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International Environmental Consultant

As International Environmental Consultant I have participated in the conceptualization, design of national, regional, and international environmental agencies, proposals and programs with the objective of supporting national, regional and international political transformational decisions. I recently finished a two term membership of the Adaptation Committee, (2022-2026), and have also participated in the PCCB, Paris Committee for Capacity Building (2017-2019) and became Co-Chair for the last two years of my term. TODAY, I am *Ambassador of Guatemala for Environment International Issues and Climate Change*. I have also participated in the process of launching the Sustainable Development Goals, along with Paula Caballeros from Colombia; lead the Río + 20 national process; preparing the documentation, material and develop ideas useful and supportive for the discussion papers to be presented throughout the year's Official Meetings prior to the celebration of the Río + 20 Meeting in Rio di Janeiro, Brazil, May 2012; as well as the Regional Consultation Process.

Climate Change and Efficiency Energy Advisor and Consultant

As an advisor to the Environmental and Natural Resource Ministry, I began my participation at the Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP's) under the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework of Climate Change), as of 2004, when in charge of the International Cooperation Unit; I designed the office of the National Designated Authority, under the Kyoto Protocol, for Guatemala. I made it my objective to comply and carry through the creation of such authority to be able to apply the Carbon Market; which made it possible and register more than 35 projects before the end of 2012.

During the UNFCCC process towards the Paris Agreement, approved at COP21 in Paris, France, 2015, I was President Pro Tempore for the regional group AILAC (Latin America Independent Association), and lead a successful negotiation which in turn made our eight countries, become leaders in the success story of the Paris Agreement. Later on, I became nominated by the

Government of France for the “**National Order of Merit**” given by the President of the Republic of France, Mr. Emmanuel Macron in July of 2017.

During COP28 I participated as Head of Delegation for Guatemala, during the Presidency Pro Tempore of AILAC, achieving important results during the negotiations.

Today, I am **Rapporteur for SBSTA**-Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technology Advisor and a **Member of ExCOM WIM**.

Key skills and experience

- negotiator for climate change
- skilful negotiator at the local, national, regional, and international level
- experience in the development of regional and national projects
- strong leadership promoting private-public partnerships
- strong communication and interpersonal skills while dealing with multicultural delegates and dignitaries of various countries
- master of ceremonies and protocol at international, regional, and national activities
- public speaking; delegated responsibilities to staff members and have strong organizational skills
- evaluate the performance of in-house team
- monitoring and evaluating projects
- strongly devoted to capacity building
- knowledgeable at the national, regional, and international institutional framework