

Nomination for Board of Directors

Kianoosh Mehrabi

National member: Iranian Rafting Association

Candidate for:

Sustainability Committee Chair

Nominated by:

Iranian Rafting Association



Introduction:

Current Chair of Sustainability Committee since 2017 and looking to serve another four years in the role.

Professional Experience:

- Managing Director of Marcopolo Ecotourism Company since 2017
- Adventure Leader & Ecotourism Guide since 1995
- Sustainable Tourism & Ecotourism Instructor and Adventure Tourism Instructor since 2002
- Cooperating as volunteer in UNDP conservation programs and projects in Iran since 1995

Skills:

Sustainability and Sustainable Tourism planning, Adventure Travel Project Planning and Management, Adventure Team Leadership & Management, Teaching Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism, Raft Guiding and Rafting Trip Leading (Level 3), Flood Rescue, White Water Rescue, Ecotourism & Adventure Guide, Team management, Decision Making, Strategic Planning, Research in the field of nature tourism and adventure tourism, Cooperating in Making documentary movies, Team Working

Education / Training:

Master's in Geography and Tourism Planning, IRF Trip Leader (TL3), IRF Chief Judge, Rescue 3 Europe Advanced Swiftwater Rescue Technician (SRTA), Rescue 3 Europe Whitewater Rescue Technician (WRT), Instructor by Special Rescue Iran, Technical Tour Management from Iran Ministry of Tourism, Nature Based Tour Guide from Iran Ministry of Tourism

Summary Statement:

UN says Sustainability is "a balanced approach to environmental, social and economic aspects, providing for both present and future needs." And IOC says "When making decisions, ensure feasibility, and seek to maximize positive impact and minimize negative impact in the social, economic and environmental spheres."

Sustainability is very important to our lives because it improves our quality of life, protects our ecosystem, and preserves our natural resources for future generations. There is a great need for sustainable development in the sport of rafting and rafting as an adventure tourism activity.

A passion of mine is developing sustainable rafting. I have experience in rafting as a sport, rafting as adventure tourism as well as experience in judging and water rescue. I would like to help develop sustainable rafting in the world as a member of the IRF Sustainability team.

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