

## Nomination for ICAE President

Jose Roberto 'Robbie' Guevara

### Proposal: (Max 1.5 pages)

- Rationale for the nomination
- Proposed contributions of the candidate to ICAE's work if elected as an EC member
- Outline the support the nominating organisation can offer the candidate if elected as an EC member

### **ASPBAE nominates Jose Roberto 'Robbie' Guevara for the position of ICAE President.**

Robbie's leadership of ICAE as incumbent ICAE President has contributed well to asserting ICAE's global leadership role in the ALE movement, in ensuring a strong CSO voice in critical global education policy spaces, notably CONFINTEA VII, and in sustaining a valued space to promote quality adult learning and education especially serving the interests of vulnerable and marginalized groups and communities. We firmly believe that Robbie's re-election as ICAE President will offer the leadership continuity that can best consolidate the many advances in advocacy, programmatic and institutional development efforts launched in this current ICAE EC's term.

It is important to note that the current ICAE Executive Committee, was inducted in April 2020, at the start of the pandemic. Despite not having the opportunity to meet in person until June 2022, Robbie managed to lead and motivate a strong level of engagement of the ICAE EC and members that allowed the ICAE to achieve the following milestones:

**Engage** with the UNESCO Futures of Education process, with a paper entitled "Because the future cannot wait". Robbie led and facilitated the collaborative process that involved representatives from all the regions. **Robbie's strong capacities to facilitate and motivate regional membership engagement will continue to be harnessed under his ongoing leadership.**

**Advocate** successfully throughout the entire CONFINTEA VII process that helped to secure the key principles of adult learning and education in the Marrakesh Framework for Action (MFA). This involved helping to organise and speak at the regional preparatory consultations, motivating timely responses to the draft MFA, including for members to engage in the 10 days of action, and chairing the Civil Society Forum, that kicked off the visibility of civil society at CONFINTEA VII. **Robbie's capacity to lead and mobilise individuals and organizations to advocate for our collective commitments to adult education as a right for all within lifelong learning will be available to ICAE under his continued leadership.**

**Secure funding** from the Open Society Foundation, that allowed the ICAE to sustain a level of active engagement and visibility at the key global education platform, during these

very challenging times. **Robbie's capacity to speak to potential funding partners with passion about ICAE's work will continue to be harnessed in his ongoing role as President.**

**Sustained visibility of the ICAE at key global fora - which Robbie facilitated well as a highly effective representative of CSOs and ICAE.** As an educator who is committed to participatory popular education, Robbie – in his own person - continues to be invited by governments, academic institutions, and other civil society organisations to speak and facilitate sessions around his areas of expertise such as in education for sustainable development and global citizenship education, within the framework of adult learning and education. **He has lent his own stature as an academic, ALE practitioner and NGO leader in his role as ICAE President. It is this capacity to effectively facilitate and communicate to sustain ICAE's visibility but also advocate its core values that will continue to be available if Robbie is re-elected.**

**ASPBAE has continued to actively support its elected ICAE officers from the Asia-Pacific region** through ensuring the visibility of ICAE in the region, collaborating with ICAE during global policy events like the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), CONFINTEA VII processes, ensuring active participation of Asia Pacific members in ICAE events and campaigns and by hosting ICAE events, like the upcoming World Assembly in Bali in November 2023. In addition, ASPBAE also supports its elected ICAE officers through our strong advocacy for ALE in the region and our capability- building of ALE advocates and educators. ASPBAE will continue to offer this support to the office of the ICAE President under Robbie's leadership.