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Organizations in the Interamerican
Scout Region.

Panama City, Panama, January 18, 2022.

Call for the election of Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Scouting:

The recently approved Resolution 7/2022 of the 28th Interamerican Scout Conference, "Adaptation of the Interamerican Regional Networking Policy," agreed to modify the text of the Interamerican Networks Policy about the Interamerican Youth Network with the text: *"The Coordinating Core of the Network is made up of two Coordinators elected at the first meeting of the network that takes place after each Regional Conference, an executive of the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre and a member of the Interamerican Scout Committee."*

Accordingly, at the next Regional Network Meeting scheduled for May 26-28, 2023, the new coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network will be elected.

1. Status of the Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network (period 2018-2023)

Outgoing members

The following names correspond to the Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators, elected for a three-year term at the Interamerican Scout Youth Forum held in Panama in 2018. Both will conclude their period at the 2023 Regional Networks Meeting:

- Juan Lucas Rusiani (Argentina)
- Ana Laura Bates Paredes (Mexico)



Red Interamericana de Jóvenes
Interamerican Youth Network

2. Call for nomination of candidates for Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network (period 2023-2026)

Two Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators shall be elected for the period between the Network meeting at which they are elected (scheduled for May 2023) and the first Network meeting following the next Interamerican Scout Conference.

For the nomination of candidates, Member Organizations are reminded to consider the following:

- The **job specifications** of the Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators and suggested **profile** (Annex 1).

- In no case may more than **one person from an NSO** serve as Youth Network Coordinator during any period¹.
- All Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators candidates are reminded to act according to **the values of Scouting when promoting their candidacy** by following the [Code of Conduct for elections](#).

NSOs interested in nominating a candidate to be Interamerican Youth Network Coordinator should send the following documentation to the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Center (WSB-ISC):

- Completed **Nomination Form** (Annex 2).
- Candidate's duly completed **Statement of Purpose** (Annex 3)
- **One horizontal head-to-shoulders color photo of the candidate** in electronic format (see Annex 4.A for technical specifications).
- A **video of a minimum 1.5 min and a maximum of 3 minutes** sharing your reasons for applying (see Annex 4.B for technical specifications).
- **Digital image of an identity document** issued by the national authorities of your country, showing the date of birth.

This information should be sent by one of the official NSO contacts: International Commissioner, Executive Director/National Scoutmaster, or National Chairperson. Files must be sent **in digital format only** to the WSB-ISC at interamerica@scout.org; the **deadline is March 24, 2023, at 23h59 Panama time (GMT -5)**. It is recommended to send a Dropbox or Google Drive folder with all files.

- The WSB-ISC will send confirmation of receipt to the official contacts of the nominating NSOs upon receipt of the nomination.
- Applications received after the deadline or not including the required documentation will be discarded.

After the closing date for receipt of nominations, a document will be issued and sent to all the NSOs to inform them of the candidates for the position of Interamerican Youth Network Coordinator.

3. Submission of Nominations

Before the Interamerican Networks Meeting

Candidates must register according to the process and registration period indicated in the Call circular to participate in the Regional Networks Meeting 2023. Candidates must have sufficient time to participate in all sessions that are part of the meeting.

For their consideration, a document detailing the voting process will be shared with National Scout Organizations before the regional network meeting. This document will serve to guide the election process.

Candidates must record a video of a maximum of three minutes to present their reasons for candidacy (see Annex 4.B for technical specifications). All videos will be posted on the Interamerican Scout Region's official channels and shared on scout.org.

Considerations:

- Videos must be recorded in one of the two official languages of the Region (English or Spanish).
- Candidates must submit the script written in English or Spanish. The World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Center will provide the translation and include video subtitles in the additional language (Spanish or English).

¹From the first meeting of the network following each Regional Conference.

One week after the closing date for receipt of applications, a document with the profile of all candidates will be sent to the NSOs.

Member Organizations are invited to send questions in one of the two official languages of the Region (English or Spanish) that they wish to ask the candidates during the session defined for this purpose at the Networking Meeting. Questions should be submitted through the following online form:

<https://forms.gle/m7qjtPoAMPFHxSkL6>

Contributions will be received through the form until April 01, 2022, 23h59 Panama time (GMT -5).

The planning team for the Interamerican Youth Network meeting will select ten questions from among those sent by the NSOs; these will be used to prepare a document that will be sent to the candidates so that they are aware, in advance, of the questions that will be asked during the candidate presentation session.

During the Meeting of the Interamerican Youth Network

During the Interamerican Youth Network Meeting, two questions will be randomly asked each candidate; the questions will be numbered and placed on a digital roulette wheel (in the two official languages of the Region – English and Spanish). At the session defined for this purpose, one of the outgoing Coordinators will spin the roulette wheel to select the question randomly. Under no circumstances shall the coordinator ask questions to a candidate of the same Member Organization to which they belong.

Candidates will have a maximum of two minutes to answer each question in this session. No other presentations will be made during the Network meeting. Candidates should consider that this session will have a simultaneous translation so that answers can be given in either of the two official languages of the Region (English or Spanish).

If you have questions about the Interamerican Youth Network Coordinator nomination process, forms, or submission of nominations, don't hesitate to get in touch with the current Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators at redjovenes.youthnetwork@scout.org, the Regional Youth Programme Director, Mauricio Veayra, at mveayra@scout.org or Laura Delgado, Executive to support Operations, at laura.delgado@scout.org.

Yours in Scouting,



Raúl Sánchez Vaca

Regional Director
World Scout Bureau
Interamerica Support Center

Annexes:

Annex 1 - [Specifications of the functions of the Network Coordinators and suggested profile.](#)

Annex 2 - [Nomination Form](#)

Annex 3 - [Statement of Motivation](#)

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ANNEX 1

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE FUNCTIONS OF COORDINATORS OF THE INTERAMERICAN YOUTH NETWORK AND SUGGESTED PROFILE

The desired profile for Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators is:

- Is between 18 and 25 years of age on the election date.
- Knows networking and teamwork.
- Manages virtual communication platforms.
- Has available time and commitment to participate in the Network during the established period actively.
- Possess collaborative work skills.
- Has a Mobile device and internet access.
- Speaks at least one of the two official languages of the Interamerican Region (English and Spanish) satisfactorily.

Responsibilities of the Youth Network Coordinators

- Ensure constant communication among youth at the local, national, and/or regional levels.
- Design and develop a three-year work plan aligned with the Regional Plan.
- Encourage the participation of young people in developing projects and support the dissemination of other members' projects.
- Establish committees or working groups to maintain constant communications with the youth of the Region.
- Promote youth participation in activities organized by NSOs, the Region, and other entities.
- Promote and contribute to strengthening youth participation platforms in the Interamerican Region.
- Collect and promote best practices of youth participation in Scouting.
- The Youth Network Coordination must regularly report its actions to the Network.



ANNEX 2

NOMINATION FORM

For the election of Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network

This form is part of a 5-item package to be submitted by each candidate:

- Completed **Nomination Form** (this document),
- Duly completed candidate's **Statement of Purpose** (Annex 3),
- **A horizontal head-to-shoulders color photo of the candidate** in electronic format (see Annex 4. A for technical specifications),
- A **3-minute video** with the **Statement of Purpose** (see Annex 4.B for technical specifications) e
- **Digital image of an identity document** issued by the national authorities of their country, showing the date of birth.

The complete package must be sent to the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Center via email to interamerica@scout.org **before March 24, 2023, at 23h59 Panama time (GMT -5), in digital format only.**

Last name:		Name:	
Nationality:		Current country of residence:	
Date of birth:		Genre:	
Personal e-mail:		Cell phone number:	

Registered member of WOSM with the following NSO:	
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Educational background and qualifications:	
Academic or professional activities:	

Please mark in bold the language proficiency:					
English	native language	fluent	good	basic	none
Spanish	native language	fluent	good	basic	none
...	native language	fluent	good	basic	none
...	native language	fluent	good	basic	none
...	native language	fluent	good	basic	none

Scouting experience (positions, dates, etc. including service on Committees and/or Task Forces as well as participation in international scouting events; maximum 20 total scouting experiences):	
National level:	
Regional level:	



World level:	

Membership in other organizations:	
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Please include a brief justification as to why the NSO is nominating this person as a candidate for the Interamerican Youth Network Coordination (max. 200 words)

We confirm that the candidate has agreed to participate in the Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators election and is willing to commit her/his time, energy, and passion to the Interamerican Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

NSO:	
Country:	
Name:	
Position*:	
E-mail:	
Date:	
Signature:	

* The nomination of candidates for Interamerican Youth Network Coordinators must be signed by authorized representatives of the NSO (Chairperson, National Chief Scout/Executive Director, or International Commissioner).

The Safe from Harm course is a requirement that applies to anyone involved in Scouting leadership. It is the right and responsibility of the nominating NSO to implement the necessary checks to ensure no record of the candidate in any child protection matter.

By checking the box, the candidate's NSO confirms that they have the Safe from Harm online course and that any history of misconduct or inappropriate behavior was verified²; therefore, the candidate is fully endorsed by their NSO.

Those who still need their certificate can take the course at the following links in [Spanish](#) and [English](#). For those who have already taken the course from January 1, 2019, to date, it is optional to retake it, but it is required to attach the corresponding certificate.

² World Scout Conference Resolution 2002-07 "Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm", WOSM Child and Youth Protection Position Paper (2016) and World Policy "Safe from Harm".



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE For the election of Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network

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Last name:		Name :	
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1. What is your motivation to be the Coordinator of the Interamerican Youth Network? (max. 200 words)

2. What needs, and opportunities does the Interamerican Region have where the Youth Network can contribute? (max. 150 words)

3. What experiences and skills will you bring to strengthen the Interamerican Youth Network and the National Youth Networks? (max. 150 words)

4. How would you describe your leadership style? (max. 150 words)

5. What are your proposals to improve the performance of the Interamerican Youth Network during the period? (max. 200 words)



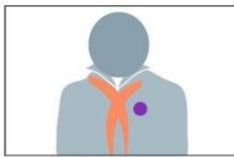
ANNEX 4.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS HEAD-TO-SHOULDER PORTRAIT OF THE CANDIDATE For the election of Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network

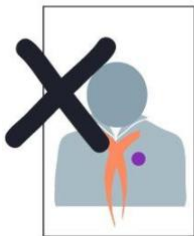
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Yes Landscape



NO vertical

- Recent color photograph
- Clothing: In national scout uniform
- Horizontal
- White background
- Digital format - High resolution
- .JPG or .TIFF file
- NO Power Point file
- NO Microsoft Word file



ANNEX 4.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 3-MINUTE VIDEO OF THE CANDIDATE For the election of Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network

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- Clothing: In national scout uniform
- Horizontal
- White background
- Digital Format - High resolution (1280 x 720 pixels recommended)
- Format: .MP4 file
- Maximum of 3 minutes
- Videos can be recorded in English or Spanish.
- The written script must be submitted in English or Spanish. WSB-ISC will provide translation and add subtitles to the video in the additional language (Spanish or English).