**Nomination Form**

**IAU National Astronomy Education Coordinator (NAEC)**

The Network of IAU National Astronomy Education Coordinator Teams (NAEC Teams) of the IAU Office of Astronomy for Education (OAE) connects the OAE with the astronomy education communities in the different countries. As of **mid-February 2020**, the OAE has begun to build its international NAEC network.

Each NAEC team should consist of up to five experts in astronomy education. If possible, experts in primary and secondary education, as well as in astronomy education research, should be included. NAEC Teams should be diverse both in terms of gender as well as in terms of your country’s geographic regions, ethnicities and languages, where applicable.

Each NAEC team is meant to help the OAE document and analyze how astronomy is used in teaching in its country, identify existing relevant actions, organize professional development for teachers and develop readily accessible and high-quality educational material tailored to the specific needs of the country, and for specific groups and school levels.  Each NAEC team will be the interface between the OAE and the astronomy education community in its country, particularly creating a link from the IAU to teachers interested in astronomy and in using astronomy as a tool for teaching science in primary and secondary school.

If you are interested in becoming a NAEC, please fill in the form below.

**NAEC selection criteria**

* NAEC Team members should have a proven track record in supporting and organizing astronomy education activities in their country
* Each NAEC should add relevant expertise to the team, notably in the areas of primary or secondary education, informal education, or astronomy education research
* Each NAEC Team should have a good network within its country, connecting relevant astronomy education stakeholders such as teachers (primary and secondary education), stakeholders in informal science education (such as planetariums, science centers and amateur astronomy associations).
* Ideally, the NAECs would already have established ties with policymakers and with the institutions responsible for national or regular curricula in their country.

Please send the completed form to [oae@astro4edu.org](mailto:oae@astro4edu.org) – if your country is an IAU member country, we will forward the application to your country’s National Committee for Astronomy or your country’s IAU National Member Contact; if your country is not an IAU member, we will work with the applicants to create a suitable NAEC team. Since we expect quite a number of applications, please be patient – we may not be able to get back to you right away.

## **Personal information**

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| Nomination Country: | | |
| Candidate Name: | | Preferred pronoun: e.g. she/her, they/them |
| Affiliation: | | Are you an IAU member? Yes/No |
| Email: | | |
| Mobile Phone: | Office Phone: | |
| Office Address: | | |
| Mailing address (if different from above): | | |

## **Further details**

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| Top astronomy education efforts within the last 12 months by the applicant. Please list no more than 5 items and add the effort, audience type and reach.  (e.g. organized a teacher training with 30 participants, developed material published on astroEDU, completed astronomy education research project) |
| Please list the local or regional astronomy-education-related institutions that the candidate is directly affiliated with at present, or has been in the past. State name, number of members, and role of the institution.  (e.g.:  Chair of the National Astronomical Society’s committee on education, with 10 members, which coordinates the Society’s teacher trainings.) |
| Please describe the connection you have with other astronomical societies/communities or educational institutions at any level, including professional astronomers, amateurs, school teachers etc. |
| Describe briefly what particular experience and skills in the area of primary education, secondary education, informal education or astronomy education research you would bring to the team (max 200 words). |

## Please name a referee who can tell us more about your astronomy education activities

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| Name:  Affiliation and position:  Country:  Email: |