Winjobi est membre du comité des alliances pour l'apprentissage des droits de l'homme, du Centre d'analyse Fundar (Mexique) et du Centre pour le développement de la démocratie et l'autorité de la loi (Stanford University, États-Unis). Il est également représentant africain du Partenariat des organisations de la société civile pour l'Efficacité du Développement (CPDE). Il est également membre exécutif du réseau Emerging Scholars and Practitioners in Migration Issues du Canada. Il était l'organisateur de Campaign2015 + International (maintenant la Coalition de la

société civile sur le développement durable), une organisation qui milite pour la réalisation des objectifs de développement durable et pour donner un sens à la vie des personnes. Il a également remporté de nombreux prix.

6. Paul Dominique Correa, World Vision, Senegal

As the Advocacy Advisor at World Vision Senegal, Paul is responsible for the development and delivery of a national advocacy strategy which includes all the key themes for World Vision in Senegal, such as health, education, livelihood and protection & participation of children.

He is the coordinator of the World Vision campaign against child marriage in Senegal « *Ensemble pour un Sénégal sans Mariage d'enfants* » and he is the representative on a number of platforms and coalitions, such as SUN (Scaling Up Nutrition) and the National Coalition against Child Marriage.

From 2012-2015 he was a Member of the National Committee ITIE Sénégal where he was actively involved in advocacy and capacity development.

From 2008- 2012 he was part of the Senegal chapter of Transparency International, where he led a number of campaigns including : social media engagement around the Elections 2012, anti-corruption campaigns, in particular covering resource extraction, transport and clean water, in partnership with the Open Society Foundation, USAID and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation among others. He also carried out direct delivery of local surveys on anti-corruption, including as part of Africa Education Watch. He holds a Masters and PhD in Sociology from Université Gaston Berger (UGB) de Saint-Louis and previously lectured at the Euromed University in Dakar.

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En tant que conseiller de plaidoyer chez World Vision Sénégal, Paul est responsable de l'élaboration et de la mise en œuvre d'une stratégie nationale de plaidoyer englobant tous les thèmes clés de World Vision au Sénégal, tels que la santé, l'éducation, les moyens de subsistance, la protection et la participation des enfants.

Il est le coordinateur de la campagne de World Vision contre le mariage des enfants au Sénégal et il est le représentant sur de nombreuses plates-formes et coalitions, telles que SUN (Scaling Up Nutrition) et la Coalition nationale contre le mariage des enfants.

De 2012 à 2015, il a été membre du comité national ITIE Sénégal, où il a activement participé au plaidoyer et au développement des capacités.

De 2008 à 2012, il a fait partie de la section sénégalaise de Transparency International, où il a mené plusieurs campagnes, notamment: mobilisation des médias sociaux autour des élections 2012, campagnes anti-corruption, en particulier concernant l'extraction de ressources, le transport et l'eau potable, en partenariat avec l'Open Society Foundation, l'USAID et la Fondation Bill & Melinda Gates, entre autres. Il a également dirigé des enquêtes locales sur la lutte contre la corruption, notamment dans le cadre d'Africa Education Watch. Il est titulaire d'une maîtrise et d'un doctorat en sociologie de l'Université Gaston Berger (UGB) de Saint-Louis et a déjà enseigné à l'Université Euromed de Dakar.

7. Donatha Gihana, Rwanda CSO SDG Forum, Rwanda

Donatha is an experienced senior manager of Rwandan-based International and local organizations, as well as a qualified, passionate and experienced gender expert. She has worked on gender policy issues; advocacy, mainstreaming and monitoring and has extensively engaged in the implementation of various gender programs with specialty in adolescent girls' education, leadership, Sexual, Reproductive Health & rights, Mentorship and Education.

She has also worked for Rwanda's Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and the Ministry of Gender & Family Promotion on mainstreaming gender and social inclusion issues in the second-generation poverty reduction strategies mainly known as Rwanda's Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS I & II). She has worked for international organizations like; Nike Foundation's Girl Effect Rwanda Office (2011-2017) and FAWE Rwanda (2009-2012), one of the leading national organizations supporting girls' education.

Donatha is currently a Gender & Community Development Consultant and is providing advice and technical support to the Rwanda CSO SDG Forum. This seeks to strengthen Rwanda's CSOs in meaningful engagement in accordance to the 2030 agenda for SDGs through promoting their general understanding of the SDGs and ongoing integration processes into the national agenda. The forum also seeks to enhance existing and ongoing work of Rwandan CSOs by creating coordinated and collective action focusing SDGs and in particular mainstreaming SDG 5 on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

In August 2016, Donatha was named as the Country & Regional Winner in the Pan African Awards run by CEO Global Pty for Africa's Most Influential Women in Business & Government under the category of Welfare and Civil Society. She serves on the various Advisory Boards including; The Komera Project, Girl Effect Rwanda and the Rwanda Institute of Conflict, Peace and Transformation (ICPR).

Donatha holds a MSc Gender & Development from the University of Rwanda, married with a daughter and two sons.

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Donatha est une directrice expérimentée d'organisations internationales et locales basées au Rwanda, ainsi qu'une experte en genre qualifiée, passionnée et expérimentée. Elle a travaillé sur des questions de politique de genre; les activités de plaidoyer, d'intégration et de suivi et elle a largement participé à la mise en œuvre de divers programmes en faveur de l'égalité des sexes dans les domaines suivants: éducation, leadership, santé et droits sexuels et génésiques, mentorat et éducation.

Elle a également travaillé pour le Ministère des Finances et de la Planification économique du Rwanda et le ministère du Genre et de la Promotion de la Famille sur l'intégration des questions de genre et d'inclusion sociale dans les stratégies de réduction de la pauvreté de deuxième génération principalement connues sous le nom de Stratégie de développement économique et de réduction de la pauvreté du Rwanda (EDPRS I & II). Elle a travaillé pour des organisations internationales telles que; Girl Effect Rwanda de la Fondation Nike (2011-2017) et FAWE Rwanda (2009-2012), l'une des principales organisations nationales de défense de l'éducation des filles.

Donatha est actuellement consultante en développement pour le genre et la communauté et fournit des conseils et un appui technique au Forum sur les ODD des OSC du Rwanda. Cela vise à renforcer la participation des OSC rwandaises à un engagement significatif conformément au programme 2030 pour les ODD en favorisant leur compréhension générale des objectifs de développement durable et des processus d'intégration en cours dans le programme national. Le forum vise également à améliorer les travaux existants et en cours des organisations de la société civile rwandaises en créant une action coordonnée et collective axée sur les ODD et en particulier en intégrant l'ODD 5 relatif à l'égalité des sexes et à l'autonomisation des femmes.

En août 2016, Donatha a été nommée lauréate nationale et régionale des Prix panafricains organisés par le PDG Global Pty pour les femmes les plus influentes du monde des affaires et des gouvernements d'Afrique dans la catégorie Bien-être et Société civile. Elle siège à divers comités consultatifs, notamment: Le projet Komera, Girl Effect Rwanda et l'Institut rwandais du conflit, de la paix et de la transformation (ICPR).

Donatha est titulaire d'une maîtrise en genre et développement de l'Université du Rwanda. Elle est mariée, a une fille et deux fils.

MENA Candidates:

1. Jamil Derbashi, Iradah, Palestine

Jamil Derbashi is the Executive Director of Iradah, the First Businesswomen Incubator in Palestine, Hebron, Palestine. He is responsible for the many of the key tasks of the organisation including general supervision of staff, preparing executive plans in participation with local community, preparing and writing project proposals, representing the organization to donors, media engagement and field activities follow-up. He also closely follows the implementation of the Sustainable Development Plan in Palestine.

He was previously the Executive Director of the Palestinian Center for Communication and Development Strategies (PCCDS), Hebron, Palestine. There he managed a project team which implemented 52 projects on rural development, human rights and good governance. He also conducted M&E for all the project implemented by PCCDS and prepared an M&E guidebook. He has also had experience as the coordinator of the Rural Development Committees (RDC) in Hebron, Palestine.

2. Jamal al Jawahiri, Iraqi al-Amal Association, Iraq

Jamal Al-Jawahiri has been one of the founders of Iraqi al-Amal Association (IAA) in 1993, then elected as member of the Board of Trustees since 1995 till 2014, in January 2015 he was appointed by the board of trustees for the position of Executive Director. He previously served as a finance manager of IAA 2002-2014 where he supervised some of IAA's important projects.

He has thirty years of experience in civil society movements; he started his initiatives with Student Union's of Iraq until 1992 and later with IAA. He served as member of the Coordination Committee of the Arab NGO Network for Development (1995-2012).

He contributed actively in drafting of the NGOs law both in Iraq and Kurdistan Region. He acted as the representative of local civil society in 2 ministerial committees; the first Iraqi universities consortium for peace education with deans of 15 colleges, and the child protection law drafting committee. He is a member of drafting the Compact of cooperation between the Government and LNGOs.

Since 2014, Jamal manages 5 offices of IAA in Iraq, with 74 employees, and directs IAA's work in three main fields: Human rights, Peacebuilding, and Gender Equality, through more than 25 projects yearly.

Jamal is a graduate of the Institute of Administration - Accounting department of Baghdad University, and holds Higher Diploma in Foreign Trade from the Higher School of Economics in Prague. He is also a senior trainer in the fields of advocacy, campaigning, networking, and conflict resolution.

Latin America & the Caribbean (English & Spanish):

1. Alvaro Andrade, Grupo Faro, Ecuador

Alvaro is a trained economist from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (PUCE), with a Masters in Development Economics from the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales – FLACSO. He has experience in analysing Budget policies, efficient functioning of public services, education, multi-level planning and territorial development.

He is the coordinator of the project 'ODS Territorio Ecuador' and the Civil Society Coalition for the SDGs, including the report on 'Actions to Leave No One Behind', in Ecuador.

Grupo FARO, in Ecuador, is an independent centre of investigation and analysis of public policies, it is non-partisan and secular; it aims to support the government, private sector and civil society to promote public policies which will lead to a society that is more inclusive, democratic and sustainable. Recent projects include:

ODS Territorio Ecuador, an initiative which aims to support the delivery of the SDGs by ensuring their inclusion in national and local policies, as well as strengthening civil society and local government. The initiative includes 3 components i) multisectoral spaces for dialogue and participation, ii) citizen monitoring of the SDGs iii) capacity development programme.

Civil Society Coalition for the SDGs, Ecuador: this group presents recommendations for Ecuador to Leave No One Behind in the 2030 Agenda. They have organised workshops, with at least 14 Ecuadorean CSOs. This work is supported by A4SD.

Citizen-generated data for the SDGs: This initiative aims to strengthen the monitoring of the SDGs in Ecuador through generation of citizen data that can be scaled up to respond the challenges faced by Ecuador in measuring the SDGs.

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Álvaro es economista capacitado de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (PUCE), con una maestría en Economía del Desarrollo de la Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales - FLACSO. Tiene experiencia en el análisis de políticas presupuestarias, el funcionamiento eficiente de los servicios públicos, la educación, la planificación multinivel y el desarrollo territorial.

Es el coordinador del proyecto "ODS Territorio Ecuador" y la Coalición de la Sociedad Civil para los ODS, incluido el informe sobre "Acciones para no dejar a nadie atrás", en Ecuador.

Grupo FARO, en Ecuador, es un centro independiente de investigación y análisis de políticas públicas, es no partidista y secular; su objetivo es apoyar al gobierno, el sector privado y la sociedad civil para promover políticas públicas que conduzcan a una sociedad más inclusiva, democrática y sostenible. Los proyectos recientes incluyen:

ODS Territorio Ecuador, una iniciativa que apunta a respaldar el cumplimiento de los ODS al asegurar su inclusión en las políticas nacionales y locales, así como al fortalecimiento de la sociedad civil y el

gobierno local. La iniciativa incluye 3 componentes: i) espacios multisectoriales para el diálogo y la participación, ii) monitoreo ciudadano de los ODS, iii) programa de desarrollo de capacidades.

Coalición de la Sociedad Civil para los ODS, Ecuador: este grupo presenta recomendaciones para que Ecuador no deje a nadie atrás en la Agenda 2030. Han organizado talleres, con al menos 14 OSC ecuatorianas. Este trabajo es soportado por A4SD.

Datos generados por los ciudadanos para los ODS: esta iniciativa apunta a fortalecer el monitoreo de los ODS en Ecuador a través de la generación de datos ciudadanos que se pueden ampliar para responder a los desafíos que enfrenta Ecuador en la medición de los ODS.

2. Angel G. Polanco Rodríguez, Researcher, Mexico

Dr. Angel G. Polanco Rodríguez, is a researcher working at the Centro de Investigaciones Regionales of the Universidad Autónoma de Yucatan, Mexico, on multidisciplinary water studies including pollution diagnostics, water management, community development, impacts on the public health and environment, social impact on human rights, health promotion to Maya rural communities with participatory research, and impacts in the Yucatan Peninsula and the Gulf of Mexico. He has worked together with research groups from Spain, Michigan, India, Italy, Tunisia, and have collaborations with UNESCO's International Hydric Program. Also he is a Professor, and thesis assessor for students of pre- and post-graduation.

I would like to participate in your Program of Sustainable Development and share our research results on water pollution, water conservation, bioaccumulation of pollutants in the Maya women with cancer, socio-environmental studies. I would like to share our experiences and research results of my region that is a karst ecosystem of very high vulnerability to the water pollution and easy filtration of cancerigen contaminants (DDT, Lindane, Heptachlore, Endosulfan, Glyphosate, Aldrin, Dieldrin, Heavy Metals –pb, Hg, Cd, Cn, etc.-virus, bacteria, drugs, hormones). Will be very important that the research groups working with multidisciplinary goals and social aspects will be integrate to this initiatives.

Degrees obtained: Bachelor degree: Chemist Biologist Bromatologist, Yucatan University, Mexico. Master: Management and Conservation of Natural Resources, Yucatan University, Mexico. PhD Erasmus Mundus in Marine and Coastal Management, Cadiz, Spain University

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El Dr. Angel G. Polanco Rodríguez, es un investigador que trabaja en el Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de la Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, México, en estudios multidisciplinarios de agua que incluyen diagnósticos de contaminación, gestión del agua, desarrollo comunitario, impactos en la salud pública y el medio ambiente, sociales impacto en los derechos humanos, promoción de la salud en comunidades rurales mayas con investigación participativa e impactos en la Península de Yucatán y el Golfo de México. Ha trabajado con grupos de investigación de España, Michigan, India, Italia, Túnez y ha colaborado con el Programa Internacional de Hidráulica de la UNESCO. También es profesor y asesor de tesis para estudiantes de pre y post graduación.

Me gustaría participar en su Programa de Desarrollo Sostenible y compartir nuestros resultados de investigación sobre contaminación del agua, conservación del agua, bioacumulación de

contaminantes en las mujeres mayas con cáncer, estudios socioambientales. Me gustaría compartir nuestras experiencias y resultados de investigación de mi región que es un ecosistema kárstico de gran vulnerabilidad a la contaminación del agua y fácil filtración de contaminantes cancerígenos (DDT, Lindano, Heptachlore, Endosulfán, Glifosato, Aldrin, Dieldrin, Metales pesados - pb, Hg, Cd, Cn, etc. (virus, bacterias, drogas, hormonas). Será muy importante que los grupos de investigación que trabajan con objetivos multidisciplinarios y aspectos sociales se integren a estas iniciativas.

Grados obtenidos: Licenciatura: Química Bióloga Bromatóloga, Universidad de Yucatán, México. Master: Manejo y Conservación de Recursos Naturales, Universidad de Yucatán, México. PhD Erasmus Mundus en Gestión Marina y Costera, Cádiz, Universidad de España.

3. Joseph Severe, Researcher, Haiti

Joseph is based in Haïti and has significant international experience with sustainable development, this includes: In 1981, as part of the " Africa-America Institute", he led a delegation from Haïti to the USA for international exchange on HIV/AIDS, harm reduction and community dialogue programmes.

In 2006, as part of the XVIth Global Conference on HIV/AIDS in Ontario- Canada, he spoke on the subject "Education & HIV/AIDS". In March 2015, supported by UNISDR, he was invited to the 3rd Global Conference on RRC, in Sendai, Japan.

In July 2015, he was one of the primary speakers at the "High Level Political Forum (HLPF)" that was held in the run-up to the launch of the SDGs. He represented the Caribbean region and moderated panel 1 " *A transformative integrated agenda : How can governments, societies and UN rise to the challenge?*"

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Joseph tiene su base en Haití y tiene una importante experiencia internacional con el desarrollo sostenible, que incluye: En 1981, como parte del " Instituto África-América ", lideró una delegación de Haití a los EE. UU. Para un intercambio internacional sobre el VIH / SIDA. Programas de reducción de daños y diálogo comunitario.

En 2006, como parte de la XVI Conferencia Global sobre VIH / SIDA en Ontario-Canadá, habló sobre el tema "Educación y VIH / SIDA". En marzo de 2015, con el apoyo de UNISDR, fue invitado a la 3^a Conferencia Mundial sobre RRC, en Sendai, Japón.

En julio de 2015, fue uno de los oradores principales en el "Foro Político de Alto Nivel (HLPF, por sus siglas en inglés) que se llevó a cabo en el período previo al lanzamiento de los ODS. Representó a la región del Caribe y moderó el panel 1 "Una agenda integrada y transformadora: ¿Cómo pueden los gobiernos, las sociedades y las Naciones Unidas enfrentar el desafío?"

4. Guillermo Correa, RACI, Argentina

Guillermo is the founder and Executive Director of the Red Argentina para la Cooperación Internacional (RACI), he has worked for many years to promote and strengthen the creation of shared spaces between CSOs, not just in Argentina but across the region. He was co-chair of the Civil Society 20 (C20) alongside the G20 Argentina presidency in 2018, and is a member of the Board of CIVICUS. The creation of RACI in 2004, with the aim of being a bridge between civil society organisations in Argentina and international partners, gave institutional form to an ongoing effort for a network of collaboration in Argentina and in the region.

This experience of the creation of a broad collective space for dialogue within RACI – which now includes 140 organisational members – has led to a strong web of institutions and key actors working together around the notion of collaboration, transparency and accountability, not just externally but also internally in the way we work within the network. Given our presence both within the country and with international partners we were active from the start in the development of the regional civil society initiative: “Rendir Cuentas” (which calls on governments to show accountability) and RACI continues to be a partner.

RACI has also been deeply involved since 2015 with the Sustainable Development Goals. Nationally we seek to work collaboratively so that the Goals are discussed and understood by CSOs, to ensure that the 2030 Agenda is relevant and visible to organisations working at the local as well as regional and international level. In 2017 RACI built a national platform: “Plataforma ODS” (<https://plataforma-ods.org/>), as a tool that was developed with the support of the UN; it has become the primary space for visibility of projects from CSOs in Argentina that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. It was created with the objective of strengthening the role of CSOs in Argentina to deliver on public policy priorities and to improve the opportunities for strategic alliances for the implementation of the SDGs. This is a good example of a project that we would like to share with other countries so that we can establish similar initiatives across the region

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Guillermo, fundador y Director Ejecutivo de la Red Argentina para la Cooperación Internacional (RACI), ha trabajado durante muchos años para promover y fortalecer la creación de espacios compartidos entre las OSC, no solo en Argentina sino en toda la región. Fue copresidente de la Sociedad Civil 20 (C20) junto con la presidencia de G20 Argentina en 2018, y es miembro de la Junta de CIVICUS. La creación de RACI en 2004, con el objetivo de ser un puente entre las organizaciones de la sociedad civil en Argentina y los socios internacionales, dio forma institucional a un esfuerzo continuo por una red de colaboración en Argentina y en la región.

Esta experiencia de la creación de un amplio espacio colectivo para el diálogo dentro de RACI, que ahora incluye a 140 miembros organizativos, ha llevado a una red sólida de instituciones y actores clave que trabajan juntos en torno a la noción de colaboración, transparencia y responsabilidad, no solo externamente sino también internamente en la forma en que trabajamos dentro de la red. Dada nuestra presencia tanto en el país como con socios internacionales, fuimos activos desde el principio en el desarrollo de la iniciativa regional de la sociedad civil: "Rendir Cuentas" (que exhorta a los gobiernos a mostrar responsabilidad) y RACI sigue siendo un socio.

RACI también ha estado profundamente involucrada desde 2015 con los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible. A nivel nacional, buscamos trabajar en colaboración para que los objetivos sean discutidos y comprendidos por las OSC, a fin de garantizar que la Agenda 2030 sea relevante y visible para las organizaciones que trabajan a nivel local, regional e internacional. En 2017, RACI construyó una plataforma nacional: “Plataforma ODS” (<https://plataforma-ods.org/>), como una herramienta que se desarrolló con el apoyo de la ONU; se ha convertido en el espacio principal para la visibilidad de proyectos de OSC en Argentina que contribuyen al logro de los ODS. Fue creado con el objetivo de fortalecer el papel de las OSC en Argentina para cumplir con las prioridades de las políticas públicas y mejorar las oportunidades de alianzas estratégicas para la implementación de los ODS. Este es un buen ejemplo de un proyecto que nos gustaría compartir con otros países para que podamos establecer iniciativas similares en toda la región.

5. Petrina Santos, Ageeo, Brazil

Petrina is a civic and social entrepreneur and director of Ageeo, an organization that works with project management and advocacy in education, sustainability, entrepreneurship and the 2030 Agenda (SDGs). She founded Ageeo in 2015 and led a project to support social entrepreneurs in the cities of the countryside of Brazil, right up to the Amazon, as well as developing corporate volunteer programs in partnership with big companies, such as, Telefonica Foundation and JP Morgan Chase Foundation to work together with young students and teachers in highest social vulnerability areas in Brazil. Through her work, she has been a Brazilian advisor at the High Level Political Forum (UN), and at the Y20 (G20 Youth China), being recognized in 2016 as a Young Leader by the State Government of São Paulo, Brazil.

Petrina has held high-performance project management positions with which she has accumulated experience in Brazil, Guatemala, China, Singapore, India and United States, being Fellow of the US Department of State through the American Council for Young Political Leaders. Recently she was considered a global talent in social innovation and Agenda 2030, integrating the Brazilian delegation of Unleash 2018, organized by the UN in partnership with Deloitte International.

She received her bachelor’s degree in environmental management from the University of Belo Horizonte and has completed further courses in business management at the Dom Cabral Foundation.

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Petrina es una empresaria cívica y social y directora de Ageeo, una organización que trabaja con la gestión y defensa de proyectos en educación, sostenibilidad, espíritu empresarial y la Agenda 2030 (ODS). Fundó Ageeo en 2015 y dirigió un proyecto para apoyar a emprendedores sociales en las ciudades del campo de Brasil hasta el Amazonas, así como a desarrollar programas de voluntariado corporativo en asociación con grandes empresas, como Telefónica Foundation y JP Morgan Chase. Fundación para trabajar junto con jóvenes estudiantes y profesores en las áreas de mayor vulnerabilidad social en Brasil. A través de su trabajo, ha sido asesora brasileña en el Foro Político de Alto Nivel (ONU) y en el Y20 (G20 Youth China), siendo reconocida en 2016 como Joven Líder por el Gobierno del Estado de São Paulo, Brasil.

Petrina ha ocupado cargos de gestión de proyectos de alto rendimiento con los que ha acumulado experiencia en Brasil, Guatemala, China, Singapur, India y Estados Unidos, siendo miembro del Departamento de Estado de EE. UU. A través del Consejo Americano para Jóvenes Líderes Políticos. Recientemente, fue considerada un talento global en innovación social y en la Agenda 2030, integrando la delegación brasileña de Unleash 2018, organizada por la ONU en asociación con Deloitte International.

Recibió su licenciatura en gestión ambiental en la Universidad de Belo Horizonte y ha completado otros cursos en gestión empresarial en la Fundación Dom Cabral.

6. Diego de Leon Segovia, Researcher, Mexico

Diego de Leon is currently a senior advisor for the incoming Mexican federal administration (2018-2024) for the transition of Mexico's NDC. From this position, he is running a deep diagnosis of the action implemented by both the public and private sector in the last three years in order to determine which ones should continue being supported. Furthermore, the results of the diagnosis will be used to provide the new government with key recommendations on how to increase ambition on their climate action. At the same time, the project seeks to align the new national development plan with the Paris Agreement, helping to elevate the topic to the highest level of priority.

Diego recently graduated as a Harvey Picker Public Service awardee from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs program in public administration and development practice. While at Columbia as a Fulbright Scholar, Diego focused in studying the links between local and regional governments and the 2030 Development Agenda, particularly in the areas of climate action and localizing the SDGs. Driven by these interests, during his last semester he engaged in an independent research project funded by the Earth Institute to study the financial mechanisms that private organization can use to finance conservation efforts.

At the same time, he has worked as a graduate consultant for CDP to research clean energy financing mechanism for cities in the US, and with Fundación Corona in Colombia to develop an M&E tool for the SDGs at the city level. He has also interned at the Office of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, where he helped to launch and strengthen the SG strategy to accelerate the 2030 Agenda at the local level (Local2030). Before moving to NYC, Diego was the Director of Foreign Affairs for the State Government of Jalisco, where he was in charge of the development of the international agenda and international cooperation projects of the Governor. He also has experience as a private consultant for international development projects, and as an entrepreneurship associate professor. Diego holds a BA in International Relation from the Tec de Monterrey University (magna cum laude), and a Certificate in International Environment and Development from the American University in Washington DC.

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Diego de León es actualmente asesor principal de la administración federal mexicana entrante (2018-2024) para la transición de la NDC de México. Desde esta posición, está realizando un diagnóstico profundo de la acción implementada tanto por el sector público como por el privado en los últimos tres años para determinar cuáles deben continuar siendo apoyadas. Además, los

resultados del diagnóstico se utilizarán para proporcionar al gobierno nuevas recomendaciones clave sobre cómo aumentar la ambición en su acción climática. Paralelamente, el proyecto busca alinear el nuevo plan de desarrollo nacional con el Acuerdo de París, ayudando a elevar el tema al más alto nivel de prioridad.

Diego recientemente se graduó en administración pública y práctica de desarrollo, como ganador del premio Harvey Picker por el servicio público de la Escuela de Asuntos Internacionales y Públicos de la Universidad de Columbia. Mientras estaba en Columbia como becario Fulbright, Diego se enfocó en estudiar los vínculos entre los gobiernos locales y regionales y la Agenda de Desarrollo 2030, particularmente en las áreas de acción climática y localización de los ODS. Impulsado por estos intereses, durante su último semestre participó en un proyecto de investigación independiente financiado por el Instituto de la Tierra para estudiar los mecanismos financieros que la organización privada puede usar para financiar los esfuerzos de conservación.

Al mismo tiempo, trabajó como consultor graduado para CDP para investigar el mecanismo de financiamiento de energía limpia para ciudades en los Estados Unidos, y con Fundación Corona en Colombia para desarrollar una herramienta de M&E para los ODS a nivel de ciudad. También hizo una pasantía en la Oficina Ejecutiva del Secretario General, donde ayudó a lanzar y fortalecer la estrategia del SG para acelerar la Agenda 2030 a nivel local (Local2030). Antes de mudarse a Nueva York, Diego fue Director de Asuntos Exteriores del Gobierno del Estado de Jalisco, donde estuvo a cargo del desarrollo de la agenda internacional y los proyectos de cooperación internacional del Gobernador. También tiene experiencia como consultor privado para proyectos de desarrollo internacional y como profesor asociado de emprendimiento. Diego tiene una licenciatura en relaciones internacionales de la Universidad Tec de Monterrey (magna cum laude) y un certificado en medio ambiente internacional y desarrollo de la American University en Washington DC.

7. Carlo Angeles Manturana, Independent consultant, Peru

Carlo Angeles is an advocate for citizenship development through youth active participation in the design and implementation of public policies in Peru. At 25, he was appointed as National Director for Organization of Youth at the Ministry of Education, becoming the youngest senior government official in the country. In this capacity, he designed Peru's first civil society participation and accountability mechanism for the Sustainable Development Goals.

He has been invited as a speaker at the Annual Meeting of Governors of the World Bank / IMF, UN Habitat III, Civicus International Civil Society Week, among others. He has also been invited to participate in the selection Committee for Civil Society Representative for the United Nations Summit for the Adoption of the Post 2015 Development Agenda, Selection Committee for stakeholder speakers of UN President of General Assembly WSIS+10 consult, Organizing Committee of the Youth Forum of the United Nations Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact for Migration and as a judge for the Organization of American States - TIC Americas and USAID Young Women Transform Prize.

Currently, he work as an independent consultant and serves on the Advisory Board of SISE University and founder of Hult Prize Peru. He holds a Master Degree in Public Administration from San Martin de Porres University and has received specialized training at Harvard University and Köln University.

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Carlo Angeles es un defensor del desarrollo de la ciudadanía a través de la participación activa de los jóvenes en el diseño e implementación de políticas públicas en Perú. A los 25 años, fue nombrado Director Nacional de la Organización de la Juventud en el Ministerio de Educación, convirtiéndose en el funcionario gubernamental más joven en el país. En esta capacidad, diseñó el primer mecanismo de responsabilidad y participación de la sociedad civil peruana para los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible.

Ha sido invitado como orador en la Reunión Anual de Gobernadores del Banco Mundial / FMI, ONU Hábitat III, CIVICUS International Civil Society Week, entre otros. También ha sido invitado a participar en el Comité de Selección para Representante de la Sociedad Civil para la Cumbre de las Naciones Unidas para la Adopción de la Agenda de Desarrollo Post 2015, Comité de Selección para los oradores interesados del Presidente de la Asamblea General de la ONU CMSI + 10 consultar, Comité Organizador del Foro de la Juventud de la Conferencia Intergubernamental de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Pacto Mundial por la Migración y como juez de la Organización de los Estados Americanos - TIC Américas y Premio a la Transformación de las Mujeres Jóvenes de USAID.

Actualmente, trabaja como consultor independiente y es miembro del Consejo Asesor de la Universidad SISE y fundador de Hult Prize Perú. Tiene una maestría en administración pública de la Universidad de San Martín de Porres y ha recibido capacitación especializada en la Universidad de Harvard y la Universidad de Colonia.

8. Vanessa Dubois, ARCA, Costa Rica

Over 10 years of work Vanessa has focused on management of projects for social development, in particular on projects relating to community management of water, human rights to water and sanitation, gender equality and climate change. She has regularly participated in advocacy and dialogue on public policies on integrated management of water, climate change and urban infrastructure in Costa Rica. She has also been directly involved in international policy processes such as the World Forum on Water, the Summit for the 2030 Agenda, the COPs and the human rights processes. She is currently the vice-president of the 'Asociación Regional Centroamericana para el Agua y el Ambiente' (ARCA) and of the international group 'Sanitation and Water for All'.

She has significant experience of coordinating projects across borders, managing funds, as well as ensuring appropriate management and timely reporting. This includes global projects in partnership with WaterAid and Freshwater Action Network. She has also played a key regional convening role and was responsible for the delivery of the meetings of the Regional Committee of Freshwater Action Network Central America (FANCA), as well as global meetings of the Board of Freshwater Action Network (FAN), with the participation of partners from Asia, Africa and Europe.

She has also taught at the Universidad de Costa Rica in the Integrated Environmental Management Programme; and she was a lecturer on Public Participation at the Universidad de Cantabria and in Ecological Tourism and Indigenous Communities at Colegio Universitario de Limón.

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Más de 10 años de trabajo Vanessa se ha centrado en la gestión de proyectos para el desarrollo social, en particular en proyectos relacionados con la gestión comunitaria del agua, los derechos humanos al agua y el saneamiento, la igualdad de género y el cambio climático. Ella ha participado regularmente en la promoción y el diálogo sobre políticas públicas sobre la gestión integrada del agua, el cambio climático y la infraestructura urbana en Costa Rica. También ha participado directamente en procesos de políticas internacionales como el Foro Mundial sobre el Agua, la Cumbre para la Agenda 2030, las CdP y los procesos de derechos humanos. Actualmente es vicepresidenta de la Asociación Regional Centroamericana para el Agua y el Ambiente (ARCA) y del grupo internacional Saneamiento y agua para todos.

Tiene una experiencia significativa en la coordinación de proyectos a través de las fronteras, la gestión de fondos, así como la gestión adecuada y la presentación de informes oportunos. Esto incluye proyectos globales en asociación con WaterAid y Freshwater Action Network. También ha desempeñado un papel clave en la convocatoria regional y fue responsable de la entrega de las reuniones del Comité Regional de la Red de Acción de Agua Dulce Centroamérica (FANCA), así como de las reuniones mundiales de la Junta de la Red de Acción de Agua Dulce (FAN), con el Participación de socios de Asia, África y Europa.

También ha enseñado en la Universidad de Costa Rica en el Programa de Gestión Ambiental Integrada; y fue profesora de Participación Pública en la Universidad de Cantabria y en Turismo Ecológico y Comunidades Indígenas en el Colegio Universitario de Limón.

North America:

1. Laveza Khan, Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, Canada

Laveza's work allows her to engage civil society, private sector and multiple levels of government to work collectively to advance sustainable development in Alberta, Canada and around the world. She completed her postgraduate studies at Humber College in International Development and has an Honours BA from McMaster University in Labour Studies and Sociology. Her work exists at the intersection of community development and sustainability. She is passionate about gender equality, education, social justice and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. With a particular interest in grassroots mobilizing, gender and international development, Laveza has had the great privilege of spearheading campaigns for organizations like Engineers Without Borders Canada and Change.org. Earlier this year, Laveza was selected for the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program and is committed to advancing gender equality and women's rights both locally and globally.

In her current role at the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC), she has represented CSOs in provincial, federal and international settings. She was selected as an official CSO representative for the Canadian delegation at the High Level Political Forum for the reporting of Canada's first Voluntary-National Review in July 2018. She has also been heavily invested in cultivating the "Together" movement in Canada. Together 2017 was hosted in Calgary, Alberta where over 300 leaders, thinkers and doers convened for the first-ever national multi-sector dialogue on the SDGs. In November 2018, delegates from diverse sectors will reconvene to reflect on the achievements since 2017, identify the challenges that exist as well how innovative solutions and partnerships will assist in advancing the SDGs in Canada and around the World. The Together 2017 Symposium was a finalist for the UN SDG Action Awards in Bonn, Germany.

Her unique portfolio encompasses community development, and sustainability in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Her efforts to curate an ecosystem in which civil society organizations in Alberta continue to create change extends from experience in grassroots mobilizing, policy and advocacy and public engagement.

2. Sameera Hussain, Canadian Society for International Health, Canada

Dr. Sameera Hussain is a Fellow with the Canadian Society for International Health and the University of Ottawa's School of Epidemiology and Public Health. She leads a community of practice around the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), implementing a learning agenda for operationalizing multi-sectoral and intersectoral action for equitable health outcomes. This knowledge translation work engages with policy makers, academics, students, practitioners, and civil society in the Canadian global health community to effect change in health systems that will support SDG implementation.

Starting her public health career at BRAC, she has done research and policy analysis on the health of marginalized groups, the social determinants of health, structural violence, and global health governance for projects funded by UNICEF, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the European Commission. Sameera has worked in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and the Philippines.

She was research investigator of the Asia regional hub of the Go4Health consortium for formulating goals and governance for health in the post-2015 global health agenda. Her research interests include global health policy and the enactment of power and its effects on people's health. Sameera serves on the editorial board of BMC's Globalization and Health.

She is an alumna of the Emerging Voices for Global Health and holds a Health System Impact Fellowship with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). In recognition of her academic excellence as well as with her work with the Canadian Society for International Health, Sameera was invited by the Minister of Health to join the Canadian delegation to the 71st World Health Assembly in 2018 to provide expertise on Canadian global health priorities.

Sameera holds a doctorate in Public Health from the University of Queensland (Australia), a Masters in Development Studies from North South University (Bangladesh), and a BA in Political Studies from Queen's University (Canada).

3. Meredith Lordan, Researcher, Canada

Meredith is an experienced and dynamic communicator, writer, analyst, researcher and teacher with a proven track record in leading SDG and Agenda 2030-related initiatives. She is a self-motivated and inclusive leader who produces results by using a stakeholder-centred and inclusive approach to teaching, research, and outreach.

She has a wide range of experience including: Co-Editor, Contributor, and Project Co-ordinator, *Anti-Colonial Theory and Decolonizing Praxis*, Peter Lang Publishers, New York; 2016, Contributor and Reviewer, *Gender Mainstreaming under the Convention on Biological Diversity*, United Nations Environment Programme; 2004-2016, UN Education Caucus Volunteer Researcher; 2015, Contributor and Partnership Contributor, COP 2015 Conference, UN Education Caucus; 2013, Co-Editor and Contributor, "The Race to Self: Critical Anti-Racism Theory in a Global Change Era - Theory in a Global Change Era - Lessons from Rio+20 -- the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development," *Contemporary Issues in the Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: A Critical Reader*, Peter Lang Publishers, New York.

She was also an Official Observer, Canadian Delegation, United Nations' Commission on Sustainable Development, United Nations, New York (2004-2008) and was an Observer at the Rio+20 Summit, United Nations.

Youth representative candidates:

1. Samuel Mauricio Gómez Herrera, Graphic designer, Venezuela

Samuel is a 29 year old professional graphic designer, a specialist in Sustainable Development and with a diploma in leadership and entrepreneurship. He is currently studying Social Anthropology at the Universidad Central de Venezuela. Through his work he has inside knowledge of the dynamics and challenges experienced by youth organisations.

He has been very active with social projects through volunteering and active engagement through the Scouts Association of Venezuela. He took on additional responsibility as the National Coordinator of the World Scout Scout Movement Environmental Programme, where he had the responsibility to guide and supervise nation-wide projects, within a team with specific objectives, aims and tasks within a national action plan.

He has also taken on the role of Communications Consultant with the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), where he developed and implemented a communication strategy for the Programme for Prevention of Teenage Pregnancies. One part of this role included design work to integrate the SDGs into the Programme. He coordinated leadership and sustainability programmes, as well as design and formulation of educational projects to encourage strategic planning and sustainable social entrepreneurship.

2. Vincent Ocen, Youth activist, Uganda

Vincent Ocen is a 30-year-old self-driven, result oriented Ugandan legal and Information Technology professional with proven ability to work under multidisciplinary settings. He has spearheaded a number of successful projects. For instance, Civic empowerment under Teso Anti-Corruption Coalition (TAC), Skills Development under world Vision Uganda, Land rights under SDA etc.

Vincent has served in various leadership positions. For example, Chairman Electoral Commission of Uganda Christian University, Guild member of parliament of Uganda Christian University, Guild speaker, Speaker Teso Students Development Association, Team Leader cohort 25 of Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Uganda Chapter, Chairperson Board of Youth Council Uganda Red Cross Society Katakwi Branch, where he has been recognized as the most outstanding leader.

He has also participated and been recognized in various regional and international events. For instance; The 2018 UN Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development in Bonn Germany, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) fellowship for African young leaders (18-35 years) in Nairobi, Kenya, Pan-African Debate Championship in Cape Town, South Africa, SDGs conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon, Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition in Berlin Germany, Common Wealth Youth Mock Debate in Kampala, Uganda, Advocates for International Development Probono project among others.

Furthermore, Vincent has 11 years of experience in the community development sector, specifically focusing on Civic rights, peacebuilding and Democratic governance. Currently, Vincent is a Founder and Executive Director for Sugur Development Agency (SUDA), a Ugandan NGO where he focuses on initiating, designing, managing, implementing and evaluating community based programmes and

projects. For example, The Youth Parliament project in Uganda, Entrepreneurship project etc which are intended for the attainment of sustainable Development. In conclusion, Vincent is driven by his commitment to Social justice and economic development and one day he hopes to witness a Just, Peaceful and Democratic society in Uganda in particular and Africa in general.

3. Cassia Moraes, Youth Climate Leaders, Brazil

Cassia has significant experience working on sustainable development and international cooperation in the public, private and third sectors. She has been working at the Brazilian Forum on Climate Change as their Deputy Executive Coordinator, and she is also the Founder and CEO of Youth Climate Leaders.

Cassia played a key role in feeding CIVICUS' learnings into Agenda 2030 monitoring and implementation processes, and she has also facilitated innovation projects such as the DataShift Challenge and A4SD's Innovative Solutions Working Group. During her Graduate studies, she worked at the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), where she supported the organization's initiatives in Brazil and in the Amazon, and Professor Jeffrey Sachs' online course "The Age of Sustainable Development".

In the past five years, she has been following major global processes on sustainable development, having attended the Rio+20 and several UN Climate Conferences (COPs), and working as an advisor on Sustainable Development at the Brazilian Permanent Mission to the United Nations. Cassia holds a MPA in Development Practice degree from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations degree from Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP).

4. Elisée Nèyaassi Ditchare, Réseau International des Jeunes Leaders Francophones (RIJLF International), Benin

Elisée is a public speaker and coach in leadership and entrepreneurship in the Social & Solidarity Economy in Benin. She is a youth activist in civil society and is a specialist in the SDGs with a focus on youth.

As a 'Youth Power Global Leader' with Restless Development, 2016-2017, she worked intensely with 24 other committed young leaders from around the world to define a key role for youth in terms of good governance, with a particular focus on the SDGs. She is also a member of Girls Not Brides and a key member of the economic thematic group of the Civil Society coalition for the 2030 Agenda in Benin. She has a particular interest in ensuring the delivery of Goals 7-12 by strengthening the capacities of CSOs and grass-roots communities.

In collaboration with the international organisation 'THE HUNGER Project Bénin' (THP Bénin) she has helped to establish the Platform of Youth Organisations for Sustainable Development of Communities (la POJ-DDC) which has been working since October 2017 to create a multi-sectoral network to drive dynamic engagement of the youth of Benin to deliver the SDGs.

She is the Secretary General of the network for youth leaders from Francophone countries- Réseau International des Jeunes Leaders Francophones (RIJLF International), she works with the leaders of the 17 Francophone countries where RIJLF is present to initiate, develop and deliver small projects linked to the SDGs. Her daily struggle is the fight to end poverty, inequalities and climate change.

5. Adama Dampha, Leo Club of Banjul Youths in Community Services, The Gambia

Adama Dampha is a 25 year old undergraduate final year student at the national University of The Gambia studying BSc in Information Systems. Adama currently serves as the secretary general of the school of Information Technology Communication (ITC) of the University of The Gambia. He is also a founding member of the Faculty of ITC mentorship program for freshmen and continuing students.

Currently, Adama is on an internship at a German sponsored NGO in The Gambia called 'Project Aid - The Gambia' as a site manager. His job at 'Project Aid' is to communicate with different groups and work out a very effective information system amongst the office team and be a mediator between the German and Gambian board.

Adama is very active in volunteerism and he volunteers with Civil Society Organization`s as an activist to tackle some of the pertaining issues in his country. He is also the founder of the only Leadership Experience Opportunity Club (Leo Club) in The Gambia called Leo Club of Banjul Youths in Community Services and he was re-elected for the second term as the President of the Club last June. He is also a member of CIVICUS Global Alliance dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society around the world and Innovation for Change Afrique Hub. Thus; he actively engages in civic space events and other CIVICUS events. He likes writing, reading, sports, movies, socializing and travelling to explore new places.

As a child, Adama grew up in an extended family and a society where everyone takes care of the other and supports each other in terms of difficulties and hardships. This experience of being caring and loving for people all around him, makes him build a passion in him to give back to his community and the wider world at large. Adama loves to volunteer because he was born to help and see people as equal and the same.

Older Person's representative candidates:

1. Roseline Kihumba, HelpAge International, Kenya

Roseline Kihumba is a passionate advocate for older people's rights with over 15 years' experience in international development working on in-depth international development and program/project issues within inter-disciplinary and multi-cultural contexts. Roseline has worked on older people's rights in a wide range of sectors including health, network development, social protection, rights and discrimination, emergencies, advocacy and policy influencing while working with diverse vulnerable groups and a wide range of stakeholders including government ministries, Africa Union, International NGOs and national and local organizations.

Roseline has been a leading figure in debates on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), data revolution, UN convention for older people rights and AU human rights at national, regional and international levels, advocating for age inclusive policy development and implementation while providing technical capacity and facilitating older people and their supporting institutions to engage at all levels.

She is a nominee of HelpAge International and the Stakeholder Group on Ageing. HelpAge International is the secretariat of a global network of members dedicated to promoting the rights of older people to lead dignified, healthy and secure lives. The HelpAge Global Network has 127 member and more 300 partner organisations across 77 countries. HelpAge International consists of four hubs – in Chiang Mai, Thailand for Asia; Nairobi, Kenya for Africa; Amman, Jordan for Eurasia/Middle East; and London, UK for global campaigns, learning and coordination – as well as a network development office for Latin America and Caribbean in Bogotá, Colombia. While the Stakeholder Group on Ageing (SGA) is a global coalition bringing together individual and institutions promoting age inclusion in Sustainable Development Goals. HelpAge is Co-chairing the coalition and is one of the global steering committee member and the Africa focal person. In Africa, HelpAge is also Co-chairing the coalition of older people's organizations engaging the Africa Major Groups and Other Stakeholders coordinating mechanism, a space created in the 2018 Africa Forum for Sustainable Development.

She is currently leading the HelpAge network's advocacy and policy influencing engagements on age inclusion in SDGs & Agenda 2063, ratification and implementation of the AU Protocol for Rights of Older People and galvanizing support in Africa for a new UN convention on the rights of older people. She holds a Master in Development Management and a Bachelor degree in Agriculture and Home Economics.

2. Sanju Thapa Magar, Ageing Nepal, Nepal

Sanju has been working in Ageing Nepal-a national NGO dedicated to ageing issues- as Programme Officer for 4 years. During these years she has had the opportunity to understand national and International concerns of population ageing.

Similarly, she is one of the team members of SDGs campaign that Ageing Nepal regularly conducts since 2015. In addition, she has attended workshops, conferences, events and discussions at both National and International platform that has broadened her knowledge on population ageing.

It would be an honor to work for thematic representation of older people. I commit to utilize my knowledge and experience for betterment of older people maintaining good network with national and international partners.

Rural environmental group representative candidates:

1. Mange Ram Adhana, Association for Promotion Sustainable Development, India

Mr. Mange Ram Adhana has been The President and Founder of Association for Promotion Sustainable Development (APSD) since 2000 to till date

APSD have a special consultative status with ECOSOC United Nation and APSD an NGO based in India work to implement the Sustainable Development Goals/ Agenda 2030 based on action research. APSD is engaged with multilateral bodies like the United Nation, Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) World Bank, South – South Cooperation and Triangular Development (SSCTD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), BRICS, G-20, BIMSTEC, AIB, EU and other structural transformations the world order to make society more equitable sustainable just and peaceful, free from poverty and implementation of Global Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

Mr. Mange Ram Adhana engaged with UN campaign for SDGs and is active in follow up Agenda2030 civil society activities at grass roots levels. Mange Ram Adhana is Member of drafting committee of NGO MG HLPF. Mr. Mange Ram Adhana is a social worker with community development experience working in rural remote and urban areas with marginalized communities. He worked in State and Local Government, managing teams to deliver capacity building programme and a strong social Justice Advocate and International Presentation community and stakeholder engagement practice. His strength is in leading collaborative partnership and ensuring all stakeholders invited into participatory process.

Mr. Mange Ram Adhana is LA Expert Group GEO-6 (Global Environmental Outlook-6) and member of TAP Network, Together 2030, partnership platform UN for Sustainable Development Goals and Member of Asia Pacific Regional CSO engagement Mechanism (APRCM), Member GPSA World Bank and a Member of CIVICUS.

2. Adrian O Watson, Climate Change Facilitator, Jamaica

Since graduating in 2012 from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica with a dual B.Sc. degree in Geography and Zoology, I have six (6) years of experience in environmental, Biodiversity and climate change advocacy at the local community, national, regional and international levels. I also was in the community mobilization and youth development space for approximately fourteen years. My five (5) years as a beekeeper have given me direct experience in the struggles of the agricultural sector in water resources and environmental management.

In 2012, I founded a social enterprise Honai Beez Apiary that focuses on urban beekeeping and training new beekeepers. Through my efforts with Global Youth Biodiversity Network, I have been able to steer international policy in regards to pollinators and how water affects this sector through the UN Convention on Biodiversity conference of the parties to increase more protection and research for these organisms. I will be able to also bring to the table; the experience of Jamaica and a Caribbean region especially being Small Island Developing States with limited natural resources, to Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD) systems and action

I have also gone on to serve as a Climate Change Facilitator under the Jamaica Rural Economy and Ecosystems Adapting to Climate Change (JaREEACH) Project where I have taught the science of Climate Change and project proposal writing to over 60 persons to which two groups were awarded projects namely the Old Harbour Youth Coalition and the Knox Community College Environmental Science Cohort. Both these groups went on to winning projects for their respective local areas as a result of the Climate Change Action Agent Training to help their community to adapt to climate change.

I have played a leadership role in a number of youth groups such as the Caribbean Youth Environment Network Jamaica Chapter where I served as National Coordinator, Junior Chamber International Kingston where I served as Ambassador and Director in 2014, with the mandate of training, recruitment and retention of members. I am now General Legal Counsel for Junior Chamber International Kingston 2015 board where I oversee the legalities of the meetings, constitution review and resident advisor to the board.

I have also been appointed by membership consensus to serve as the Monitoring and Evaluations Chairperson on the management committee for Jamaica Organic Agriculture Movement (JOAM) twice in November 2014 and December 2015 to help measure and assess their internal processes. I have also worked with the Seaview Gardens Community Development Committee as a block coordinator for the last two years marketing and implementing several community health fairs, and mobilizing community youths for training and consultation opportunities in collaboration with the Social Development Commission. I would like to lend my skills in the area of Youth in the Environment, and Youth's rights to the environment, Leadership, Social and Eco-friendly Entrepreneurship.