

CANDIDATE PROFILE



NAME: Belisario Contreras

DEPARTAMENT/OFFICE: Secretariat of Multidimensional Security (SMS), Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Bachelors in Business Administration

Universidad Francisco de Paula Santander

Masters of Arts in Latin American Studies (Government and Security)

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Belisario Contreras is the Cyber Security Program Manager at the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Organization of American States (OAS). He has served the GS/OAS for almost 10 years. He began his career at the OAS as an intern, subsequently as a CPR, and has worked in both the General and Professional Services of the Organization.

Mr. Contreras has a deep understanding of legislative and policymaking processes in the area of information technology and cybersecurity. He has played a key role in the development of cyber security capacities in the Americas. Mr. Contreras led the design, planning and execution of numerous cyber security initiatives in the Americas, and he has successfully promoted strategic partnerships between the OAS and key international actors (including civil society and private sector actors in this field).

Prior to his current position, Mr. Contreras worked at the Young American Business Trust (YABT), and was a fellow of the Department of National Planning (DNP) of Colombia. Mr. Contreras is an Oxford University Associate, and a member of steering committees such as the South School of Internet Governance and SEGURINFO, among others.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I am honored to present my candidacy to the Staff Association Committee. After serving the GS/OAS for almost 10 years as an Intern, CPR, the General Services and the Professional Services, I believe I am not only qualified and ready, but I have a greater desire than ever to commit myself to represent the interests of all OAS personnel, to promote a more inclusive and fair work environment, to defend our rights, and to relentlessly pursue what is just. I am especially interested in and dedicated to issues related to work stability that are impacting and will impact OAS personnel now and throughout the foreseeable future, due to the current circumstances of the Organization.