



Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)

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**AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOMINATIONS FOR THE SIX-YEAR TERM
BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2020**

Article 3.k of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and the Article III of the Statute of the Audit Review Committee (“ARC Statute”) stipulate that the Executive Committee is responsible for electing the members of the Audit Review Committee (“ARC”), established to coordinate the examination of the accounts of the General Directorate by the Member States.

Pursuant to the ARC Statute, the ARC comprises three members, none of the same nationality, who serve six-year terms. At least one of the three members of the ARC shall be elected from among the candidates presented by the six Member States that are the largest contributors to IICA’s Regular Fund, and at least one member shall be elected from among candidates nominated by the other Member States.

On December 31, 2019 the term of Mr. Steve Rickrode on the ARC will expire. Thus, the election of a successor is on the agenda for the Executive Committee’s upcoming regular meeting convoked for July 16-17th next.

On this occasion, the new member will occupy the position reserved for a member elected from among the candidates presented by the six Member States that are the largest contributors and, according to the Statute of the ARC, “...shall be a high-ranking official of the office or entity responsible for examining the accounts for the public administration of the Member State of which he is a national.”

Accordingly, the Director General asked the eligible Member States to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee to select a new member to sit on the ARC from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025. In response to that request the following nominations have been received:

Brasil: Mr. Gustavo Pereira da Silva Filho
United States of America: Ms. Kathy Buller

Attached are the nominations and curricula vitae of the candidates.



Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil

Nº 002

San Jose, 2 May 2019

Mr.
Manuel Otero
Director General
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
By hand

Dear Director General,

My warmest greetings to you. I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA) has decided to nominate Mr. Gustavo Pereira da Silva Filho, Director of Governance and Management of the Executive Secretariat of the Ministry, as a member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

2. Please find attached the curriculum vitae of Brazilian candidate Gustavo Pereira da Silva Filho.

Allow me to convey the assurances of my highest consideration.


Maria Dolores Penna de Almeida Cunha
Minister Counselor



GUSTAVO PEREIRA DA SILVA FILHO

EXPERIENCE

- Director of the Governance and Management Department of the Executive Secretariat of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (DGG/SE/MAPA). March 2019 to date.
- Director of the Program of the Executive Secretariat of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (SE/MAPA). June 2005 to January 2009; August 2010 to January 2011; November 2011 to present.
- Deputy Representative of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in Brazil. September 2006 to November 2011. April 2002 to January 2003.
- Advisor of the Southern Regional Center of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), December 2001 to March 2002.
- Advisor to the Deputy Director of the Federal Budget Secretariat of the Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management. March 1996 to September 1996.
- Planning Technician and Planning and Budget Analyst at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, in the budget area. September 1974 to February 1996.

EDUCATION

- Master's degree in business administration with a specialization in organizations, Federal University of Minas Gerais.
- Specialization in government planning, Training Center of the Institute for Applied Economic Research (CENDEC/IPEA).
- Advanced course in Administration, University of the Federal District.

MAIN AREAS OF WORK

Coordinating and supervising international technical cooperation in the country, as well as planning, budgeting, control and management activities.

Currently responsible for coordinating the following areas of the Ministry for Agriculture, Livestock and Supply: budgeting, planning, institutional development, risk management, process management, financial management, information and training.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Date of birth: 3 July 1947
- Place of birth: Rio de Janeiro/RJ
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The Under Secretary of Agriculture
for
Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs
Washington, D.C.

MAY 17 2019

Ms. Mari Stull
Representative
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation
on Agriculture (IICA)
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Dear Ms. Stull:

At your earliest convenience, please forward the enclosed letter to Dr. Manuel Otero. We have sent an electronic copy of the letter to the IICA in Costa Rica. I greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted A. McKinney".

Ted A. McKinney
Under Secretary
Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs

Enclosure



The Under Secretary of Agriculture
for
Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs
Washington, D.C.

MAY 17 2019

Dr. Manuel Otero
Director General
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation
on Agriculture (IICA)
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Dear Director General Otero:

This is in response to your letter of March 7, 2019, to the U.S. Department of State regarding the nomination of a candidate for consideration by the Executive Committee as a new member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC). I am pleased to formally notify you that, in accordance with Article 3.2 of the Statute of the IICA ARC, the Government of the United States nominates Ms. Kathy Buller, Inspector General of the U.S. Peace Corps, to serve on the ARC following the expiration of Mr. Steven Rickrode's term.

Enclosed please find Ms. Buller's curriculum vitae. Ms. Buller's careful selection represents a joint effort with Assistant Secretary for International Organizations Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Ambassador Kevin E. Moley. Ms. Butler is a highly qualified candidate, who we expect will serve the ARC well.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to reiterate to you and to your Administration the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted A. McKinney
Under Secretary
Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs

Great to see you in DC....
twice in one day. So glad
for you being at IICA & doing
what you are. Onward &
Enclosure upward ~

Jed

Kathy Buller

Inspector General

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Skills

Leading organizational change

Problem identification and solving

Negotiation

Consensus building

Internal audits, evaluations and investigations

International operations

Attorney with 36 years of experience in the federal government, 33 of which are in the Inspector General community with 21 of those in the Senior Executive Service. Current position is the Inspector General of the Peace Corps providing oversight over Peace Corps programs and operations in 63 countries around the world. Adept at working with members of Congress, high level executive branch and foreign government officials. Serve as a leader in the federal Inspector General community chairing the Legislation Committee that develops legislative proposals to ensure the Inspector General community has the tools it needs for effective oversight and transparency for federal government programs and operations.

Experience

2008-07 -

Inspector General

present

Peace Corps

Provide oversight to the programs and operations of the Peace Corps through audits, evaluations and investigations.

- Identify areas of vulnerability in internal control systems.
- Identify threats to the safety and health of Peace Corps volunteers.
- Recommend changes to agency programs and operations to make them more efficient and effective.
- Assess whether agency actions will result in intended results.
- Interface with local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies to protect volunteers and Peace Corps resources.
- Interact with high level United States government and foreign government officials.
- Brief Congress on issues identified within agency.
- Testify at Congressional hearings.

1998 -

Legal Counsel to the Inspector General

2008-05

Social Security Administration

Provided leadership of the legal and external affairs functions of the office of Inspector General.

- Led the implementation of the agency's Civil Monetary Penalty program.
- Served as part of the President's Identity Theft Task Force.
- Served as a resource for congressional staff and executive branch agencies in drafting legislation affecting the stewardship of agency programs and operations of the Inspector General.

1994-08 -

Assistant Inspector General for Resource Management

1998-08

United States Agency for International Development

Directed administrative support to the office of Inspector General staff worldwide.

- Negotiated and oversaw opening and closing of Inspector General offices overseas.
- Planned and tracked multi-million budget to ensure adequate funding was available for Inspector General activities.
- Led the development and deployment of a workload tracking system.
- Led the implementation of Human Resource activities, including, hiring, performance management, disciplinary actions and retirement.

1986-08 -

Deputy Legal Counsel to the Inspector General

1994-08

United States Agency for International Development

- Provided legal advice and management direction to legal staff,
- Drafted and reviewed legal opinions written by legal staff..
- Second chaired cases involving Inspector General operations.
- Assisted the Department of Justice in investigating and prosecuting cases involving agency operations.
- Drafted regulations implementing agency Security Clearance Suspension and Revocation and Program Fraud Civil Remedies procedures.

1985-08 -
1986-08

Attorney Adviser/Program Officer, Office of Administration of Justice and Democratic Development

United States Agency for International Development

Developed, implemented, and oversaw programs and projects to assist countries in Latin America and the Caribbean improve the administration of justice in their respective countries.

- Met with high level government officials to assess administration of justice status.
- Developed judicial training program.
- Designed and drafted implementing documents for international criminal investigator training program.
- Designed and negotiated Caribbean Justice Improvement Project.

1983-11 -
1985-08

Attorney/Adviser, Office of the General Counsel

United States Agency for International Development

Provided accurate and timely advice concerning the provision of the United States Foreign Assistance Program.

- Reviewed proposed projects for legal issues and sufficiency.
- Represented the agency in litigation.
- Drafted agreements with foreign countries and nonprofit organizations.

2007 -
2012

Adjunct Professor

Stevenson University

Courses taught:

- Fraud Investigation and Prevention
- Criminal Justice
- Investigative Techniques/Interviewing
- Evidence

2008 -
2009

Associate Adjunct Professor

University of Maryland University College

Courses taught:

- Global Business Management

1987 -
1990

Adjunct Professor

University of Virginia

Courses taught:

- International Business Transactions
- International Business Seminar

2015-05 -
present

Chair Legislation Committee

Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency

- Track bills being developed in Congress to identify those with potential to impact the Inspector General community and communicate possible concerns to Congress.
- Work with 74 Inspectors General to get a consensus concerning legislative priorities for the community.
- Lead development of legislative proposals sent to Congress for consideration.

- Provide briefings to Congressional members and staff concerning Inspector General community issues.
- Testify in Congressional hearings on Inspector General community issues.

Education

1983-08 - 1985-05	Georgetown University School of Law, Washington, DC L.L.M. International and Comparative Law
1978-08 - 1981-05	Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska J.D. Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Law Moot Court• Law Review
1974-08 - 1977-12	Creighton University, Omaha Nebraska B.A. Majors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political Science• Philosophy Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Model United Nations• Dean's List

Licenses

1981-09	Admitted Nebraska Bar
2004-01	Admitted United States Supreme Court