



Diana Barragan, MA, Candidate for Regional Coordinator Latin-America

Name and first name	BARRAGAN, Diana
Member of	BPW Ecuador
Nominated by	BPW Ecuador
Consent of own Affiliate	
For position of	Regional Coordinator Latin America
BPW Offices	<p><i>BPW International:</i></p> <p>Member of Constitution Review Taskforce (CRT) from 2014 to 2017</p> <p>Spanish & French Translator for President's Office from 2005 to present</p> <p>Member of Constitution Review Taskforce (CRT) from 2008 to 2011</p> <p><i>Federation:</i></p> <p>BPW Ecuador President. from 2008 to 2011</p> <p><i>Club:</i></p> <p>BPW Quito President (twice). from 2000 to 2006</p> <p>BPW Geneva Member of Public Relations Standing Committee from 1991 to 1994</p>
Positions in other Voluntary Organisations	<p>1999-2003 Coordinator and Executive Director – Consejo Nacional de Organizaciones Civiles de Desarrollo Social – CONOCIDES (National Council of NGO's). Quito, Ecuador</p> <p>1998-2002 Executive Director – Fundación Nuestros Jóvenes (Our Youth Foundation) – Quito, Ecuador</p> <p>1987-1994 Counsellor. Fundación Nuestros Jóvenes (Our Youth Foundation); FARO; Selva Vida sin Fronteras. Quito, Ecuador.</p>
CV	<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Degree • Political administration in Democracy and Electoral participation (2006-2007) – CEDIME – PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DEL ECUADOR (PUCE) • Masters in Development Studies– Institut de Hautes Études Internationales et du Développement – HEIUED, Geneva University, Switzerland • Clinical Psychologist Degree – Geneva University, Switzerland.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School - Colegio Nuestra Madre de la Merced (Our Lady of Mercy High School). Excellency. Guayaquil, Ecuador. <p>Professional experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney at Law: BARRAGAN HONEGGER Partners • Partner: BARRAGAN HONEGGER Partners - Counselling in Foreign and National Investment Projects • Director for French & Spanish Speaking Countries - International President's Office BPW International (International Federation of Business and Professional Women). • Coordinator and Executive Director - Consejo Nacional de Organizaciones Civiles de Desarrollo Social – CONOCIDES (National Council for NGO's). Quito, Ecuador • Executive Director - Fundación Nuestros Jóvenes – Quito, Ecuador • Executive Director – Ecuador Tourism Centre in Switzerland – Geneva, Switzerland • Tourism Attaché – Ecuadorian Government, Bern Switzerland • Counsellor: Fundación Nuestros Jóvenes; FARO; Selva Vida sin Fronteras. Quito, Ecuador. <p>Offices Held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Standing Committee Constitutional Review • President Standing Committee Legislation – BPW International • President of Ecuadorian Federation of Business and Professional Women – BPW Ecuador • Counsellor during National Constitutional Assembly 2008 - Ecuador • President of BPW Quito (twice) • Member of Standing Committee PR, BPW Geneva • Cultural and Tourism Attaché for Ecuadorian Government, Bern, Switzerland • Government Representative in WHO International Forum. <p>Memberships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Fundación Nuestros Jóvenes (Our Youth Foundation) • Member of Counselling Board: Fundación Selva Vida sin Fronteras • Member of Counselling Board FUNDACIÓN PARA EL AVANCE DE LAS REFORMAS Y LAS OPORTUNIDADES – FARO <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate to National Assembly (Asamblea Nacional del Ecuador) • Candidate to Andean Parliament (Parlamento Andino) <p>Languages Spanish, French, English, Italian (spoken).</p>
Statement	<p>Dear Presidents,</p> <p>I am Diana Barragan from BPW Ecuador and I'm an Attorney at Law. I'm aware of my challenges as a woman of the 21st Century; gender inequality has always been the common denominator in women's life. Even if for us Western women our needs, yet to be met, are secondary needs, social media and international press remind us every day how some of our sisters close to us still suffer from discrimination and abuse in all the areas of their lives and at all levels of society. I could not ignore it.</p>

	<p>When I was first invited to join BPW Geneva Club in Switzerland in 1991, I realized that I had found a space from which I could contribute to change. It was a very active and committed club where I learnt to channel my efforts with all means BPW International offers its members. BPW Members have that in common, we are concerned about the lack of gender equity; our sisters' suffering is also ours and we are moved by the desire to influence change. Although this does not differentiate us from many other women activists, what makes us different is we have learnt how to channel and structure our efforts. We do it by organizing and supporting each other. We share similar goals and objectives, voluntarily submit ourselves to an institutional structure with the indispensable tools to achieve those goals; we have partnered with international organizations to make our work more effective. In exchange for all these benefits, we provide with our skills and good will that are the seeds from which BPW International has grown.</p> <p>Once in Ecuador, I learnt what it means to lead- to better serve and convey the message. However, it is not enough to reach a decision-making position, it is essential to know how to leave it behind and return to a position from which we follow somebody else's leadership just as good as or even better than ours. I was twice President of BPW Quito and once of BPW Ecuador. I have also held international functions. It has not been an easy task, but I have tried to fulfill it with responsibility, dedication and commitment.</p> <p>Today I thank my Federation BPW Ecuador for my nomination and the Presidents of Latin America for their confidence in selecting me during the Regional Conference as their next Coordinator. If elected by the General Assembly, I will serve with creativity and individuality, yet always respecting the rules and structure of BPW International.</p> <p>I know BPW International needs its membership, therefore I will strive to preserve and grow it from the Region. I also know that together we can be more effective and I will promote union and friendship among Latin America members and with those around the world. Another important challenge for an organization such as BPW International, is communication. I will see to it that it is fluid for a good governance and member's benefit.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Diana Barragan</p>
<p>Supporting Statement</p>	<p>BPW Ecuador is proud to support Diana Barragan as a Regional Coordinator for her professionalism, knowledge, dedication and willingness to help BPW International thrive in this new era.</p> <p>Diana Barragan has extensive experience in coordinating social organizations and foundations as well as being a longtime BPW member in both Switzerland and Ecuador. She has held positions in the organization at local, national and international level. Her triple training as a Psychologist, Expert in the Third World Development and Attorney at Law, will be a great contribution in her role of Regional Coordination in our Region.</p> <p>On behalf of all members of BPW Ecuador and the Executive, we have the honor to present the General Assembly of BPW International with her nomination.</p> <p>Dolores Otáñez President of BPW Ecuador</p>

	Quito, March 30, 2017
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