

## UNCAC Coalition Coordination Committee Elections

### Candidate Nomination and Self-Nomination Form 2024

**\*\* Nominations must be received by  
Wednesday, 22 May 2024, end of the day \*\***

Please send applications and any questions regarding the elections or the role and responsibilities of CCC members to the Coalition’s Vienna Hub:  
[info@uncaccoalition.org](mailto:info@uncaccoalition.org)

The list of members is available at <https://uncaccoalition.org/about-us/members-list/>.  
The current list of CCC members is available at:  
<https://uncaccoalition.org/about-us/coordination-committee/>

**Part I: To be completed by those self-nominating and those nominating another member**

<b>Nominated organization’s name<sup>1</sup>: Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ)</b>
<b>Name of nominated organization’s representative: Clara Inés Lucarella</b>
<b>Nominated organization’s e-mail: institucional@acij.org.ar</b>
<b>Nominated organization’s website: <a href="https://acij.org.ar/">https://acij.org.ar/</a></b>
<b>Nominated organization’s country: Argentina</b>
<b>Name and organization of individual nominating (if this is not a self-nomination):</b>
<b>Which seat are you nominating for? Americas Regional Seat</b>
<hr/> <p>The seats up for election are: (a) Americas Regional Seat; (b) Europe Regional Seat 1; (c) South Asia Regional Seat; (d) Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Seat 1; (e) International Member Organization Seat 1; (f) Individual member Seat</p>

<sup>1</sup> In case of a nomination for individual member seat: name of the person and his/her email, as well as a website, if available.

**Part II: To be completed by those self-nominating; if this is not a self-nomination, the UNCAC Coalition will follow up with the nominee to obtain the below information**

**Organization profile (200 words – leave empty for individual member seat)**

Please provide a **200-word profile of the nominated organization, including link to its website**, for circulation to Ordinary Members:

The [Civil Association for Equality and Justice \(ACIJ\)](#) is a nonpartisan and non-profit organization dedicated to defending the rights of the most disadvantaged groups in society and strengthening democracy in Argentina. Founded in 2002, ACIJ aims to uphold the effective application of the Constitution and the principles of the rule of law, promote compliance with laws that protect disadvantaged groups, eliminate discriminatory practices, and contribute to developing participatory and deliberative democracy practices.

One of the main goals of ACIJ's [Strengthening Democracy Program](#) is to fight corruption and state capture in Argentina from a democratic and human rights perspective. In essence, the program's view is that democracy necessarily requires the input of citizens in strengthening institutions as an indirect exercise of popular sovereignty; thus, the participation of citizens in facing corruption is a prerequisite for positive and sustainable results.

ACIJ seeks to facilitate access to clear and organized public information about corruption cases and trials in progress, foster transparency and accountability in the judiciary's prosecution, and promote civic engagement against impunity. For this purpose, we have built an [observatory of corruption cases](#), which allows citizens to follow the judicial status of corruption cases.

Other ACIJ actions in the field of anti-corruption include:

- The sanction of Argentina's Freedom of Information Act, alongside other CSOs.
- The active participation in the process of elaboration of the Asset Declaration and Public Ethics Act in Argentina.
- The leadership, together with other organizations, of the "[Anti-corruption Social Agreement](#)" to create a roadmap of the actions that Argentina should implement in the fight against corruption;
- The production of a great amount of publications on Corruption in Argentina: <https://acij.org.ar/category/temas/corrupcion-y-captura-del-estado/>

**Organization experience (200 words – leave empty for individual member seat)**

Please provide **an overview of the nominated organization’s experience in the UNCAC Coalition and its UNCAC-related activities**, for circulation to Ordinary Members:

For more than a decade, ACIJ has been an active member of the UNCAC Coalition, contributing to monitoring the effective implementation of the UN and OAS conventions against corruption in Argentina. For example, in 2011, we elaborated the [country shadow report](#) reviewing Argentina’s implementation and enforcement of selected UNCAC articles for Year 1 of First Review Cycle. In 2021, with the support of the UNCAC Coalition, ACIJ elaborated a [report](#) on the implementation in Argentina of chapters II (Preventive Measures) and V (Recovery of Assets) of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

Moreover, ACIJ representatives attended COSP 7 and COSP 10, which took place in Vienna and Atlanta, respectively. During the COSP 10, Clara Lucarella, in charge of ACIJ’ Strengthening Democracy program, was a panelist at the special event on “Victims of Corruption: Back for Payback”.

The organization has already been part of the UNCAC board in two terms: 2016-2017 and 2018-2019.

Currently, ACIJ participates in two UNCAC Working Groups (Victims of Corruption and Human Rights and Corruption) and in the Regional Meetings for Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Please list your top 3 priorities for the Coalition what you would like to achieve as a CCC Member:**

1. Improve the capacity of Latin American civil society to work effectively against state capture in their countries by strengthening the regional anti-corruption network;
2. Ensure the recognition of the interrelation between corruption and human rights violations by international bodies.
3. Promote the right of access to public information enabling citizens to control their respective authorities and preventing corruption.

**Profile of candidate (200 words)**

Please provide a **200-word profile of the person who will represent the nominated organization and a photograph (submitted attached)** for circulation to Ordinary Members. In addition, you may also include a link to a video profiling the candidate and organization:

Clara Inés Lucarella is a lawyer who graduated from the University of Buenos Aires. She is a professor of “Human Rights and Guarantees” at the Law School of the University of Buenos Aires.

Clara coordinates the Strengthening Democracy Program at the Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ). She is the author of several documents published by ACIJ about the judiciary, transparency and corruption, and citizen participation. She has led several projects in ACIJ related to access to information, corruption, the role of the judiciary, among others. Various strategies were used in many of these projects, such as the use of public information, open data and the use of new technologies. She has also represented ACIJ in national and international civil society networks linked to these issues.

**Contributions you will make to the work of the Coalition (max 100 words)**

Please provide a brief description of how you are planning to contribute to the work of the UNCAC Coalition, e.g. detailing specific issue expertise, experiences and perspectives you would like to bring to contribute, and how the work at your organization links to a role on the board of the Coalition.

As a board member, ACIJ would like to focus on citizen accountability and access to public information as the main means of fighting corruption and state capture.

To this end, the organization has already built an [observatory of corruption cases](#), which allows Argentine citizens to follow the judicial status of corruption cases. Other actions in this regard included producing many [reports on Corruption in Argentina](#) and sanctioning Argentina’s Freedom of Information Act alongside other CSOs.

ACIJ would like to bring this perspective to the board by planning activities and conducting research in this direction.

## Part III: Declaration of Interests

Each candidate to the CCC shall fill out and submit this Declaration of Interest form no later than one week prior to the CCC election and submit it jointly with their candidacy. Once elected, CCC members commit to keep such declarations updated. To that effect, they will be required to explicitly confirm that their respective register is still current or to update it ahead of every in-person CCC meeting and any CCC meeting with agenda items where a conflict of interest may arise (i.e. decisions on contracts, consultancies, etc.).

The completed declarations will be published on the UNCAC Coalition website following explicit consent from the respective individual, in conformity with applicable GDPR provisions.

<b>Name</b>	Clara Inés Lucarella
<b>Date of election/ of appointment</b>	Wed, 5 June – Wed, 12 June
<b>Submitted/ last updated</b>	May 22.

<b>Name of your primary employer<sup>2</sup></b>	Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia
<b>Name of any other employers or major clients<sup>3</sup> over the past two years</b>	/
<b>Name of organisations on which Board or Board committees you currently serve</b>	/
<b>Name of any business(es), organization(s) or entities in which you have a significant financial investment or other vested financial interest<sup>4</sup></b>	/
<b>Any interests of close relatives<sup>5</sup> that may be relevant to the Coalition's work</b>	No
<b>Any other interest you believe necessary to declare: relevant</b>	No

<sup>2</sup> Wherever appropriate, please provide an adequate level of detail (such as the jurisdiction companies or organisations are registered in, possibly also the employer's website) so that the information provided here is sufficient to help document relevant interests.

<sup>3</sup> Major clients are individuals or organisations that provided for 10% or more of the declaring individual's income over the past two years.

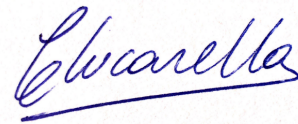
<sup>4</sup> More than 10% ownership or controlling position, or investment of more than 5% of his/her total assets.

<sup>5</sup> *Close relatives* includes mother, father, siblings, children, spouse, first degree cousins.

<b>(non-) remunerated roles and positions, memberships, etc.</b>	
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Please note: if in a discussion of the Coalition Coordination Committee (whether in person, teleconference, or otherwise), an unanticipated and undeclared interest arises, you must notify the Chair and comply with CCC's decision concerning your (non-)participation in the relevant CCC agenda item.

By submitting this form, you confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, the information in the form is current, complete and accurate. By submitting the form, you also acknowledge and pledge to comply with the Coalition's Ethical Guidelines and Policy on Conflicts of Interests, Gifts and Anti-Corruption and also consent to the publication of this document on the UNCAC Coalition website.



Buenos Aires, May 22

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Place, date

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Signature