



PROFILE OF REGIONAL/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FOCAL POINT

REGION: Latin America

1. Personal data	
Name	Yeshing Juliana Upún Yos
Year of birth:	-
Nationality:	Guatemalan

2. Position		
Organisation name:	Service (from/to month/year):	Position/responsibility:
Sotz'il Asociation	February , 2015 until now	Coordinator, Indigenous Peoples Rights
Indigenous Forum of Abya Yala (Latin America)		

3. Qualification	
Level of education (PhD/Master/Degree/diploma)	Field of specialisation:
I'm currently writing my bachelor thesis.	Faculty of legal and social sciences

5. Language	
Language:	Competency:
Mayan Kaqchikel	I'm an advocate of indigenous people and women rights, she has undertaken actions oriented towards the defense of the indigenous peoples collective rights, especially in issues to related climate change, natural resources, sustainable development with a focus on biodiversity conservation based on the traditional knowledge, also has coordinated sustainable development trainings and capacity building for indigenous People, including young and women.
Spanish	
English	

5. Key Professional Expertise :
I've been working on the following issues: indigenous world views, traditional knowledge and communal organization; Mayan People rights and Maya Women rights; Maya development, communal management of lands and bio-cultural territories, forests, biodiversity and management of collective areas by indigenous people; and climate change.

6. GEF-related experience:
Last year, Sotz'il Association in coordination with the Indigenous Bureau on Climate Change of

Guatemala worked a project with the Small Grant Program, Promoting the Participatory Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the national and international climate change negotiations, sustainable alternatives based on indigenous knowledge and practice related, recovery and revitalization of indigenous cultural practices in relation to sustainable livelihoods, and participation of indigenous people in local and national environmental governance.

7. Other Experiences:

Sotzil has undertaken different technical and political activities related to the indigenous peoples and their collective rights, in the local, national, regional and international levels, where I have been participating actively.

Representative Role:

Member of the Indigenous Bureau on Climate Change

Member of the National Committee on Climate Change

Member of the Indigenous Forum of Abya Yala (Latin America) on Climate Change

Member of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (Mesoamerica)

Member of the Communal Land Promoter Group, Guatemala.

Member of the coordinating committee of the Indigenous Women Biodiversity Council in Guatemala

Member of the Indigenous Women Biodiversity Network from Latin-American and Caribbean, coordinating.

8. Papers/Articles/Published Document