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My name is Gabriela Alfaro, I am a biologist graduated from the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, with a master's degree in Plant Protection of the University Rafael Landívar. I have nine years working as a researcher of Natural Resources at the Center for Environmental Studies and Biodiversity of the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (CEAB-UVG), my area of expertise it's related to climate science and climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation within rural communities and indigenous peoples, among others. I have several responsibilities in the CEAB, both the management and coordination of new projects and part of the administration of the Centre, besides I am the coordinator of the Carbon Measurement Laboratory. During the last quarter of last year I had the opportunity to serve as Acting Director of the Center, experience of great responsibility that helped me as a professional growth. Since February of this year I am Director of the Department of Biology, where I have the function of representing the Department, manage and supervise its activities and exercise the ordinary management.