



Governance Affairs Office



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Candidates nominated for election of a representative of for the NGO Major Group to the Major Groups Facilitating Committee of UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

Pursuant to a call that was sent out to all Organisations accredited under the NGO Major Group on 30 March 2017 to nominate 2 candidates to represent the NGO major Group in the Major Groups Facilitating Committee, the following were nominated to be elected.

Ser. No	Name and Organisation of nominated Candidate	Name and Organisation of the nominator	Short Bio of the Nominated Candidate (as submitted by the nominators)
1.	Kadi Kenk- Let's Do it Foundation	Kadi Kenk- Let's Do it Foundation	Kadi Kenk has been a volunteer coordinator of a worldwide cleanup network since 2011 and been working in Let's Do It Foundation since 2013. Her position involved the facilitation of best practice sharing among 100 countries civic networks. Since 2015, her role has been to manage international partnerships for Let's Do It Foundation that includes building relationships and coordinating mutual interests among corporate, civic and institutional partners. Having led the process of accreditation of the organisation in 2013 and since then following the process of members engagement, Kadi has first -hand experience to be the group member as an NGO that is actively contributing to global NGO cooperation and partnering with the UN for achieving joint goals. Also, it has been her duty to lead the mission of World Cleanup Day during the Estonian EU presidency and deal with different stakeholders to deliver the best possible results to advance global improvements on waste management infrastructure. She is used to working with people of different backgrounds, position and culture. Is a great public speaker, and used to remote working.

2.	Prof. Medani P. Bhandari, Ph.D.- Atlantic State Legal Foundation Inc (ASLF)	Dr. Samuel H. Sage, President- Atlantic State Legal Foundation Inc (ASLF	Dr. Medani P. Bhandari has been working as international program coordinator since 2011. His duties include, but are not limited to, directing international programs and serving as an expert in policy fields including climate change, biodiversity conservation, globalization issues that transcend the nation state, global and environmental governance, sustainability, international organization/relations, global policy and public/social policy, conflict over natural resources, and other issues related to sustainable development and environmental change. Dr. Bhandari is also responsible for exploring relevant funding agencies, preparing research and action plan proposals; and continuing to expand ASLF networks with similarly oriented agencies. Dr. Bhandari represents ASLF to United Nations organizations and the World Bank-Global Environmental Facility, and maintains and expands ASLF's relationships while exploring the mutual ground of collaborative works in North America, Europe, Asia pacific, Africa and Caribbean. Dr. Bhandari holds PhD degree from Syracuse University in Sociology, M.A.'s in Sociology (Syracuse University) and Sustainable International Development (Brandeis University), and a M.Sc. in Environmental System Monitoring and Analysis (ITC-The University of Twente, The Netherlands). Dr. Bhandari is experienced in the
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			conservation of biodiversity (including wildlife biology), nature and natural resources, global and international environmental politics, environmental institutions and governance, and forest governance from the grassroots to the national level with a special focus on participatory management, climate change policy and implementation, environmental justice, land cover and land use change, and environmental health hazards. His major specialties include: Biodiversity, Environmental Health Hazards, Climate Change Mitigation, Climate Change Adaptation, International environmental governance, Green Economics, Sustainability, and assessing economic, social and environmental impacts on natural resources. His field experience spans across Asia, Africa, the U.S., Western Europe, Australia, and the Middle East.
3.	Dr Dipayan Dey- South Asian Forum For Environment (SAFE)	★ Dr Amrita Chatterjee, Director- South Asian Forum For Environment (SAFE)	★ Dr Dipayan Dey is an adept professional with two decades of comprehensive experience in environmental action research and ecosystem management towards sustainable environment development in global south. He has been supervising research project on natural resource management; habitat restoration, strategic impact assessment studies on carbon sequestration

			patterns and possibilities towards downscaling climate impact, risk analysis and adaptive mitigation through community based interventions in SAARC countries under the aegis of UNEP, APN Global Change Research, World bank Group, USAID, DFID, NASA, ICIMOD, IWMI, ICRISAT CGIAR and various other international organizations. His commendable participation in the National Planning Commission of India, WB-NRM council and GEF-CSO council has significantly brought in policy implications. He has been greatly instrumental in regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific through various partnerships with universities and organizations in BRICS, Japan, Korea and Philippines. He is also a successful community leader, an environmental activist and practitioner and has been recipients of UNEP's Eco-Peace Leadership Award, Kasumiguara Conservation Medal, Asia Green Award, Earthcare Award etc. Under his leadership as Chair, South Asian Forum for Environment [SAFE], a regional civil society organization has been working in South Asia
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		★ Amgalan Terbish, Executive Director of the Development Horizons Foundation (DHF)	towards poverty alleviation and sustainable development partnering with 18 international organizations. SAFE is in consultative status with ECOSOC and a member in UNEA, GEF-CSO Council and UNCCCD. SAFE has been accredited with observer status in UNFCCC, GCF and CANSA. Given a chance he would be able to give commendable leadership to the civil society organizations in UNEA through equity and reciprocity promoting cross regional collaboration and partnership. ★ Dr. Dipayan Dey, leads the South Asian Forum for Environment, SAFE - a nonprofit civil society organization working towards sustainable environment development and poverty alleviation in the Indian ecoregion of South Asia and works at science-society interface through community partnership, equity and reciprocity. He is an adept professional with comprehensive experience in tertiary teaching of Plant Ecology and Environmental Science, has nearly twenty years of acumen in environmental research, planning, eco-system management towards
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			sustainable environment development in global south
4.	Dr. Vinitaa Apte - Terre Policy Centre	Ankit Gaurav, Project Leader- Terre Policy Centre	Dr. Vinitaa Apte was consultant in United Nations Environment Programme ,Paris as a communication expert and senior official and international expert on Sustainable Development and Green Economy. She successfully led a global team of Interns & consultants with diverse cultural background in UNEP's Paris office & in TERRE's office. Possesses hands-on experience in forging innovative and award-winning partnerships with governments, NGOs and international organizations on critical issues of strengthening synergies and led a Programme on Sustainable livelihood in the World natural heritages. Strong facilitator and best communicator in consensus building at national and international platforms in difficult environmental negotiations. Renowned for creative concepts and practical programmatic approaches in developing, implementing, reporting and monitoring national strategies for ecosystem nurturing. Innovation-led visionary at global as well as enterprise level in strengthening corporate social responsibility, community-led nature conservation and restoration Status. Key publications and notable Awards: - Received GunwantKamgar Award in 1994 as excellent performer in Bank. - Received Best Actress, Best writer and Best colleague award in

			banking career. • Received UNEP award on 20th Anniversary Montreal Protocol for the 'Outstanding Contribution' to the out reaching of the Montreal Protocol (2007). Publications • Written articles in well-known national and international journals, reports and books. • Published four books and one of the books are now incorporated in Pune University FY BA course. • Presented paper on sensitive ecosystem in the International Conference at Beijing organised by UNESCO • Co Author of the book on rocky plateau. Experience as a team leader: • 2009 -till date: President, TERRE Policy Centre • 2011-2012 : Consultant UN safe Planet campaign , Geneva • 2004 - 2011 : Consultant UNEP Ozone Action.
5.	Richard Kimbowa- Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development	Nicholas Senyonjo Chief Executive Officer- Uganda Environmental Education Foundation (UEEF)	Richard Kimbowa has been in Managing and Coordination CSOs within EAST AFRICA under the CSO Lake Victoria Management Project (LVEMP 11) for the last 10 years. His professional in the ENR Sector and his leadership role would be able to represent us MGFC.UCSD has a wide experience and they have been doing advocacy, communication and networking in key policy issues in East Africa, Africa and Global .He has supported himself to attend UNEP meetings and is capable of mobilizing resources from Development Partners.
6.	Dalia Márquez-	Cecilia Iglesias-	Dalia has been a youth

	Asociación Civil Red Ambiental	Asociación Civil Red Ambiental	representative on the subject of environmental public policies since 2012, at regional level as a global. She has always excelled in the various NGOs in which she has worked with environmental issues in general, building on positions agreed by NGOs and other major groups at the national, subregional and regional levels. Therefore, she is very familiar with the role of representing a broader interest. It knows the practices associated with the multilateral negotiations and therefore it is easy to manage agreements with the members of the State, the NGOs, other important groups, the regional representatives and the intergovernmental agencies. It manages good experience to reach consensus in these spaces of representation, for its ability to handle a fluid communication between sessions which could be the key to ensure better contributions. The fact of having participated actively in previous spaces is very positive because of its experience and commitment to act and promote towards better environmental practices, as well as improved commitment
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