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**Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Regional Representatives for Asia Pacific Region**

Pursuant to the call that was sent out to all accredited organisations to nominate candidates for elections for the FIVE regions: Africa, West Asia, Asia Pacific and Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean; that had not carried out elections.

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.	<b>Ms. Hina Lotia</b> - LEAD Pakistan	Ali T. Sheikh, CEO - LEAD Pakistan	Ms. Lotia has a vast experience, spreading over 18 years, on environmental governance, environment management, biodiversity and community engagement on environmental issues. She has worked with numerous networks, think tanks, universities, as well as governments and private sector concerns to help mainstream environmental concerns and their linkages with the Paris agreement and the SDGs across the Asian region. I am certain she will bring immense value to the UNEP processes, if given an opportunity.
2.	<b>Siddika Sultana</b> - Environmental and Social Development Organization (ESDO)	Shahriar Hossain, Secretary General Environmental and Social Development Organization (ESDO)	Siddika Sultana, Executive Director since 2006 of Environment & Social Development Organization-ESDO, is one of the leading women developing the lives of gender in Asia. She has worked on a list of gender and women related issues in Bangladesh. Recently, she was named the first director of the Dhaka-based Asian Center for Environmental Health. Siddika Sultana is a vigorous name as Environmental Activist who has dedicated herself to improve the lives of gender, specifically women and children, in Bangladesh basically through policy advocacy at national and international levels. She is also a trainer and resource speaker on women's rights and gender equity issues. She has developed school curriculums on environmental and health education. She, as a resource



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		<p>speaker, has attended a huge number of workshops, trainings &amp; educational campaigns on Women and Gender, Gender and transportation, Environmental conservation, Safe Motherhood &amp; Family Welfare and Reproductive Health &amp; Adolescent Health Education, Women Rights in Bangladesh Perspective. Besides that, as a focal trainer on “STD, HIV/AIDS, Safe Motherhood &amp; Family Welfare and Reproductive Health &amp; Adolescent Health Education” respectively for six years, she was so much successful on her knowledge spreading skill among under privileged group. She made a great achievement as facilitator on “Advocacy Capacity Building on for Strengthening Good Governance &amp; Human Rights Initiatives workshop” in 2005 and also facilitates several programs in a successful way since she has started her career in development field.[2001-till date] Siddika Sultana represented the NGOs from Bangladesh in the regional study tour organized by World Bank in Vienna, Austria from 15 to 17 April, 2015. South Asian countries were invited by the World Bank to participate the study tour on Gender and Transportation. The objective of the study tour was to improve the visibility and cross-country learning on the topic of women’s mobility and security in the public transport sector. The tour also includes a day out in the city to focus on the systems themselves (e.g. metro, bus, women’s empowerment, para transit). She took initiatives and established Women in Science &amp; Engineering (WiSE) Bangladesh in 2014 and Gender and Transportation Bangladesh Working Team (GTBWT) in 2015. WiSE Bangladesh aims at increasing female participation at the areas of engineering and science in Bangladesh, whereas, GTBWT targets to ease the mobility of women in the cities of Bangladesh. Academic Qualification: θ MSS, University of Dhaka, 1996. θ BSS, University of Rajshahi, 1992. θ Diploma in Development Studies, IDS,</p>
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			<p>Jaipur, India, 1999 θ Diploma in Environmental Education, TIC, Tokyo, Japan, 2005 Key Expertise: • Over twenty years of experience in social development &amp; environmental sector: especially on EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) &amp; EIM (Environmental Impact Monitoring), Program Management, Training, Awareness materials development, Evaluation and Assessment, Advocacy and Social Mobilization. • Fifteen years experience in facilitation; especially on Gender, Child &amp; Women rights, Reproductive Health &amp; Adolescent rights, Environmental Management, Advocacy &amp; Policy Lobbying and capacity building workshop and training on Environmental Management and Media &amp; communication program. • Fifteen years of working experiences as trainer / resources speaker in the field of gender, women &amp; child rights, advocacy, environmental education, reproductive health &amp; HIV and on HRD.</p>
3.	<b>Shahzad Ismail</b> - New World Hope Organisation (NWHO)	Muhammad Ajmal Khan, Chairman of New World Hope Organization	<p>Shazad is the founder and general secretary of New World Hope Organization (NWHO). NWHO is engaged in humanitarian, environment and participatory development and sustainability in Pakistan and abroad. He is the founder Executive Director of the Federation of Aid and Relief for Action Jointly Worldwide (FARAJ Worldwide), a voluntary organization which supports vulnerable populations worldwide affected by war and natural disasters and economic and social crises. Mr. Ismail is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Association for Community Development (IACD), UK and is also a committee member of the International Committee for Documentation of Cultural Heritage (CIPA), France. He has been working in the field of climate change , disaster recovery planning and sustainable development, with particular focus on agriculture, food security and environmental issues for the past 12 years. He has also gathered extensive</p>



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			<p>research experience as a member of research team and or research scholar in the areas of climate change, environmental and natural disaster management and sustainable development and geographical information system (GIS) technology. He has implemented dozens of environmental conservation and sustainable development projects with national and international donor organizations, while held the position as the Project Director/Manager in the areas of climate change, disaster relief, disaster risk reduction, natural and environmental management. He received his advanced master degree in international sustainable development from Brandeis University, USA. He also earned his master’s degree in Political Science from University of the Punjab, Pakistan and one year diploma in Executive Manager in Environmental Management from Institute of Information and Management, Pakistan.</p>
4.	<b>Dr. Vinitaa Apte</b> - Terre Policy Centre	Ankit Gaurav, Poject Leader - Terre Policy Centre	<p>Dr. Vinitaa Apte, President, 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 &amp; consultants with diverse cultural background in UNEP’s Paris office &amp; 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.</p>



			<p>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 organized 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.</p>
5.	<b>Dipayan Dey</b> - SOUTH ASIAN FORUM FOR ENVIRONMENT (SAFE)	Dr Amrita Chatterjee, Director - SOUTH ASIAN FORUM FOR ENVIRONMENT (SAFE)	Dr Dipayan Dey is an adept professional with three decades of comprehensive experience in environmental action research and ecosystem management towards sustainable environment development in the countries of South Asia within Indian ecoregion. He has been supervising and implementing 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 the region under the aegis of UNEP, APN Global Change Research, World bank Group, USAID, DFID, NASA, ICIMOD, IWMI, and various other international organizations. Dr Dey’s commendable work on transboundary



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			<p>water issues between India and Bangladesh and in mitigating cross-boundary transportation of ecologically sensitive wastes for prevention of landfill emission within the framework of Basel Convention in India, Nepal and Bhutan has a regional significance. He propounded 'Biorights' of marginal commons towards climate justice in South Asia by developing PES instruments that has been recognized by the National Planning Commission of India. His participation in Climate Action Network of South Asia, WB-NRM and GEF-CSO council has made significant policy impacts. He is a successful community leader, an environmental activist and practitioner and has been recipients of UNEP's Eco-Peace Leadership Award, Asia Green Award, Earthcare Award etc. Under his able leadership, SAFE a civil society organization for sustainable development and poverty alleviation has been working five countries of South Asia. SAFE is in consultative status with ECOSOC, GEF-CSO council and a major stakeholder in UNEA of UNEP.</p>
6.	<p><b>Ms. April Porteria</b> Center for Environmental Concerns-Philippines, Inc. (CEC)</p>	<p>APRCM nomination as Asia Pacific Regional Representative to UN Environment</p>	<p>April Porteria is the current Program Coordinator of the International and Local Networking Unit of the Center for Environmental Concerns (CEC) based in the Philippines. She is also a researcher and an advocacy officer of the same organization. Before working with CEC, she worked as the Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator of the global network People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS), and worked with peasant and environmental groups in the region on campaigns in food sovereignty, trade, climate and environmental issues. April representing CEC in the Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (APRCM), is its current coordinator for its Environment Thematic Working Group, leading the working group and APRCEM in engagements with the UN Environment, particularly, for the very first CSO Forum on</p>



			<p>the Environment, the preparatory meeting for the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Summit on the Environment, and also towards the 3rd UN Environmental Assembly in December 2017.</p> <p>Her other works include action researches on the state of the Philippine government's response to the recovery and rehabilitation of Super Typhoon Haiyanaffected areas and communities in the Philippines. For more information about the Center for Environmental Concerns-Philippines (CEC), please visit <a href="http://www.ccephils.org">www.ccephils.org</a></p> <p>For more information about the Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (APRCM), please visit <a href="http://asiapacificrcem.org/">http://asiapacificrcem.org/</a></p>
7.	<p><b>Mr. Prem Singh Tharu</b> Asia Indigenous People's Pact (AIPP)</p>	<p>APRCM nomination as Asia Pacific Regional Representative to UN Environment</p>	<p>Prem Singh Tharu is originally from Nepal and working with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) under Environment Programme as a Programme Officer based in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He has Masters' Degrees in Law from National University of Ireland and Anthropology from Tribhubvan University Nepal with 11 years of work experiences in the human rights based development fields at national, regional, international and UN agencies. He is also an advocate.</p> <p>He is actively involving for effective implementation and management of the environment programme in reference to climate change, biodiversity, disaster risk reduction, forest rights, land rights, organic farming, and resources management. The programme also includes the indigenous traditional knowledge and practices that contribute to protect and promote the environmental rights and justice.</p>