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# CANDIDATE BIOS

## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

*This document is a supplement to the formal online ballot.*

Enclosed are the biographical sketches and photos of the candidates for the 2022 IAIA Board of Directors election. Please review these bios and then cast your vote via the online ballot. Eligible IAIA members received the ballot link and personalized ballot number via email. Please submit your electronic ballot by **Thursday, 3 February 2022**.

IAIA members can vote for one candidate in each of the following categories:

<b>President-Elect:</b>	Edith Birungi Kahubire Miles Scott-Brown
<b>Director (Position A):</b>	Heikki Kalle Miguel Repas Goncalves
<b>Director (Position B):</b>	Kiichiro Hayashi Ernesto Monter

**Returning IAIA Board Members:**

Marla Orenstein  
Gaby Factor  
Verónica Giberti  
Justine Namara  
Victoria Márquez-Mees  
Bryony Walmsley

*Thank you for taking time to vote in the 2022 election.*

## PRESIDENT-ELECT



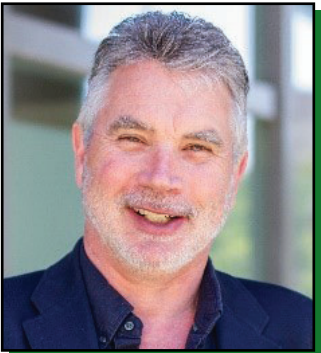
**Edith Birungi Kahubire**

The recent COP26 concluded that global greenhouse gas emissions need to be reduced by about 45 percent by 2030 and to reach net zero by 2050.

With 16 years dedicated to undertaking socio-economic, environmental, and social impact assessment studies in different sectors and an advanced track record in due diligence, social monitoring, and mitigation assessment at the multilateral level, plus a deep understanding of African Development Bank, World Bank, and IFC Performance standards, I have come to the realization that our discipline requires a fresh perspective to addressing complex dilemmas facing the environment and people.

I recognize how important IAIA's position on the climate emergency is and how it is accelerating the deterioration of earth systems that threaten our common future. I believe that there has never been an opportune moment to solve this complex challenge like now. Being part of the IAIA Training and Professional Development Committee (TPDC), I see immense opportunities to disseminate tools and methods that provide for technological pathways to the future we want.

As President of the IAIA Board, I intend to build on the already good progress that the current Board has achieved with greater focus on critical analysis and reasoning for climate change mitigation. It is indeed important that all members can undertake careful assessments of climate risks, impacts, and mitigation (both short- and long-term) using cutting edge technology and making it integral to high-level decision-making. I look forward to working with diverse teams to contribute to the solutions that will stimulate the world's net zero target.



**Miles Scott-Brown**

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your President-Elect. As an impact practitioner for thirty+ years, I am a long-term and committed member of IAIA. My platform focuses on the IA part of IAIA. "I" stands Inclusion and "A" for Action. Here is a vision on how I would make this a reality:

**Inclusion:** this means building from within IAIA and moving outwards from there. It means strengthening the ties between our membership, affiliates, and associates and bringing a more seamless "one association" approach to how we work together. Inclusion means stronger relationships with our partners and donors, aligning IAIA with others who share our values and dedication to impact assessment.

**Action:** these are three activities I would focus on if elected:

- Expand the IAIA brand to become the premier go-to voice of impact assessment and its importance to a build a better world;
- Build on our resilience shown through the pandemic to strengthen our financial buffer to weather future unknowns;
- Promote innovation and technology to improve messaging with our members, stakeholders, and our hard-working staff. This also means working with and influencing the next generation of IA practitioners to find their place within IAIA.

As President of IAIA, I will ensure to bring Inclusion and Action to fruition and create a long-lasting impact on our members and supporters.

For more information about my background, see my LinkedIn Profile (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/miles-scott-brown-90a63422>).

Thank you. I look forward to your support in delivery of my IA platform.

## DIRECTOR (POSITION A)



**Heikki Kalle**

I have been an Environmental Assessment (EA) practitioner for 30 years with particular interest in Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). I am a director at DGE Group, sharing my time between corporate management and SEA assignments, mainly in Scandinavia and the Baltics. Aside from consultancy work, I have been teaching EIA practical courses and participating in EA research at several universities as well as the Estonian Association of Impact Assessment and the Estonian Environment Institute. Also, I have been co-organizer of the Nordic Baltic EA conferences in 2012 and 2018, as well as the Tallinn Forum online conference “Advances in European SEA Practice” in 2020.

My experience with IAIA dates back to 2010 when I participated at the IAIA special symposium in Aalborg, Denmark. I have been a regular conference participant ever since. My regular topic on which I have organized sessions over the last 7 years has been related to tiering of EA's. Also, I have participated in the work of the Training and Professional Development Committee (TPDC).

As a member of the Board, my focus would be to leverage IAIA leadership in building a synergetic relationship between the impact assessment community and governments and businesses, which are increasingly launching sustainability initiatives. We must “ride the wave” of these initiatives and make sure that EA IAIA leadership is continuously part of the dialogue on sustainability policy and innovation. Another topic close to my heart is applying in IAIA the experience of online EA teaching and conferencing which is here to stay as a result of the global Covid status. We as IAIA representatives have to adjust and generate the best balance between physical meetings and rapidly developing online communication tools.



**Miguel Repas Goncalves**

I am an international EIA and Biodiversity practitioner and academic with a strong interest in the role that IA has in de-risking renewable energy projects for the global energy transition. My main contributions and activities have been related to bird collision risk mitigation strategies for wind farms and technology based systems, including radar assisted shutdown on demand which my team and I pioneered in 2008 and has since been successfully mitigating bird fatalities in global migratory flyways.

I have been working extensively in bird migration issues at wind farms (offshore and in land) in Europe, Middle East, and Africa, preparing successful EIA/ESIA reports, environmental management plans and mitigation strategies using key technologies and innovative approaches. I am actively involved in several international networks related to wind and wildlife interactions.

As co-founder and current CEO of STRIX, I have more than 20 years of managing, organizational, and leadership experience. I have developed a successful business that consistently delivers innovative solutions to complex environmental problems for the wind energy sector.

I am also fully committed to building local capacity and mainstreaming EIA globally. At the Institute of Science and Environment of USJ in Macao, I am a Visiting Academic where I currently lecture on EIA and Performance Standards in the Master of Environmental Sciences and Management program.

As a Member of the Board, I will be committed to contributing to IAIA's leading role in the energy transition towards net-zero emissions. IA will be the fundamental tool for the global deployment of renewable electricity, harnessing its many benefits without loss of biodiversity – a major challenge to decarbonizing global economies.

## DIRECTOR (POSITION B)



**Kiichiro Hayashi**

I am a Professor at Nagoya University, Japan. My research focuses on environmental assessment, ecosystem services, and international cooperation.

I first participated in IAIA in the 2000 Hong Kong conference. Since then, I have participated in around 18 IAIA conferences. I was a vice chair of the local organizing committee of IAIA16 in Nagoya, Japan. I have been organizing an Asian SEA/ EIA session almost every year since 2005 with Korean, Chinese, and Japanese professionals. I was also a first author of Chapter 6: "SEA in the Asia Region" in the "Handbook of Strategic Environmental Assessment" (Edited by B. Sadler, R. Aschemann, J. Dusik, T. Fischer, M. Partidario, R. Verheem) issued in 2010, which was one of the outputs of IAIA's SEA symposium in Prague in 2005. Currently I am a member of the IAIA Awards Committee (since 2019).

I have already published over 100 articles/books/chapters. I was a member of many environmental study groups by Japanese governments, such as the Ministry of the Environment. I have also participated in the Advisory Panel on Environmental and Social Consideration, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), since 2016 as a member and since 2018 as a vice chair.

Based on my network, I will try to expand the impact assessment professional network at the global scale, especially in the Asian region. Also, I am currently doing many research works on ecosystem services, renewable energy, etc. The findings will be expected to facilitate the discussion and experiences more in this field in IAIA.



**Ernesto Monter**

I am honored to be nominated to the IAIA Board of Directors. I am an Environmental Engineer with a Masters in Environmental Sciences and Policy and have been an environmental specialist for more than 25 years. Prior to joining the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), I have had the opportunity to work both in the public and private sectors in Mexico, where I started my career assisting in the development of innovative programs in Mexico City to curb pollution. At the IDB, I have a broad role covering Latin America, where I have focused my efforts in seeking solutions to address adverse environmental and social impact related to complex infrastructure projects, specializing in the transport sector. I have had the privilege to work in 24 countries, which has provided me a broad perspective on the environmental and social challenges in the Latin American region as a whole.

To the Board, I will bring experience in tackling global environmental issues including climate change, and an appreciation for the need to involve the private sector in solving these critical challenges. I have spent my career leading multi-disciplinary teams in highly complex multi-year projects with public and private sector stakeholders around the world.

If elected as a Board member, it would be my goal to direct my passion on the environment to the IAIA mission, including ways to enhance the understanding of and the promotion of new innovations like artificial intelligence and data visualization to assist the environmental practitioners of the future.