

Personal Statement by Julio Linares for the Public Outreach position

Dear BIEN members,

I would like to run for my third and last post as public outreach for BIEN before I rotate. In my capacity as public outreach for BIEN I would like to finish the cycle that was started in the years of 2019-2020 when with many others we began the process of starting the Latin American Basic Income Network (LABIN), whose first Congress takes place in Costa Rica this year, hosted by the Costa Rican Basic Income Network. Next year, BIENs congress will be held in Brazil, which coincides with the COP (as well as the counter-COP) and the efforts being made by the progressive forces of this world to renew the call for a New International Economic Order (or NIEO 2.0) for the 21st century, reminiscent of the original G77 United Nations proclamation in 1974. I have been silently and tirelessly weaving relationships between the movements of this world that are calling for a social and ecological just transition, from debt cancellation to degrowth, from the anticolonial feminist movements to the struggle against US imperialism and more. The strategic importance of the Brazilian congress for our movement cannot be underestimated. The future of the political direction of this world is at stake and we need now more than ever to be loud about the power to say no which basic income brings to the table. In my last term, I would like to finish this cycle by ensuring that UBI is at the center of the coming transition, not just in Latin America but everywhere. Thank you.

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