



Together 2030 Core Group Elections 2017

Eligible Candidates

January 2017

Background:

Together 2030 is holding elections to appoint three new members to its **Core Group**. After the elections, the total number of Core Group members will be nine, including the six representatives of founding organizations and the three newly elected members. At least two seats will be allocated for female leaders.

Selection of the new members of the Core Group will be determined **primarily by the number of votes** from an open process **followed by a weighted system** to promote balance and diversity within the Group. A balance between Northern and Southern representation will be sought. Representatives from under-represented regions and from under-represented sectors in the current Core Group will get a premium. The process will be facilitated by the Together 2030 International Secretariat with guidance from the Interim Co-Chairs (Andrew Griffiths and Busani Sibindi).

The candidates below have fulfilled all necessary criteria to be considered for the Together 2030 Core Group Elections. Together 2030 Members are kindly asked to read the bios **prior to casting their votes**.

1. Female Candidates (2 seats)

KAROL ALEJANDRA ARÁMBULA CARRILLO

CORPORATIVA DE FUNDACIONES, A.C, Mexico, Latin America and Caribbean

<i>Organization's Contribution</i>	Corporativa de Fundaciones, A.C. is an NGO with Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC since 2013. Ever since, we have participated in the construction, adoption and follow-up mechanisms of the SDGs. We led a consultation in partnership with the UN SDG Action Campaign to collect the voices of 400,000 people in the Post-2015 process thanks to the MY World Survey. As a result of this effort, we positioned Mexico as the second most participative country in Post-2015 consultations. We have carefully reviewed and accompanied Mexico's participation in the HLPF and for two years we have delivered coalition
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	<p>statements in the High-Level Political Segment. In addition, we are leading a network of over 35 NGOs and 150 volunteers leading the coalition MY World Mexico, which follows up with the successful implementation of the SDGs in our country. The MY World results became public policy this year as our State Development Plan included the voices we collected in the SDGs.</p>
<p><i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>We have participated in global mechanisms before related to the SDGs. We have the capacity, the staff and the ability to compromise with the Core Group through our Advocacy & Strategic Partnerships for Development Area. We are highly articulated and motivated to position the voices of Latin American in this group. With 17 years of operations and accountability, we are certain that our work in Together 2030 will be highly beneficial.</p>
<p><i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>Karol is originally from Mexico. She graduated from ITESO University with a major in International Relations and International Human Rights Law. She holds two Master’s Degrees in Human Rights and Peace Studies, as well as Politics and Governance from ITESO University. She is specialized in Public Policy; Sustainable Development; Non-Profit Management; International Affairs; Regional Studies and Migration by academic institutions such as the University of Guadalajara, La Trobe University, the University of British Columbia, Harvard University, Tecnológico de Monterrey, among others.</p> <p>Karol serves as Civil Society Representative to the UN and as expert consultant for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in Mexico and overseas focusing on partnerships for Sustainable Development; Financing for Development; Development Education; Human Rights, Peace, Governance and Democratic Processes; International Organizations and International Cooperation. She has worked in numerous projects and programs led by the UN, the Organization of American States, the European Union and the International Organization for Migration in Brazil, Uganda, Peru, South Korea, Canada, Australia and the United States. She has served as organizer, participant and Civil Society Representative in dozens UN Conferences.</p>

OLA ABU ALGHAIB

LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY, Global

<p><i>Organization’s Contribution</i></p>	<p>Leonard Cheshire Disability is involved internationally in research and programming around education and livelihood to help people to live independently, sustain employment or self-employment, and contribute to their country’s economies. As part of our Global Livelihoods programme, we trained over 50.000 people and gave employment to over 30,000.</p> <p>In 2015, Leonard Cheshire Disability set out a five-year strategy, which aims to have directly enriched the lives of 100,000 people across Africa and Asia by 2020. By then we will also indirectly benefit many by using our expertise and knowledge to catalyse activity by our partners and other agencies, and by</p>
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	influencing national, regional, and global practices and policies. By securing a place for people with disabilities at the heart of global development we will take an enormous leap towards a society in which every person is equally valued.
<i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	We have a proud record of having a positive and lasting impact on the lives of many persons with disabilities across the globe through our inclusive programming delivered by local partners, our advocacy initiatives and our world-renowned research facility. We are currently supporting disability organizations at countries of operation to be actively involved in national implementation and monitoring process related to SDGs with specific emphases to disability. The learning from that process can contribute strongly to the ongoing efforts of Together 2030 efforts globally around understanding realities and promoting change.
<i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	Ola Abu Alghaib is a Palestinian woman with disability Heading the Policy and Influencing unit at Leonard Cheshire Disability in London. Ola has almost two decades’ experience in the field of disability, development, and inclusive social policies in LMICs. Her responsibilities have encompassed policy analysis, program design , management and evaluation, formulation of advocacy strategies, capacity development, extensive use of qualitative methods, and research with the World Bank ,UN agencies (WHO, ILO, UNESCO), NGOs (including DPOs) and INGOs . Has been a member of advisory bodies to support governments in social policy reform; recently involved in providing technical expertise around effective reforms towards inclusive social protection policies. She is completing her PhD on Social Protection and Disability in LMICs.

ALUORA ANNETTE LUTTAH,

Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement, Togo, Africa

<i>Organization's Contribution</i>	<p>JVE is a youth oriented nonprofit, nongovernmental, environmental and developmental organization headquartered in Lomé, Togo. Through its three strategic axes; i. Energy and Climate development, ii. Sustainable management of natural resources and iii. Citizen engagement and community development, JVE implements projects that promote sustainability and address immediate and urgent needs of poor communities.</p> <p>JVE aims to enhance the participation of youth as leaders of sustainable development, and build their capacity to transform their livelihoods. This is through education and training, green entrepreneurship and youth Eco-citizenship, agro-ecology, Youth culture and biodiversity conservation, advocacy for environmental and social rights, enhancing linkages and platforms to create an enabling environment for dialogue between the communities, government and other stakeholders, awareness and sensitization through various local and national media among others.</p>
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	<p>JVE earned official recognition by the Togolese government as a development organization in 2012. This has ensured JVE’s engagement in the national, regional and international political processes in various thematic as a voice for the youth and carries out various campaigns targeting key policy actions.</p>
<p><i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>JVE recently marked 15 years of operation, and is rich in experience working with communities, especially the youth, on sustainable development. This is thorough the implementation of pro-poor projects, supporting communities to adopt and implement local SDGs.</p> <p>JVE is considered a resource organization representing civil society in several national committees including energy, climate change and REDD+ and is active in advocating for environmental rights of the communities. It is also a member of several thematic networks.</p> <p>JVE is recognized by regional agencies like AMCOW, ECREEE and ECOWAS as the largest youth organization in Africa. With national representations in over 20 countries, JVE has great outreach potential and implements various youth strategies.</p>
<p><i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>After graduating from Kenyatta University, Kenya with a degree in environmental planning and management, ALUORA Annette Luttah ventured out to pursue her passion for environmental protection. To set her off, she worked as a programs assistant at the UN Environmental Programme under the Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch supporting the engagement between key stakeholders and decision makers in fronting their opinions to the decision making table .</p> <p>Taking interest in civil society and youth in particular, Luttah pioneered the establishment of Young Volunteers for the Environment in Kenya, a national representation of the JVE International NGO, working voluntarily with youth for sustainable development. This later saw her relocation to Togo in 2014, the headquarters of JVE, where she employed her skills to mobilize resources and support youths and organizations across Africa in creating an impact in various environmental fields.</p> <p>Luttah has since coordinated a network of civil society on water management covering 6 countries in which she managed to establish a functioning secretariat. She is currently coordinating actions of JVE national representations in 15 countries implementing the Clean Energy for Africa (CLENA) project which she is managing. Luttah has a taste for good literature and openly welcomes debates with colleagues and friends on current subjects globally and has set up a small book club with her circle of friends. She is also a part time blogger.</p>

ROCHELLE DEAN

CANDID CONCEPTS DEVELOPMENT, Bahamas, Latin America and Caribbean

<p><i>Organization's Contribution</i></p>	<p>Candid Concepts Development has been involved with the 2030 Agenda since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015. CCDA saw the need to fully engage at the global level at a time when the Caribbean was headed in the wrong direction, with multidimensional poverty increasing and affecting economic outcomes. Full engagement at the international level gave Candid Concepts Development the task of offering support of the Agenda and also further expertise to impact development in the Caribbean nationally and regionally. It was very important for CCDA to distinguish between accountability and the follow-up and review process which are both necessary but holding stakeholders to account was very important to the initiatives objective goals. CCDA worked actively in the drafting process of position papers and letters to UN-DESA as well as offered expertise on the economic impacts that also must be considered as the world implements this new agenda. CCDA engaged in full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and focused on reaching those lagging furthest behind as an urgent priority. CCDA further engaged on a national level addressing issues relative to poverty in the Bahamas.</p>
<p><i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>Candid Concepts Development is committed to the 2030 Agenda and can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group by ensuring the participatory process is mandated at all levels. CCDA will also ensure the Core Group finds new innovative ways to promote the 2030 Agenda while fostering inclusiveness as well as better partnerships with governments to see full implementation at all levels. CCDA also will ensure the Core Group identifies the importance of economic principles and the role these principles play on the way Agenda 2030 is viewed by governments and how this affects the work of the Together 2030 Core Group and ultimately the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Candid Concepts Development will also give further guidance to the Core Group.</p>
<p><i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>Rochelle R. Dean is an Entrepreneur and part-time Research Analyst at SAMR. She is founder and Executive Director of Candid Concepts Development a development company committed to research, policy reform and the development framework and recognized as a member of the Transparency, Accountability and Participation Network. She is a facilitator and trainer of the 'Economic for Success' program with Junior Achievement's for Junior's Club Program. She has also set the framework for her own program, 'Building an Economically Literate Society.' She is a coordinator at the national level and coordinated the Bahamas National Breastfeeding week and is recognized for her passion for breastfeeding awareness and removing the stigma that breastfeeding is for the poor. She has co-chaired and contributed to the results of the indicators task force of the Beyond 2015 campaign. She is recognized as a scholar within academia and is presently inducted into the Institutional Repositories of Liberty University, Open Access a Repository for all Universities in the United States of America and the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Center of the University of the Bahamas. Rochelle has peer-reviewed and is published in theory at the graduate level and the doctorate level and currently sits as an editorial board member of a scholarly journal. She is also an honorary</p>



	member of Ananke's All-Women Panel and recently selected as an Empower Women Global Champion for Change with UN Women.
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PAULINE LAMBOU

LEADING WOMEN OF AFRICA-LWA, Cameroon, Africa

<i>Organization's Contribution</i>	<p>We are working on 17 partnerships for the goals. Goal8 decent work and economic growth, goal 1 no poverty, quality and inclusive education, zero hunger with food security and gender equality.</p> <p>As a board member of www.cimpad.org we work toward and promote accountability for good governance and transparency. In my country, Cameroon, I'm part of the civil society that was chosen by the government after my participation at the HLPF 2016.</p> <p>Working in many countries in Africa we will be able to be part of the civil society that will implement and will draw the data of SDGs ,we are invited and will participate at first UN -Data forum next week in Cape Town -South Africa After that, we will be useful for the Together 2030 as expert on Data analysis.</p>
<i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	We will contribute as expert on governance ,fight against corruption, data analysis, as member of the WMG will serve as liaison officer, as bilingual Education will volunteer to translate and will be available when ever need may arise.
<i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	<p>Pauline Lambou was born and raised in Cameroon in Central Africa. She is a woman rights activist and feminist passionate about disabilities rights, women entrepreneurship and leadership ,inclusive education, development, equity, inclusive society and Governance in Africa.</p> <p>She holds a BA on bilingual studies and BA in Special Education Studies from Yaoundé University of Cameroon and Pen-School of Education in Partnership with CEFED-Santa. She is a woman activist and feminist, special education teacher to ensure inclusion in the group, respect, tolerance and can work, read and able to work under pressure and with her experience at the national, international and UN system she will be able to represent Africa in a Core Group of Together2030</p>

KALISIANA BULIRUARUA

PACIFICWIN-YOUTH, New Zealand, Pacific

<i>Organization's Contribution</i>	As a Focal Point under PIANGO (Pacific Islands Association of NGOs), we have engaged and we have been a part of the 'Beyond2015' campaign. We were also a part of 'action2015' and had input on behalf of our Pacificwin-Youth group.
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	<p>Under PIANGO, we have also become a part of the CSO Global Partnership, secretariated by IBON International (http://www.ivatcenters.org/). As such, we have been able to reach not only our member groups in six countries (New Zealand; Australia; American Samoa; Hawai'i; Kiribati; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Samoa; and growing), but we have also formed alliances with many other Pacific women's groups and non-Pacific organisations working in the field of EAW. We have become familiar with Agenda2030 and we have also focused on education and training so that we have increased engagement and participation amongst our member groups.</p>
<p><i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>Our selected nomination is a young leader and coordinator in our Pacificwin-Youth group. Her other base of reference is her village Youth group in Fiji, that she is an integral part of. We envisage that Kalisiana ("Siana") will be a YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE on the Together 2030 Core Group. As a recent law graduate, she has a high commitment and a deep interest in the current global agenda. She has an increased network due to her previous role as the Chairperson of the Pacific Association of The University of Auckland. She is familiar with the power of social media in obtaining "buy-in" from potential members; and further, as a Youth Leader, she knows how to inspire her peers towards increased engagement.</p>
<p><i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>Siana is a vibrant young woman, a graduate of law who is currently working to contribute back to her community. As a Pacific Youth Leader, she actively encourages her groups to participate and make a difference. She is committed to being open, inclusive and consistently demonstrates respect, tolerance and support of others.</p> <p>As a Youth Leader, she has watched/observed/learnt and acquired the ability to engage with other diverse people in democratic decision making. She has the ability to deal with majority positions and respect minority opinions; she listens and works towards/negotiates best solutions that impact on all. We are confident she will increase her knowledge of global development issues; and she will bring national and regional knowledge to the table.</p> <p>Pacwin is confident that Siana will not only bring valuable insights to the table discussions, but she will also learn a lot about how Pacific can be further engaged and advantaged by our membership. She has the ability to increase linkages not only to our main Pacific groups, but her accountability will be conscientious due her youth. Siana is nominated with our full endorsement; and we look forward to our Pacific being represented through her presence and contributions.</p>

MARJORIE SOSA IGLESIAS

EQUIPO DE PROYECTOS Y ASESORIA SOCIAL (EDEPA), Venezuela

<p><i>Organization's Contribution</i></p>	<p>Our organization EDEPA has been involved in different activities at the civil society platform, in order to conduct a process of knowledge and action towards the 2030 Agenda within Venezuela.</p>
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<i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	Our organization is already prepared to develop the Initiative in the terms of establishing the practical way to continue with the purpose and objective.
<i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	The candidate is very much concerned with the idea to teach and work as well as planning process related to the objective goals, especially those related to the biodiversity, food, sustainable agriculture and tourism, citizens relationship with their natural environment and social connections.

2. Male Candidates (1 seat)

SREEKANTH S RAMESHAIAH

MAHITI TRUST, India, Asia.

<i>Organization's Contribution</i>	While Mahiti's work aligns with more than one of the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) 2030, SDG 9 is particularly relevant: "Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation" since one of its listed targets is to "Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020."(http://www.un.org). It is imperative to mention here Mahiti' has been partnering with social development organisations in Low Income Countries like Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nepal, Kenya and Tanzania. Even within India, a middle-income country, its partners work among the most excluded and vulnerable communities (in 2011-12 almost 363 million/29.5% population live on less than 2 USD/day (http://planningcommission.nic.in/reports/genrep/pov_rep0707.pdf)
<i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	Mahiti's primary goal is to achieve "Globally one billion lives positively impacted by 2030 through effective use of technology". We partner with social impact initiatives to help them embrace technology and innovation to enhance their impact and Goal. We have worked with over 300 partners globally and delivered 1000+ technology projects in last 14 years. We are currently enabling large initiatives in Health, Education and Livelihood domains to scale their impact by optimally using technology. Being part of Together 2030 group to work towards realisation of the SDGs is in line with our goals. Mahiti joining core team will be a strong step to attain our goal and larger vision. We will bring the south-Asian perspective to the core group and will strengthen the core team's focus and actions.



<p><i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>Sreekanth S Rameshaiah co-founded Mahiti in 2003. A strong proponent of Open Source philosophy he is serving as members of Open Source foundations such as Plone Foundation, Python Software Society Of India. He is also a founder & convener of Regional Open Source Alliance of Central Asia. He spends lot of time at grass root level, building capacities of younger leaders. His interest will be to build capacities of the Together 2030 member organisations to significantly contribute to the 2030 agenda. His in depth understanding of technology and how it can be leverage the SDGs will be part his key contributions to the core team.</p>
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GEEPLAYETHEAUO TEENICEE

NABLORE THEAUO ACADEMY OF SPORTS AND ARTS, Liberia, Africa

<p><i>Organization's Contribution</i></p>	<p>In February 2016, in the early stage of the formation of Together 2030, Nablore Theauo Academy of Sports and Arts made inputs as contribution to the preparation of documents required for the global Coalition that replaced action2015. Our major concern was the involvement of Together 2030 with parliaments around the world and decentralizing its function for effectiveness while maintaining a central body with link to the United Nations. The institution signed every communique that was required to establish Together 2030 as an international coalition that represents the voices and interests of people everywhere in the world. In view of the above, the leadership is willing to work in collaboration with other partners to effectively engage in the implementation of the 2030 agenda, with accountability and transparency as guiding principles.</p>
<p><i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>Our advocacy campaign will contribute to the work of the Together 2030 Core Group because it is intended to successfully influencing the choices and actions of those who make laws and regulations and those who distribute resources and make other decisions that affect the well being of the Liberian people. It will be involved delivering messages that are intended to influence thoughts, perspectives and actions of leaders, politicians, policymakers, planners and others in authority. like it was done with the submission of the National Climate Change Policy during the campaign of action/2015, which was essentially about policy change in three areas; poverty, inequality and climate change, it will focus on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>
<p><i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i></p>	<p>I am the founder and CEO of the Nablore Theauo Academy of Sports and Arts and President of the Liberia Anthropological Association. I attended the University of Cheihk Anta Diop of Dakar, Senegal. Currently, I live in Monrovia and do work with local communities to promote youth development, sports, arts, women empowerment, child rights, personal</p>

	<p>hygiene and community cohesion. My experience as project consultant of the Human Development Foundation (HDF), serving as knowledge manager for a World Bank funded project in Bomi County, through Welthunger (WHH) and the West African Agricultural and Productivity Program (WAAPP) and as Program Consultant for the Horticulture Training Program of USAID/FED Food and Enterprise Development Program between 2013-2016, implementing of projects for the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Republican Institute (IRI) between 2006 and 2007, crafting of Liberia National Climate Change Petition for action/2015, heading CEPDE that headed the action2015 national coalition in Liberia are examples of my intellectual abilities to engage with other Core Group members in democratic decision making, and ability to deal with majority positions and respect minority opinions.</p>
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RAM NOOKADEE

DPIN -DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS IN NETWORK, Mauritius, Africa

<i>Organization's Contribution</i>	We have our working group. Our programme is being finalised.
<i>How organization can contribute to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	We have already a working group. We are working on the promotion of the 17 Goals and developing projects on SDGs. A regional meeting is being organised in March 2017 in Mauritius.
<i>Brief bio of the candidate and potential contribution to the Together 2030 Core Group</i>	<p>Ram Nookadee is President of DPiN- Development Practitioners in Network. DPiN has established a working group on the SDGs.-He has been the CEO of the Council for NGOs in Mauritius for 20 years and has also been the Chairperson of the SADC Council of NGOs and the President of the ICSW for Southern and Eastern Africa. He has a working connection with relevant organisation local, Regional and international. He is also the initiator of an Indian Ocean Island Civil Society on Sustainable Development. He hold an MSC in Community Service Management. He has taught a module ons Civil society and the state at the University of Mauritius.</p>