



# ***SOMOS EL PRESENTE (WE ARE THE PRESENT)***

## ***CHARTER***

### ***Introductory Note***

The Charter of Somos el Presente (We are the Present) was signed November the 27<sup>th</sup> 2012, in Lima, City, at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Forum of Public Service and came into force on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012.

### ***Preamble***

We, the young citizens of the world, are determined:

- To achieve full youth engagement in public policy design and participation through the inclusion of our voices in the global conversation.
- To influence the global decision making, policy drafting and legislative implementation of measures that ensure youth engagement in public policy design and participation.
- To promote the empowerment of youth through peaceful action in order to reach this social, economic and political imperative for humanity.

## ***CHAPTER 1***

### ***Purposes and Principles***

#### ***Article 1***

The purpose of Somos el Presente (We are the Present) is:

1. To promote the empowerment of youth.
2. To attain intergenerational understanding on respect for the equal rights and dignity of the people.
3. To highlight between youth the importance of youth engagement in public policy design and participation as an imperative that directly benefits them as well as society.

#### ***Article 2***

The principles of Somos el Presente (We are the Present) are based on Equality, Non-Discrimination and Inclusion.

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## **CHAPTER 2**

### *Membership*

#### *Article 3*

1. Somos el Presente (We are the Present) embraces all human beings as potential members, targeting particularly youth (between the ages of 17 and 30 years).
2. Member shall accept the entire obligation in the present Charter, and all other relevant documents and, in judgment of the Organization. Members are able and willing to carry out their responsibilities towards Somos el Presente (We are the Present) and the broader cause of youth empowerment.
3. The admission of such candidates to membership in Somos el Presente (We are the Present) will be determined by the decision of The Board of Directors.

#### *Article 4*

1. The Board of Directors may immediately expel a member of Somos el Presente (We are the Present) who has violated the principles contained in the present Charter and all other relevant documents of the Organization.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### *Organs*

#### *Article 5*

1. The principal organs of Somos el Presente (We are the Present) are: the Board of Directors, the Steering Committee, the Ambassador Committee and the Global Advisory Council.
2. Such subsidiary organs as found necessary may be established in accordance to the principles of the present Charter.

#### *Article 6*

1. The Board of Directors is guided by the Chairman and consists of the Global Director, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman. The members of the Board of Directors have a permanent position within the organization and are responsible of guiding Somos el Presente (We are the Present) towards the completion of its mandate.
2. The Board of Directors is limited to the three (3) positions mentioned above.

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## Article 7

1. The Steering Committee is guided by the Global Director and consists of the Chairman, the Communications Director, the Fundraising Director, the Mobilization Director, the General Counsel, the Administrative Director and the Global Director. The Steering Committee is responsible for the operation of the Somos el Presente (We are the Present) mandate.
2. New positions within the Steering Committee shall be appointed upon the decision of the Board of Directors.

## Article 8

1. The Ambassador Committee is guided by the Director of Mobilization. The Ambassador Committee is responsible for the execution of the Somos el Presente (We are the Present) mandate.
2. The appointment of the Ambassador Committee will be determined by the Steering Committee.
3. The Ambassador Committee upon approval of the Steering Committee will determine the appointment of the Ambassadors and Social Media Ambassadors.

## Article 9

1. The Global Advisory Council is guided by the Global Expert Advisor and consists of all appointed expert and technical advisors. Its function is to expertise and technical knowledge to Somos el Presente (We are the Present) when consulted.
2. The Board of Directors according to the principles of the Charter shall appoint the Members of Global Advisory Council.

## Article 10

1. The Charter may be changed at any time upon the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors.
2. The Charter is applied in complementation with the Somos el Presente (We are the Present), the Somos el Presente (We are the Present) members Terms of References and all other relevant documents of the Organization.

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