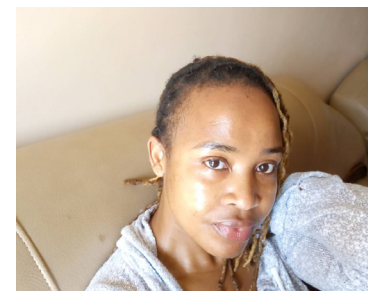


# IOM STAFF SPEAK...

## Why we think Jo Rispoli's best for GSAC Chair!

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**Carolyn Tumuhimbise**  
(Ethiopia)

I was only seven days in IOM and I hardly knew anyone. I was trying to learn the IOM culture in order to make friends and belong. Jo was the first person that made me feel part of the IOM family and boosted my confidence in labour migration. He continues to support me—when I ask for one document, he sends me 10 relevant documents. I engage him on Skype, WhatsApp, e-mail, and his mobile, and he is always available. I can trust him, he's approachable, and that's why he would be the right person to champion my causes and other people's causes as the GSAC Chair.



**Wambui Kabogo-Gituku**  
(Somalia)

I am pleased to provide my support in voting for Jo as GSAC Chair. I have known and worked with Jo for the last six years in the Labour Mobility and Human Development Division (LHD). I have been one of the mentees that Jo has mentored in his new undertaking of the LHD mentorship programme. One of the most important character traits of Jo is his passion and dedication to whatever task or activity he undertakes. He is one of the most honest and open colleagues I have worked with. Jo's communication skills are impeccable and he works well with different people from diverse backgrounds. He is respectable and humble. I believe creating the right foundation with the new position for GSAC Chair is very important for the future Chairs. With Jo's enthusiasm, sincerity, and commitment, he is the best-suited person to be the GSAC Chair.

**"The future depends on what you do today" - Mahatma Gandhi**

Vote for Jo! Vote for staff training opportunities, gender inclusion, equal and fair representation of staff welfare.



**Annie Lane** (Zambia)

I have no hesitation in recommending Jo Rispoli as GSAC Chair! Having known Jo for close to eight years as a colleague and friend, his attitude, energy, and commitment have always been a great inspiration to me. In my opinion, Jo's knowledge of IOM, understanding of staff needs and challenges, as well as his proactive attitude and positivity are exactly what's needed for this role. For these reasons, I believe he is an excellent candidate.



**Kojo Wilmot** (Ghana)

Jo Rispoli is a very enthusiastic goal-oriented man. His work in IOM Ghana made a significant impact on the functioning of the mission and his legacy still stands now. He is a professional staff member who assimilated into the Ghanaian culture with everyone, including partners, calling him "Kofi" (i.e. the name for male Friday-borns in Ghana). This attests to the fact that he has grown to understand people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, and he can work with all manner of persons, especially local staff in the field mission. I am of the firm belief that having Jo in the position of GSAC Chair will give equal opportunities for all staff to have their voices heard. I am confident that he will run the affairs of GSAC in a fair and transparent manner for the benefit of all.



**Fumiko Nagano**  
(The Gambia)

I believe Jo Rispoli would make an excellent GSAC Chair. I've known Jo since 2015, when LHD was part of the portfolio I was managing. He was always friendly, attentive, and responsive to all our requests and needs. Jo is deeply passionate and dedicated to his job, and his commitment shines through from his quick turnaround time and his capacity to listen to our needs and come up with tailored solutions. But what I most appreciate about him is that he cares: he is a very positive "people" person who is easy to approach, with compassion and a good heart. I have no doubt that if elected, Jo will listen to IOMers and make tangible improvements in our professional lives.

