Throughout my professional career I always worked hard to promote “Environmental Awareness and its Education” in Cyprus. It has always been a strong motivation for me to improve environmental sensitivity for children.

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I personally believe that with the help of my past experiences and studies I would easily contribute these bicommunal discussions. It would be a pleasure for me to use my skills, experience and partnership for the benefit of this form.

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