

AFRICAN DIASPORA ASSEMBLY

PROVISIONAL 6TH REGION

ELECTIONS

A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



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CANDIDATE INTEREST & ELECTION PROCESS GUIDELINES

- 1) All interested parties join their Regional WhatsApp Group
- 2) TOWN HALL MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AND HELD
- 3) All interested parties who wish to run as a Candidate, must present their completed 6th Region-Application Form and post it in the Group (Annex 1)
- 4) All group members must read and digest each Candidate's submission. 5) A sub-group of the Regional group will be created and called "RESULTS"
- 6) On VOTING DAY [to be determined] each group member will name the Candidate he wishes to Vote for and post it in the sub-group "RESULTS". (Annex 2)
- 7) Everyone will be able to see and determine who has received the most Votes.
- 8) Elected Candidates will then be published officially through the medias.

BRAZIL	USA	CARIBBEAN	SOUTH AMERICA	EUROPE
ELECT 4 PRINCIPALS AND 4 DEPUTIES	ELECT 4 PRINCIPALS AND 4 DEPUTIES	ELECT 4 PRINCIPALS AND 4 DEPUTIES	ELECT 2 PRINCIPALS AND 2 DEPUTIES	ELECT 2 PRINCIPALS AND 2 DEPUTIES

MIDDLE EAST	CENTRAL AMERICA	CANADA	ASIA & OCEANIA
ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1	ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1	ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1	ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1

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CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

FOR 6TH REGION VOTING PROCESS ONLY

SECTION III OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Background and Contact details of designated Candidate.

FIELD	CANDIDATE REPRESENTATIVE
Full Name	Joseph Lionikem Barrera Kelly
Age	49
Gender	Male
Your Home Country	Colombia
Your Region	Central America
Occupation/Designation	Attorney Lawyer
Highest Academic Qualifications	Project Manager Administrative law specialist
Email Address (mandatory)	joseph.barrera1975@gmail.com
WhatsApp Number (Optional)	+57 315 737 3871

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Describe why you would be the most suitable Candidate to hold the position as a representative for the 6th Region (5000 words or less).

Please indicate whether you believe you fit all of; most of; or some of the criteria outlined in the Official Applications of ECOSOCC

<https://ecosocc.au.int/en/elections>

***Disclaimer – these elections are independent of AU ECOSOCC which currently has no legal framework to include the diaspora**

I am convinced and confident that I possess the skills, experience, and personal qualities necessary to excel as a representative for the 6th region.

Deep Understanding of the Region:

Having lived and worked in the region of Central America, for more than 30 years, I possess an intimate knowledge of the area's unique Challenges, opportunities, and cultural nuances.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated effective leadership skills, successfully managing teams, projects and initiatives that have positively impacted the community.

I am an exceptional communicator, able to articulate complex ideas, listen actively, and build strong relationships with diverse stakeholders.

I am driven by a genuine passion for public service and a commitment to improving the lives of constituents.

Achievements and qualifications:

Education:

Diploma holder in Ethnic affairs, indigenous languages and native Colombian cultures,
Diploma holder in public policy with a focus on Human Rights and emphasis on prevention.

I hold a degree in the legal field,
specialist in administrative law,
Specialist in projects manager,
Pursuing a Master degree in Human Rights.

Community involvement:

I have been actively engaged in various community organizations. At the age of 19 I was elected as a member of the consultative commission at the Departmental Government in Saint Andrew Island, demonstrating my dedication to the region's well-being.

Professional experience:

Municipal Judge with warranty control functions,
Judge of sentence enforcement,
Administrative director of the local migration office.

Which has equipped me with the skills and experience necessary to effectively represent the 6th region.

My vision of the Central American Region
As a representative, my primary objective will be to address the unique challenges facing our region. Key areas of focus will include.

Economic Development:

	<p>I will work tirelessly to attract businesses, create jobs, and stimulate economic growth.</p> <p>Education and Healthcare:</p> <p>I will advocate for improved access to quality education and healthcare services, ensuring that our region's residents receive the support they need to thrive.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability:</p> <p>I will prioritize environmental protection, promoting initiatives that preserve our region's natural beauty and resources.</p> <p>As an African born in America, living outside the continent, I believe I fit most of the criteria outlined in the Official applications of ECOSOCC AND I am interested in being part of the assembly of the African diaspora in order to contribute to the optimal development of the continent and my co-descendants around the world.</p> <p>I look forward to the opportunity to serve our community and make a positive impact on the lives of our constituents.</p>
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SECTION IV THEMATIC INTERVENTION AREAS

Rank the **Top 3** thematic areas of intervention (in order of priority) of your organization or your personal expertise or interest.

SN	THEMATIC INTERVENTION	SUB-AREAS	RANK
1	Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment	Agriculture and Food Security Rural Development Sustainable Environment Climate Change Environment; Water and Natural Resources Desertification	1
2	Economic Development, Trade, Industry, Mining	Trade Industry Handicrafts Customs Immigration Mining AfCFTA	

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3	Education, Science, Technology & Innovation	Education ICT Human Capital Innovation Science and Technology Space	
4	Infrastructure, Transport and Energy	Energy Transport Communications Infrastructure Tourism	
5	Political Affairs, Peace and Security	Conflict Management Peace Building Prevention and Combating Terrorism Drug & arms trafficking Security reforms Human Rights Rule of Law Democratic and Constitutional Rule Good Governance Electoral Institutions Humanitarian Affairs	2
6	Health, Humanitarian Affairs & Social Development	Health Drug Control Population & Migration Labour and Employment Family & Elderly The Physically Challenged Social Integration	3
7	Women & Gender Development	Women Empowerment Children Gender Equality	
8	Cross-Cutting Issues	HIV/AIDS COVID-19 Response International Cooperation Partnerships Diaspora	
9	Youth Development	Youth Development Sports	
10	Arts, Culture & Heritage	Arts Culture Heritage	

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PART VI DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made above are correct to the best of my knowledge.¹

Signature :

Joseph Lionikem

Name and title:

Barrera Kelly

01/14/2025

Date:

Applications duly completed and signed should be submitted within your Regional WhatsApp Group for deliberation by its members.

¹ False information will lead to an automatic disqualification

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VOTING FORM

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YOUR REGION IS:

1. Vote for your **Principal** Candidate/s

FIELD	CANDIDATE	COUNTRY
Full Name		

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2. Vote for your **Deputy** Candidate/s

FIELD	CANDIDATE	COUNTRY
Full Name		

**VOTING FORM SHOULD BE SENT TO
“RESULTS” WHATSAPP SUB-GROUP**