



Presentation of the candidacy for the IIN OAS General Management 2023 - 2027

ASUNCIÓN, PARAGUAY



Hi, my name is Maria Julia Garcete.

I'm Paraguayan, I have been working for the full validity of the rights of children and adolescents for more than 20 years, from the public sector and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

From my profession as a social worker, the exercise of my work finds its motivation in the realization of the rights of boys and girls to play, breastfeeding and the inclusion of all in family and community spaces and the public agenda.

That is why I have assumed the Coordination of the National Early Childhood Team for 10 years from my role as Head of the Department of Comprehensive Development of Boys and Girls of the Ministry of Childhood and Adolescence in Paraguay; as well as 10 years as Paraguay's technical liaison with the Inter-American Institute for Children and Adolescents of the Organization of American States (IIN - OAS).



Some of my achievements at the national level

LAW 5508, WHICH AIMS TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING.

- It was sanctioned on October 1, 2015
- Establishes that the State shall promote, protect and support motherhood and Exclusive Breastfeeding up to 6 (six) months of age and Complementary Breastfeeding up to 24 (twenty-four) months of age, ensuring the care and feeding of boys and girls, and the mother during pregnancy and lactation.
- The extension of the leave period for the mother (18 weeks) and for the father (14 days)

LAW 5778 THAT CREATES THE NATIONAL PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR TIMELY STIMULATION (PRONAES).

- It was sanctioned on December 6, 2016
- This Law obliges the State to provide all mothers whose deliveries take place in hospital centers throughout the national territory, with a set of materials aimed at the timely stimulation of newborns.
- These materials will be prepared with the participation of adolescents aged 14 and 15 in their educational centers, accompanied by guides on nutrition, stimulation and good treatment.
- Also a letter of intergenerational commitment between the one who makes the toy and the newborn who receives it.



Some of my achievements from citizen action

I'M CO-FOUNDER OF THE PARAGUAY AMAMANTA NETWORK FOR BREASTFEEDING.

- It arises in 2014
- We promote actions to position breastfeeding with advice to mothers to start, sustain and enjoy breastfeeding.
- Once a year we organize the "Mamatón", a gathering of mothers and their babies, families and breastfeeding support groups, to commemorate World and National Breastfeeding Week.

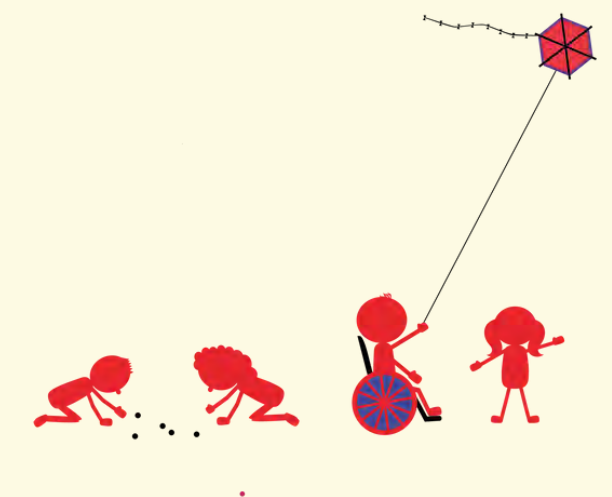
I AM AN ACTIVE PROMOTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GAME AND TOY LIBRARIES

- On May 28, the International Day of Game is commemorated worldwide, defined by the United Nations at the proposal of the International Toy Libraries Association (ITLA).
- Since 2013, in Paraguay we celebrate this day in public spaces and outdoors, as part of the agenda of the rights of boys and girls, promoting free, creative, imaginative play.



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A PROPOSAL OF INNOVATION FROM PARAGUAY



After many years a woman would come to this position



AFTER A PERSONAL REFLECTION, I CONSIDER THAT MY WORK OVER THIS TIME HAS SUFFICIENT SOLVENCY TO BE PROJECTED AT A REGIONAL LEVEL.

THIS IS HOW I APPLY FOR THIS CANDIDACY.

Through it, I believe that I can contribute the experience and knowledge that I have acquired in various instances of the system for the protection and promotion of children and adolescents, while providing an opportunity to balance the participation of a woman in this managerial position.

This year the Institute celebrates 96 years of life. On the way to the Centenary of the Institute, I believe that it is very important to project a view from female leadership, which will focus on:

Work proposal

1

PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Sustain achievements

From teamwork and networking, to technical assistance to the states, study of regulatory frameworks, exchange of practices, generation and support of networks of technical links, production of tools and intervention devices, processes training from the Inter-American Training Program, development of contents and communication strategies.
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INNOVATION

Observatory of Public Policies for Children and Adolescents

Technical assistance to the states from an accumulated experience of public policies implemented in the continent, focusing on the observations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Boy and the Girl and with the participation of organizations of children and adolescents, based on networks with which the Institute works.

3

INCLUSION

Articulation and networking

Integrate regional initiatives on issues of inclusion of children and adolescents with disabilities and the childhoods that, due to their condition, experience barriers to their participation (indigenous, migrant, afro-descendant, institutionalized children, and others) promoting exchange with specialized agencies for the approach to these situations.

**The future of childhood
as long as it carries the new,
coincides with the construction of a just society.**

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