

STEERING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

1. Applicant information

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For the following three sections you should make reference to the first page of this document, which outlines some details of the Steering Committee role and also some of the required skills.

2. Experience

I am a lawyer by profession, a member of the Dominican Green Party (PVD) as sub-secretary general, in turn, founder and president of the Dominican green citizen foundation, social arm of the Party for which we develop projects and practices in defence of green causes in our country.

I have directed 5 days of national reforestation in different provinces of the Dominican Republic;

For four consecutive years, we carried out clean-up days of our beaches and rivers, in commemoration of the International Beach Clean-up Day, especially this year in the face of the effects of hurricanes Irma and María that impacted our coasts.

along with the team, creation and implementation of the Dominican Green Citizen certification and the Dominican sustainable enterprise incentive program.

As president of the Foundation, I was in charge of the direction of the Dominican green citizen recognition directed to people and entities dedicated and committed to the sustainable development of the nation, as an example of this, we give recognition in the hands of the former president of the Republic for his Contributions in Organic Agriculture.

Member of the advisory committee for the elections of the party's presidential candidate; I was also in charge of a presentation on " How to celebrate Earth Day " event held in commemoration

of World Earth Day, where we also delivered plants to each citizen in a popular area for planting, giving a message motivating and why we should plant.

Active member of the executive commission and review of the project "25% quota youth in the New Law of Parties" composed of young leaders before the national congress and those who chair the youth in the political parties of our country.

3. Motivation to join the SC

In 2015 the Dominican Republic was the headquarters of the XXVI General Assembly of the Federation of Green Parties of America and the official meeting of the Green Youth of America, by our party and first in the country, and I realized that it's very motivating, see the important of what we defend and see so many young people, political leaders and green hearts joined by the same cause, for me to make my knowledge available and contribute as much as possible.

4. How do you want to help develop GYG?

Dominican Republic is a predominantly green country, are too many Greens foundations, but PVD, is the only formal Green Party in our country. Greens positions needs to be taken seriously. For me, will be an honour and a really enriching challenge to represent my country and the Americas at the Global Young Greens- SC. Is an opportunity and important experience for me be part of this group, being a supporting representation and working together for the develop of our visions as a Greens. I can provide a point of fundamental dialogue between the Americas connecting the interests of all member countries and at the same time, to be an active person involved in each of the risks and difficulties of each country, being a help the institution in its growth and also learn a lot from the others members.

Above all, I would like to help the unit and the continuous communication among its members, as well as, support each young person with initiatives that green leadership, mitigation against climate change and defence of our rights.