

ITRA Candidacy: Steering Committee (Organizer Members)



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My name is Nuno Gonçalves and I would like to continue the work that we started two years ago (as the first national representative of organizers of Portugal), this time in the ITRA steering committee, as organizer member of **AARAM - Madeira Athletics Association**. It would be great to be able to remain involved with ITRA, promoting trail running, its culture, values, code of ethics and share ITRA's mission, activities and issues, establishing a good connection and helping to build a consensus between ITRA and the trail running community.

Coming from Portugal, with its rich culture, flora, fauna and landscape diversity, my interest is also to continue to expose our magnificent natural and cultural heritage. Madeira Island in particular is a renowned tourist destination, and its greatest tourist attractions are the spectacular natural landscapes. Its luxurious vegetation continues to fascinate all those who are closely drawn to nature. The archipelago, included in the bio-geographic region of Macaronesia, retains a natural heritage of great scientific value, the *Laurissilva* Forest - distinguished by UNESCO as a *World Natural Heritage*. And, of course, with great pride, we have a race in the UTWT calendar - **MIUTE® - MADEIRA ISLAND ULTRA TRAIL**.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: Master's Degree in Strategic Management and Tourism Development.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Professor of Management, Finance and Accounting.

ACTIVITY IN SPORTIVE ORGANISATIONS: Practicing athletics, orienteering, hiking and cycling. Since 2004, practicing also trail running, with several national and international races completed successfully.

- Founding Member (2008), Organizer and Race Director of **MIUTE® - MADEIRA ISLAND ULTRA TRAIL** (until 2016).
- Technical Director of Trail Running in *Madeira Athletics Association - AARAM* (from 2016).
- General Coordinator of the *Regional Circuit "TRAIL MADEIRA"* and Race Director of several events such as: [ULTRA MADEIRA](#); [TRAIL BOA VENTURA](#); [PORTO SANTO NATURE TRAIL](#); [ECO MADEIRA ULTRA MARATHON](#)..

