



Swati Verma (Presidential Candidate)

General info

- C4D specialist from India
- Works for UNICEF India in the Technology for Development (T4D)
- Graduated in Development Studies, SOAS University of London in 2018
- Experience and expertise in community management
- OCEANS president in 2020/21
- Interested in building community with young people in sector of development and global partnerships
- Hears out others first before giving opinion
- Passion for developing youth networks

Ideas and goals

- Building an advisory board from experienced members
- Streamline handover process for a smooth digital transition during COVID-19
- Become a legal network
- Diversify the sources of funding
- Creating global partnerships

Roadmap for OCEANS to become more independent

- Decision on which region OCEANS wants to register in (HQ priority)
- Discussion of required documents /statutes/type of organisation (volunteer, CSO, non-profit)
- Now is a good time because we are in sort of a downtime due to COVID-19
- Regional headquarters
- Necessary to establish an independent identity outside of ESAA and the EC as delays with the EC can damage the network (e.g., signature of new contract only in Nov)



Funding

- Giving more incentives for putting OCEANS on CVs etc.
- Apply for more funding
- Setting up a board/separate team dedicated to fund raising

Digital activities in times of COVID-19

- Prepare and focus on AGM and handover (as this has been a challenge for the previous board)
- Create advisory board with experienced members with monthly meetings to draw from their previous experience how to go forward in a digital age