ANNEX 1
APPLICATION FORM

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Please select as applicable:

	YES	NO
I am a national or resident of a Latin American and Caribbean country of Annex I of the Escazú Agreement	x☐	☐
I am registered in the Regional Public Mechanism by the closing date of the electoral register (31 July 2026)	x☐	☐
I am employed or have been employed in any branch of the State, national or sub-national, within the 12 months prior to the election	☐	x☐

a. Personal details

1) Full name: Ruth Viola Spencer

2) Gender: Female

3) Date of birth (day/month/year): 14/04/1955

4) Nationality: Antiguan

5) Country of residence: Antigua

6) E-mail, for communications with the public: ruthspencer5@gmail.com

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b. Subregion. Indicate the electoral sub-region for which you are running according to your nationality or country of residence **(select ONE):**

Subregion 1. ☐
Subregion 2. x☐
Subregion 3. ☐

c. Languages

Level of Spanish:

Oral:	Basic: ☐	Intermediate: ☐	High: ☐	Mother tongue: ☐
Written:	Basic: ☐	Intermediate: ☐	High: ☐	Mother tongue: ☐

Level of English:

Oral:	Basic: ☐	Intermediate: ☐	High: x☐	Mother tongue: ☐
Written:	Basic: ☐	Intermediate: ☐	High: x☐	Mother tongue: ☐

Other language (please specify)

Oral:	Basic: ☐	Intermediate: ☐	High: ☐	Mother tongue: ☐
Written:	Basic: ☐	Intermediate: ☐	High: ☐	Mother tongue: ☐

d. Letter or statement of motivation for applying for the role (600-1000 words maximum):

As a bold, determined committed and passionate Caribbean woman, I want to continue to be a part of the ongoing implementation processes in the other English speaking Caribbean countries.My experiences and stories can inspire and provide support to government who need to build meaningful relationships with the local people. We will not meet the global targets until the whole of society is included and apart of the conversations. I was a part of the negotiation meetings of P10 which lead to the Escazu Agreement and supported the implementation workshops held in Belize, Grenada and St Kitts. I am determined to continue to empower local people and groups especially those in vulnerable situations bringing awareness, education and hope ensuring their views are a part of the environmental decision making processes. I am the local communities representative serving on several global advisory boards to include the Caricom Technical and Scientific Collaboration Center and also across many of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA).I seek to build synergies across these conventions and I ensure that the Escazu Agreement is the nexus for all of these agreements which obligates parties to deliver to the people**.** My work and actions spread across many conventions to include Waste Management, Chemicals and Pollutants, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Mercury. I am blessed and honored to see the many opportunities for implementation, building synergies, integration and linkages of the Escazu Agreement with many processes and across the conventions and through piggy backing, I make many connections. I aim to ensure that the rights of all persons to a clean and healthy environment must be supported and backed up the knowledge, valuation and recognition of the people and aim for this to be become a part of the overall decision-making process. These local solutions are impacting global agendas and target. I have authored several case studies that tell the stories and show the evidence of local community-based adaptation action. I ensure that people are in the center of sustainable development by supporting local groups, mobilizing financial resources as well as key elements and tools for capacity building and awareness raising. I move to the next level as I am passionate about ensuring that the successes, experiences and testimonies of these local initiatives are able to contribute to global dialogue through case studies, advocacy and videos. I advocate for the experiences of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to be respected and valued, and considered in important decision making spaces. Through my efforts, I have built the capacities of over 20 local grassroots community organizations by securing funding for transformative projects, offering mentorship, and fostering partnerships that strengthen their social, economic, and environmental impact. By

prioritizing local knowledge, I have successfully integrated marginalized communities into larger environmental movements, enabling them to contribute to global agendas. Throughout my years of dedicated service to this ambition, I have accumulated an impressive list of accolades, including graduating from Yale and serving on several UN boards and bodies. I continue to support the implementation of the Escazu Agreement, and has shared in the authorship of a case study. I have also received many awards the most recent being "The Dame Gwen Tonge Lifetime Legacy Award. Celebrating success is important. Recognizing what is working and providing support to the champions devoted to restoration, adaptation and mitigation raises the possibility to believe that we can face and resolve our shared environmental crisis.

e. Education and relevant experience: indicate your education and experience in matters related to the Escazú Agreement

My ongoing focus, passion and interest is in people centered development. My studies at both the Bachelor's, Masters and Post Graduate Studies has been focused on International Development Economics at Yale University, New Haven, Ct.

The knowledge and experiences gleaned over the years from working with people in all settings and walks of life has given gave me a wide and inclusive gender lens developing respect for each voice. I am the local communities representative serving on several global advisory boards to include the Caricom Technical and Scientific Collaboration Center and also across many of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA).I seek to build synergies across these conventions and I ensure that the Escazu Agreement is the nexus for all of these agreements which obligates parties to deliver to the people**.** I ensure that people are in the center of sustainable development by supporting local groups, mobilizing financial

resources as well as key elements and tools for capacity building and awareness raising. I keep moving and advancing to the next level as I am passionate about ensuring that the successes, experiences and testimonies of these local initiatives are able to contribute to global dialogue through case studies, advocacy and videos as well as my in person presence at many of the global meetings.. I advocate for the experiences of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to be respected and valued, and considered in important decision making spaces. Through my efforts, I have built the capacities of over 20 local grassroots community organizations by securing funding for transformative projects, offering mentorship, and fostering partnerships that strengthen their social, economic, and environmental impacts. By prioritizing local knowledge, I have successfully integrated marginalized communities into larger environmental movements, enabling them to contribute to global agendas. Throughout my years of dedicated service to this ambition, I have accumulated an impressive list of accolades, including graduating from Yale and serving on several UN boards and bodies. I continue to support the implementation of the Escazu Agreement, and has shared in the joint authorship of an Escazu case study. I have also received many awards the most recent being "The Dame Gwen Tonge Lifetime Legacy Award. Celebrating success is important. Recognizing what is working and providing support to the local people and groups devoted to restoration, adaptation and mitigation raises the possibility to believe that collectively we can face and resolve our shared environmental crisis. My life operates by key values "do unto others as you would have them do to you" and "to whom much is given much is required. In this role I will continue to be proactive and visionary, willing to go the extra miles, thinking outside of the box, taking on new roles and responsibilities willing to go against the odds, and making the necessary sacrifices to deliver "big wins" for the people. In the Caribbean region where I will be serving, I have the respect of the people, my work is exemplary, demonstrating integrity, showing humility and empathy with people. I have connections, alliances and association with many local groups that I have built up over the years so I can continue to build and strengthen alliances for Escazu actions.

My work and actions have spread across many conventions to include Waste Management, Chemicals and Pollutants, Biodiversity, Land Desertification Climate Change, Mercury. I am blessed and honored to see the many opportunities for implementation, building synergies, integration and linkages of the Escazu Agreement with many processes and across the conventions and through piggy backing, I make many connections. I aim to ensure that the rights of all persons to a clean and healthy environment must be supported and backed up the knowledge, valuation and recognition of the people and aim for this to be become a part of the overall decision-making process. These local solutions are impacting global agendas and target. I have authored several case studies that tell the stories and show the evidence of local community-based adaptation action.

f. Time availability: please explain your time availability and commitment to perform the functions of representative of the public

As we move to the all of society approach for the full implementation of the Escazu Agreement, it involves working with people, building partnerships and collaborations for public education and awareness of the Escazu Agreement. Serving as a Representative of the Public as an honor towards the empowerment of the people. I commit to giving priority of my time, knowledge and resources to fulfill this important mandate to carry out the functions, roles and responsibilities of the Public Representative

g. Other relevant information

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