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## AGENDA

**Theme: Shared Partnerships- Shared Responsibilities**

**Locations: UN General Assembly Hall and Conference Room 4**

**7:00 AM**      **Registration & UN Grounds Pass Pickup**  
**Location: Ford Foundation 320 East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> Street entrance to the building**

**7:30 AM**      **United Nations Entrance Opens**  
**Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. & 46<sup>th</sup> Street**

**9:00 AM**      **Opening Plenary**  
**Location: UN General Assembly Hall**



**Kathy Calvin, President and CEO, UN Foundation**  
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Kathy Calvin is President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Foundation. Her career has spanned work in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. She is a passionate advocate for multi-sector problem-solving, U.S. leadership on global issues, and the inclusion of women at all levels and in all sectors.

Kathy leads one of the most innovative organizations advocating for the UN and the creation of public-private partnerships. Her leadership brings together the largest network of supporters of UN issues in the United States and a global network of corporate, civil society and media partners. The UN Foundation was created in 1998 with entrepreneur and philanthropist Ted Turner's historic \$1 billion gift to support UN causes and activities. The UN Foundation advocates for the UN and connects people, ideas, and resources to help the United Nations solve global problems. As a public charity with many partners, the UN Foundation's work is focused on decreasing child mortality, empowering women and girls, creating a clean energy future, using mobile technology for development, and improving U.S.-UN relations.

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In 2011, Kathy was named one of Newsweek's "150 Women Who Rock the World," and in 2012, she was listed in Fast Company's "League of Extraordinary Women." Her innovative work in the philanthropy and international NGO sector was featured by the [New York Times](#) in 2011. She has received numerous other awards for philanthropy and leadership.

Prior to joining the UN Foundation as Chief Operating Officer in 2003, Kathy served as President of the AOL Time Warner Foundation where she guided AOL Time Warner's philanthropic activities and was the chief architect of the company's corporate responsibility initiatives. She joined America Online in 1997 as Senior Vice President and Chief Communications Officer, and was responsible for the company's brand, social responsibility, and external relations.

Immediately prior to joining AOL, she was a Senior Managing Director at Hill and Knowlton, a global public relations company, where she led the U.S. Media Relations practice. For 12 years before that, she served as Director of Editorial Administration for U.S. News & World Report, overseeing budget, personnel, innovation and strategy. From 1976 through 1984, Kathy served as Senator Gary Hart's press secretary in his Senate office and his 1984 Presidential campaign. She was one of the first women to hold that title in American Presidential campaigns.

Throughout her career, Kathy Calvin has taken an active role in a range of philanthropic activities, including the boards of the International Women's Media Foundation, City Year, Internews, the Newseum, Share Our Strength, the United Nations Association of the United States of America, and the East-West Center. She is a frequent public speaker and commenter.

Kathy is a graduate of Purdue University.



## His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

> **Twitter:** @antonioguterres

António Guterres, the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, took office on 1st January 2017.

Having witnessed the suffering of the most vulnerable people on earth, in refugee camps and in war zones, the Secretary-General is determined to make human dignity the core of his work, and to serve as a peace broker, a bridge-builder and a promoter of reform and innovation.

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Prior to his appointment as Secretary-General, Mr. Guterres served as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from June 2005 to December 2015, heading one of the world's foremost humanitarian organizations during some of the most serious displacement crises in decades. The conflicts in Syria and Iraq, and the crises in South Sudan, the Central African Republic and Yemen, led to a huge rise in UNHCR's activities as the number of people displaced by conflict and persecution rose from 38 million in 2005 to over 60 million in 2015.

Before joining UNHCR, Mr. Guterres spent more than 20 years in government and public service. He served as prime minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, during which time he was heavily involved in the international effort to resolve the crisis in East Timor.

As president of the European Council in early 2000, he led the adoption of the Lisbon Agenda for growth and jobs, and co-chaired the first European Union-Africa summit. He was a member of the Portuguese Council of State from 1991 to 2002.

Mr. Guterres was elected to the Portuguese Parliament in 1976 where he served as a member for 17 years. During that time, he chaired the Parliamentary Committee for Economy, Finance and Planning, and later the Parliamentary Committee for Territorial Administration, Municipalities and Environment. He was also leader of his party's parliamentary group.

From 1981 to 1983, Mr. Guterres was a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, where he chaired the Committee on Demography, Migration and Refugees.

For many years Mr. Guterres was active in the Socialist International, a worldwide organization of social democratic political parties. He was the group's vice-president from 1992 to 1999, co-chairing the African Committee and later the Development Committee. He served as President from 1999 until mid-2005. In addition, he founded the Portuguese Refugee Council as well as the Portuguese Consumers Association DECO, and served as president of the Centro de Acção Social Universitário, an association carrying out social development projects in poor neighborhoods of Lisbon, in the early 1970s.

Mr. Guterres is a member of the Club of Madrid, a leadership alliance of democratic former presidents and prime ministers from around the world.

Mr. Guterres was born in Lisbon in 1949 and graduated from the Instituto Superior Técnico with a degree in engineering. He is fluent in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish. He is married to Catarina de Almeida Vaz Pinto, Deputy Mayor for Culture of Lisbon, and has two children, a stepson and three grandchildren.



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## Peter Yeo, President, Better World Campaign; Senior Vice President, UN Foundation

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As President of the Better World Campaign, Peter Yeo leads the Campaign's strategic engagement with Congress and the Administration to promote a strong U.S.-UN relationship. Under Yeo's leadership, the Better World Campaign has helped ensure multibillion-dollar payments from the U.S. government to the UN. Yeo also serves as the Senior Vice President at the United Nations Foundation.

Yeo joined the Better World Campaign in 2009 with over twenty years of legislative, analytical, and management experience, including senior roles on Capitol Hill and in the State Department. Prior to arriving at UNF, Yeo served for ten years as the Deputy Staff Director at the House Foreign Affairs Committee chaired by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) and Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA). He has worked on a broad range of foreign policy and foreign aid issues. On behalf of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Democrats, he led the successful negotiations for the landmark HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003, commonly known as PEPFAR, as well as the successful \$50 billion reauthorization of the law in 2008.

He also shepherded into law several measures dealing with China, Tibet, Burma, and East Timor. Prior to his work with the Committee, he served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. State Department during the second Clinton Administration, where he led the negotiations around repayment of the U.S. arrears to the United Nations and was part of the U.S. delegation to the climate negotiations in Kyoto. Yeo holds a BA in East Asian Studies from Wesleyan University as well as a MA in East Asian Studies from Harvard University. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a leading independent nonpartisan foreign policy think tank, and a Board Member of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition.



## Congressman Eliot Engel, (D-NY) 16th District

> **Twitter:** @RepEliotEngel

Congressman Engel is the Chairman on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He also serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee including the Subcommittee on Health. He is the founder and Co-Chair of the House Oil and National Security Caucus, which is seeking clean, energy efficient alternatives to America's over-reliance on oil. He also sits on the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, the

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Bipartisan Task Force for Combatting Anti-Semitism, the HIV/AIDS Caucus, the Long Island Sound Caucus, and the Animal Protection Caucus, among others.

Congressman Engel was born in the Bronx on February 18, 1947. He grew up in a city housing project and attended New York City public schools. In 1969, he graduated from Hunter-Lehman College with a B.A. in History and received a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1973 from Herbert H. Lehman College of the City University of New York. In 1987, he received a law degree from New York Law School.

For twelve years prior to his election to Congress, Mr. Engel served in the New York State Assembly (1977-1988), where he chaired the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, as well as the Subcommittee on Mitchell-Lama Housing. Prior to that, he was a teacher and guidance counselor in the New York City public school system. A lifelong resident of the Bronx, Congressman Engel is married to Pat Engel. They have three children.



## Ambassador Jonathan R. Cohen, Acting Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations

> **Twitter:** N/A

Ambassador Jonathan Cohen became Acting Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations on January 2, 2019, after having been the Deputy Permanent Representative since June 8, 2018. From August 2016 until June 2018, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian

Affairs covering Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. He served in Baghdad as Deputy Chief of Mission 2014-2016, in Paris as Acting Deputy Chief of Mission 2013-2014 and as Minister Counselor for Political Affairs 2011-2013. From 2008-2011 he was Deputy Chief of Mission in Nicosia. From 2004-2008 he was Counselor for Political-Military Affairs in Rome. A Foreign Service Officer since 1986, other assignments include: Ankara as Political Advisor to Operation Northern Watch and Embassy Iraq Specialist 2000-2004; Political Advisor to the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance-North, Irbil, and member of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) Governance Team, Baghdad April-July 2003; Stockholm as Political Officer 1996-2000; Vienna as Liaison to the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and Executive Assistant to the Head of the OSCE Bosnia Mission 1995-1996; State Department (Washington, DC) as OSCE Desk Officer/NATO Bosnia Officer 1993-1995, and on Secretariat Staff/Advance Teams for Secretaries of State Baker, Eagleburger and Christopher 1991-1993; Jerusalem as USAID Coordinator and Economic Officer for the West Bank 1989-1991; and Bangkok as Consular/Refugee Affairs Officer 1987-1989.



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He graduated with an AB in Politics and a certificate in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton in 1985, spent 1985-1986 at Hebrew University in Jerusalem on an Israeli Government Grant and attended Georgetown's Masters of Science in Foreign Service Program in 1986. His hometown is Laguna Beach, California.



## Rachel Bowen Pittman, Senior Director of Membership and Programs, UNA-USA

> **Twitter:** @culturalinsider; @UNAUSA

As the Senior Director of Membership and Programs, Rachel Bowen Pittman manages programs for UNA-USA's network of 20,000+ members and its 200 chapters to cultivate membership, youth engagement, advocacy efforts and public awareness. She coordinates UNA-USA national programs, including Global Engagement Summit at the UN, the Leadership Summit and UN Day events, and manages the Adopt-A-Future refugee education fundraising campaign. Rachel works closely with the National Council and Affinity Group leadership to implement the strategic direction of UNA-USA. Prior to joining UNA-USA, Rachel served as a Membership Director to several professional associations that represent lawyers, surgeons, regulators and engineers. In her many accomplishments, Rachel strengthened membership programs, directed rebranding initiatives and secured agreements with national associations representing China, Korea, Argentina, India, Peru, Egypt and Mexico. Rachel holds a B.S.B.A in International Business from American University and an MBA in Marketing from Johns Hopkins University.



## Don Lewis, President, Professional Hygiene, Essity

> **Twitter:** @essity

Don Lewis is president of Essity's Professional Hygiene Business Unit and a member of the company's global executive management team. Essity, formerly SCA, is a leading global health and hygiene company.

In this role, Lewis is responsible for the professional hygiene business in North America, Europe, the Middle East, India and Africa. The company's professional hygiene brand, Tork, is present in more than 110 countries and is the global leader in professional hygiene. Tork products include dispensers, towels, bath tissue, napkins, wipers, skin care and intelligent wash room systems.

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From 2012 to 2015, Lewis served as president of SCA Americas where he managed the company's businesses in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America, including a number of consumer and business-to-business brands the company produces and sells throughout the Americas. In a previous role with the company he served as president of SCA's tissue business in North America.

Lewis has 30 years of experience in the paper industry. Prior to joining SCA, Lewis was Executive Vice President at Encore Paper, which SCA later acquired, and began his career at Fort Howard Paper Company. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Youngstown University.

He is a board member of the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA), the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce New York and the Red Cross of Eastern Pennsylvania.

## 10:15 AM Breakout Session I

### ISSUE TRACK: CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE: YEMEN

**Location: UN General Assembly Hall**

From providing humanitarian assistance to investigating human rights abuses and advancing delicate diplomatic negotiations, the UN has played a myriad of roles to address the deadly conflict in Yemen. In December 2018, there was a breakthrough when the UN Security Council passed its first comprehensive resolution on the conflict in three years. Adopted by consensus, the document endorsed a limited cease-fire reached by parties with UN backing. It also called for the deployment of a monitoring mission on the ground. This panel will explore the dimensions

## MODERATOR



**Rajesh Mirchandani, Chief Communications Officer;  
UN Foundation**

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Rajesh Mirchandani is Chief Communications Officer at the UN Foundation, where he leads a team of skilled communicators working to advance progress on important global issues.

Rajesh has over 20 years of global journalism experience with the British Broadcasting Corporation, including five years based in the U.S. He has covered a wide variety of stories and issues, from two U.S.

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presidential elections to the Haiti earthquake, global health security in the Horn of Africa to green energy investments in California. More recently, Mirchandani has helped the Center for Global Development navigate a redrawn political map, bringing the substance and relevance of the Center's pioneering economics research to wider audiences. On a wide range of issues, he has helped bring hard evidence to heated political debates at a time when power and influence in the world are shifting, attention spans are shrinking, and the traditional consensus around international cooperation is fraying.

In 2012, Mirchandani was awarded a graduate degree in public diplomacy from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Over the years, he has been a frequent collaborator of the UN as a moderator and commentator.

## PANELISTS



**H.E. Ms. Karen Pierce, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the UN**

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Karen Pierce became the United Kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York in March 2018. Prior to this role, Karen served as the Director General for Political Affairs and Chief Operating Officer of the Foreign and Commonwealth in London, from 2016.

Karen joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in 1981. Her first role was in Tokyo between 1984 and 1987, after which she returned to the UK to work in the Security Policy Department. Karen worked in Washington as the Private Secretary to the British Ambassador to the United States between 1992 and 1995. Between 1996 and 2006, Karen held several positions in London including Team Leader for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Deputy Head of Eastern Adriatic (Balkans) Department, Head of Newsroom, Head of EU Department (Bilateral) and concurrently Head of Afghanistan Political Military Unit after 9/11 before returning to the Balkans as Balkans Coordinator from 2002 to 2006.

In 2006, Karen moved to New York for the first time to be the Deputy Permanent Representative and Ambassador at the UK Mission to the UN. In 2009, she returned to London to become the Director of South Asia and Afghanistan Department and the UK's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2012, Karen started her second multilateral role, this time in Geneva, where she was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UK Mission to the United Nations, World Trade Organization and Other International Organizations until 2015. Between 2015 and 2016 Karen was the UK's Ambassador to Afghanistan.

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## Darko Mocibob, Deputy Director of Middle East and West Asia Division, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

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Darko Mocibob is Deputy Director of the Middle East and West Asia Division in the United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA). Previously he worked in the office of the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Baghdad from 1997 to 1999. Mocibob then joined the United Nations Office of the Iraq Programme in New York in 1999. He began working as Political Affairs Officer on the Iraq team with the UN Department of Political Affairs in 2004, becoming team leader in 2008. Mocibob then transferred to the office of the Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs in 2010, where he became Chief of Staff in 2012. Mocibob was trained as a doctor at the Medical School of the University of Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



## Louis Charbonneau, UN Director, Human Rights Watch

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Louis Charbonneau is the United Nations director at Human Rights Watch. Prior to joining HRW, he was a journalist for more than two decades, most recently U.N. bureau chief for Reuters. In addition to his work from the United Nations in New York, he has reported from dozens of countries in Europe, Asia and Africa and spent years doing investigative work on issues related to the Middle East and Africa. Louis was previously posted in Prague, Hong Kong, Vienna and Berlin. His first posting with Reuters was in Vienna, where he focused on the IAEA and other U.N. agencies from 2001 to 2005.

He was Reuters' deputy bureau chief in Berlin from 2005 to 2008. Starting in early 2008 he was based at Reuters bureau inside United Nations headquarters in New York, where he followed the Security Council, General Assembly and other U.N. bodies. He was a two-time winner of the Elizabeth Neuffer Memorial award for his U.N. reporting (2009 and 2011), as well as the United Nations Foundation Prize for his coverage of negotiations on an Arms Trade Treaty (2013).

During his time in Vienna, Louis became an expert on nonproliferation and nuclear issues. He covered the U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq in 2002-03 and the IAEA's attempts to resolve the nuclear crises in North Korea and Iran. In New York, he expanded his U.N. coverage to include human rights and other topics.

He began his journalism career in 1991 with an editorial internship on the theater desk at the Village Voice. After relocating to Prague in 1992, he began covering culture and politics in post-communist

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Central and Eastern Europe until he moved to Hong Kong in 2000, where he was the bureau chief for Bridge News.

He has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and Master's degrees from Columbia University and City University of New York – City College.

## **ACTION TRACK: #LEAVINGNOGIRLBEHIND: CHANGING THE WORLD TO EMPOWER GIRLS**

**Location: UN Conference Room 4**

Empowering girls and young women through assuring their access to and completion of education, and providing opportunities to apply their skills and learning, is central to achieving the goals of the 2030 agenda. This session highlights innovative efforts to address factors impeding girls' education, opportunities to improve their lives and those of their families, communities, and nations, and how audience members of all generations can help advance this work.

### **MODERATOR**



**Corinne Whitaker, Independent Consultant,  
Gender/Rights/Agency/Power, UNA-USA Southern New York  
Division**

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Corinne Whitaker is an international health, and economic development expert focused particularly on human rights- and advocacy-based program strategies which respect, protect and promote the health and well-being of girls, women and their communities. She has extensive experience in Africa as well as in Latin America and South Asia. At the global level, she serves on boards of the United Nations Association Southern New York State Division, the Public Private Alliance Foundation (on clean energy); and Security Women (focused on women in the security sector); and has lectured for New York Medical College, School of Health Sciences and Practice. She has worked with UNFPA (including on joint programs with UNICEF), UNDP, Girl Hub/Nike Foundation, CARE-Uganda, the International Initiative on Maternal Mortality and Human Rights (U.P., India), International Planned Parenthood Federation (London, U.K.), Empower: the Emerging Markets Foundation, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the International Women's Health

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Coalition, Action Health Incorporated, Engenderhealth, and Arc Finance (clean energy). She has published and contributed to volumes on ending Gender-based Violence and Harmful Practices, human rights-based approaches to addressing maternal mortality and HIV; non-traditional livelihoods and multi-sectorial interventions for girls including out of school; sexuality and gender education programming; and women's health.

## PANELISTS



**Julie Willig, Director, Programs & Impact, Girl Up**

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Julie Willig is the Global Partnerships Administrative Assistant, focusing mainly on the Nothing But Nets campaign. Prior to joining the United Nations Foundation, Julie was the Pedro Zamora Fellow for AIDS Action in Washington, DC. She has also held internships at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and at Nsambya Home Care Clinic in Kampala, Uganda. Julie graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with degrees in Neuroscience and Public Health. She is currently a health policy graduate student in The George Washington University's Masters of Public Policy program.



**Sujata Bordoloi, Coordinator, UN Girls Education Initiative**

**> Twitter:** @UNGEI

Sujata Bordoloi is the coordinator of the Global Working Group to End SRGBV, co-hosted by the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative and UNESCO. She led on the development of the Whole School Minimum Standards to address School-Related Gender Based Violence and provides leadership to advance advocacy, evidence building and knowledge management on SRGBV. She has been in international development for thirteen years and brings a depth of experience in education in emergencies, gender and girls' education. She has held leadership positions providing support to country teams to establish education and psychosocial support programs in post-disaster and post-conflict settings with Save the Children UK and the American Red Cross. She has lived and worked in Indonesia, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Haiti and Bangladesh. Sujata has a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in India and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the School of International and Public Affairs in Columbia University in New York.

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**Fiona Ward, WASH Specialist, WASH Programme Division,  
UNICEF HQ**  
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Fiona is a Hydrogeologist and has experience working in NGOs, UN agencies and as part of an Emergency Response Team, and joined UNICEF in 2005. Over her career, she has worked on WASH programs in Nigeria, Ghana, Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Haiti, Bangladesh and Jordan, as well as in UNICEF's Supply Division and Headquarters. She has extensive experience in the design, implementation and monitoring of WASH programs in schools, in both humanitarian and development contexts, as well as WASH programs at household and community level to reduce the physical and time burden to collect water for women and girls. Most recently, Fiona was involved in the design on the National WASH in School Standards in Jordan, as well as undertaking a nationwide assessment of WASH facilities in more than 3,800 schools.

**11:20 AM Breakout Session II**  
**ISSUE TRACK: NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION: HOT TOPICS AND COLD TENSIONS**  
**Location: UN General Assembly Hall**

Combating the global spread of nuclear weapons and technology has emerged as a key flashpoint for the international community and UN. The status of nuclear accords and frontier technologies, such as artificial intelligence, raise the stakes for strengthening the nuclear nonproliferation regime. Due to the global impact of this challenge, a cornucopia of voices has sought to build coalitions and awareness on preventing the spread of the world's most dangerous weapons. This panel will explore these trends and seek to answer: what's next?



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**Ankit Panda, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Federation of American Scientists; Editor, The Diplomat**  
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Ankit Panda is an Adjunct Senior Fellow in the Defense Posture Project at the Federation of American Scientists, where his work covers the nuclear force structures and strategies of new nuclear states, missile defense, and geopolitics in Asia. He is also a Senior Editor at The Diplomat, an online magazine on Asia-Pacific affairs, and a Columnist for the South China Morning Post.

Panda is an award-winning writer and a frequently cited analyst on geopolitical and security issues in the Asia-Pacific. His writing has appeared in the Diplomat, the New York Times, the Atlantic, the Daily Beast, Politico Magazine, and War on the Rocks, among other publications. His analysis has been cited by the New York Times, Reuters, the Associated Press, the Washington Post, the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, and other major newspapers and news agencies. He hosts a popular podcast on geopolitics in Asia for The Diplomat.

In recent years, Panda has reported exclusively on major developments in nuclear and conventional force development in North Korea, China, Russia, India, and Pakistan. He is a contributor to the International Institute for Strategic Studies' Asia-Pacific Regional Security Assessment and Strategic Survey, and the author of multiple journal articles and book chapters on topics in security and geopolitics in the Asia-Pacific region. Panda is additionally a frequent participant in track-two dialogues and consults for a range of private and public organizations.

He is a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He lives in New York City.



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## PANELISTS



**Xolisa Mabhongo, Representative of the IAEA Director General to the UN; Director, IAEA New York Office**  
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Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo is the Representative of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to the United Nations and Director of the Agency's New York Office. He started in this position in March 2016.

For two years prior to that he was a Group Executive for Corporate Services at the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation based in Pretoria.

Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo is a senior diplomat with a long and distinguished career in the South African foreign service. He has served in a number of senior diplomatic positions both in South Africa and abroad for over 20 years. From January 2010 to December 2013 he was South Africa's Ambassador to Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia. During this time he was also South Africa's Permanent Representative to the UN and Other International Organisations in Vienna (IAEA, CTBTO, UNODC, UNOOSA, UNIDO). He was a Governor for South Africa to the International Atomic Energy Agency. He served as the President of the IAEA's 57th General Conference in September 2013.

Mr. Mabhongo has held a number of other senior positions: he was Chairperson of the PrepCom of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBTO) in 2010, he was Vice Chairperson of the IAEA Board of Governors in 2013 and Chairperson of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, also in 2013.

His diplomatic experience in the UN system includes a period as Chief Director of the United Nations Multilateral Branch, Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa from 2006 to 2009. From 2001 to 2006, he as a Counsellor and then as Minister Counsellor and Acting Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations in New York. Before that he was First Secretary at South Africa's Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva from 1999 to 2001.

Mr. Mabhongo was born in Mthatha, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa on 18 May 1972. He holds a degree of Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University, New York, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Diplomatic Studies from Oxford University in the United Kingdom.



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## Carlos Rodriguez-Cruz y Celis, Member, CTBTO Youth Group

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Carlos is a 2020 Schwarzman Scholar who is committed to reducing nuclear threats through education and outreach that supports multilateral diplomacy.

Originally from Puerto Rico, Carlos was an Archer Fellow from The University of Texas at Dallas, graduating with a dual-degree in global business and marketing, and a minor in political science. As a member of the CTBTO Youth Group, Carlos supports over 90 students and young professionals across the United States in implementing community-based projects to raise awareness about the importance of nuclear non-proliferation. He has interned with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and the United Nations Information Center.

He is a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He lives in New York City.



## Lori Esposito Murray, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

> **Twitter:** N/A

Dr. Lori Esposito Murray is an adjunct senior fellow, Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to CFR, she held the distinguished national security chair, U.S. Naval Academy. She is also an adjunct professor, University of Connecticut and president emeritus, World Affairs Councils of America. Murray is a former special advisor to the president and former assistant director for multilateral affairs on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, U.S. Arms Control & Disarmament Agency, U.S. State Department.

Murray worked for almost a decade as national security advisor to Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R-KS). She also served as executive director of the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training in the Military, as head of the U.S.-China Security and Economic Review Commission, as a consultant to the president's Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction and U.S. Intelligence Capabilities and as a Professional Associate, National Academy of Sciences.



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Murray has contributed analysis to publications including Defense News, Foreign Policy and the New Atlanticist among others. Murray received her BA from Yale University and her Ph.D from Johns Hopkins University.

## ACTION TRACK: SHARED ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: THE UN AND PARTNERS ON THE GROUND

**Location: UN Conference Room 4**

The UN advances human rights globally through more than 80 treaties and declarations, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Impact, however, must be measured in concrete improvements in human dignity on the ground. This interactive session will explore how advocates on diverse and interconnected human rights issues have strategically used UN institutions, tools, and mechanisms to generate change. These issues include criminal justice, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), LGBTI equality, and asylum. Participants will walk away from this panel equipped with not only an actionable understanding of how the UN defends fundamental freedoms but also solutions for standing up for human rights in their own schools and communities.

### MODERATOR



**Brian Mateo, Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement, Bard College**

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Brian A. Mateo, (pronouns he/him/his) serves as the Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement at Bard College. In this capacity, he works to expand civic engagement initiatives throughout the Bard Network of over 8,000 students world-wide. He works with faculty at the nine Bard High School Early Colleges (BHSECs) develop pedagogy to bring in experiential learning into the classroom and teaches a course on civic engagement that focuses on the historical and theoretical aspects of social movements as well as providing students with the opportunity to work in their communities.

Brian also serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program, a study away program in New York City where students from around the world spend a semester taking advanced courses in international affairs and work in internships in their related field of interest.

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Additionally, Brian has worked with public diplomacy programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State on U.S. Foreign Policy and has cultivated a network of over 100 scholars from 59 countries.

Recently, he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs and is a Robert J. Myers Fellow, a role in which he conducts research on how populism has impacted ethics and leadership in the U.S. military and veterans' communities.

Brian attended the Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) where he received his Bachelor of Science in Biobehavioral Health and a Masters in Education in College Student Affairs. Previous to Bard College, he held positions at Penn State and Cornell University.

In his free time, Brian enjoys playing volleyball through Gotham Volleyball, the largest gay sports league in North America. He is fluent in Spanish and beginners Russian.

## PANELISTS



### Soffiyah Elijah, Executive Director, Alliance of Families for Justice

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Soffiyah Elijah is the Executive Director of Alliance of Families for Justice (AFJ). Established in 2016 in NY, its mission is to support families of incarcerated people and people with criminal records, empower them as advocates and mobilize them to marshal their voting power to achieve systemic change.

Prior to founding AFJ, Ms. Elijah was the Executive Director of the Correctional Association of NY (CANY) where she was the first woman and the first person of color to lead the 170 year old organization. Ms. Elijah has dedicated her life to human rights and social justice, and is a frequent presenter at national and international forums on criminal justice policy and human rights issues.

Prior to leading CANY Ms. Elijah served as Deputy Director and Clinical Instructor at the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard Law School. Before moving to Harvard, she was a member of the faculty and Director and Supervising Attorney of the Defender Clinic at the City University of New York School of Law. Ms. Elijah has also worked as a Supervising Attorney at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, a Staff Attorney at the Juvenile Rights Division of the Legal Aid Society, and in private practice.



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## H.E. Mr. Milenko E. Skoknic Tapia, Permanent Representative of Chile to the UN

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Prior to his latest appointment, from 2016, Mr. Skoknic was Political Director at his country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, having previously served as Consul-General in La Paz, Bolivia, from 2014 to 2016 and as Ambassador to Argentina from 2013 to 2014. Between 2012 and 2014, he was Chile's Representative in the

Dialogue of Peace between Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), in Havana, Cuba.

Earlier in his diplomatic career, Mr. Skoknic was Chef de Cabinet to the Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2013. Between 2005 and 2010, he was Ambassador to Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia, serving concurrently as Permanent Representative to the international organizations based in Vienna, including as President of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) between 2007 and 2008. He also held positions in Chile's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York; its embassies in the Holy See, Turkey and Argentina; and its consulates in Toronto, Canada, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr. Skoknic holds a diploma in International Politics and Economics from St. Antony's College, Oxford, United Kingdom. He studied law at the University of Chile.



## Sam Brinton, Head of Advocacy and Government Affairs, The Trevor Project

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Sam is one of the world's leading advocates for LGBTQ youth. They are the founder of the 50 Bill 50 States campaign at The Trevor Project to end the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy, first in the United States and then around the globe. As a survivor of conversion therapy, Sam has

spearheaded efforts to submit legislation and promote public education in the hopes of ending the practice on minors. They have co-chaired the National Center for Lesbian Rights #BornPerfect Advisory Committee on conversion therapy and have spoken before the United Nations and Congress as well as testified on legislation to protect LGBTQ youth across the country.

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Sam also serves as an expert in advocacy to support suicide prevention training and LGBTQ youth data collection efforts. They have been featured in numerous media including a recent New York Times op-ed as well as USA TODAY, The Washington Post, The Hill, TIME, MSNBC, PBS Newshour, Huffington Post, INTO, and many others. Sam uses they and them as their pronouns as a genderfluid person.



## Kelly Razzouk, Director, Policy and Advocacy, International Rescue Committee

> **Twitter:** @KellyRazzouk; @TheIRC

Kelly L. Razzouk, Esq. is Director for Policy and Advocacy at the International Rescue Committee and represents the organization at the United Nations in New York. Previously, Ms. Razzouk served as Senior Policy Advisor to Ambassador Samantha Power at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. She led the Ambassador's advocacy on behalf of political prisoners, including the successful "free the 20" campaign seeking the release of women political prisoners around the world.

She also served as Senior Policy Advisor to Ambassador Susan Rice in New York as well as the Ambassador's liaison to Congress in her Washington D.C. office. Ms. Razzouk served at the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York for eight years. During that time, she represented the United States on the Committee for Non-Governmental Organizations and was the lead U.S. negotiator for key human rights resolutions on Syria, Iran, North Korea, and Myanmar. She served as the first representative of the United States to the UN's LGBTI Core Group and organized the first head of state UN meeting and the first UN Security Council session to focus on the topic of respecting the human rights of LGBTI individuals.

Ms. Razzouk also served as Chairperson for negotiations on a UN resolution focused on ensuring fair and democratic elections around the world. Ms. Razzouk worked at the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor where she focused on human rights issues in the Middle East. Ms. Razzouk also worked in the Bureau for International Organizations, the Office of the Geographer and Global Issues, and as a human rights officer at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan. Ms. Razzouk began her career as a State Department Presidential Management Fellow. Ms. Razzouk is a member of the Illinois bar and a graduate of DePaul University College of Law where she was a Sullivan Human Rights Fellow and a member of the DePaul Law Review.

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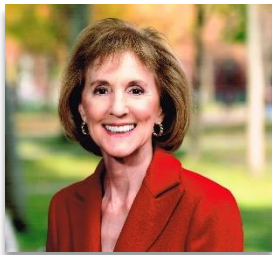
## **Breakout Session III**

### **ISSUE TRACK: CITIES AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**Location: UN General Assembly Hall**

The Sustainable Development Solutions Network's (SDSN) annual report found that the best performing city is only 68% of the way toward fully achieving the 17 SDGs. Two-thirds of the most populous metropolitan areas in the United States are less than halfway there. Cities and human settlements across the United States must act on the SDGs by publicly promoting and implementing them. Local authorities can play a key role by solving local problems and sharing solutions and innovations. This panel will explore the ways in which the SDGs can be used as a blueprint at the local level to act locally while thinking globally

## **MODERATOR**



**Gillian Sorensen, Former UN Assistant Secretary-General**

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Gillian Sorensen has had a long career with the United Nations and the UN Foundation serving as Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations and Special Adviser for Public Policy, working closely with Secretaries-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Kofi Annan. She led the UN's 50th Anniversary observances and the UN 50 Summit. She worked with groups committed to peace, justice, development and human rights. Over time, Sorensen addressed over 1000 audiences including United Nations Associations, Model UNs and many other NGOs and civic groups, religious leaders, journalists and diplomats and over 60 colleges and universities including West Point and the Air Force Academy. She later served as National Advocate at the UN Foundation. At the start of her career she was NYC Commissioner for the United Nations and Consular Corps.

Sorensen has twice been a Fellow at Harvard, in 2002 and in 2014. She serves on the Board of the International Rescue Committee working on refugee issues and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and resides in New York City.



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## PANELISTS



**Alejandra Rozo, Sales and Manager, Greater Bogotá Convention Bureau**

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Alejandra is a psychologist from the Javeriana's University of Bogotá. During her career she decided to focus her studies in the social area, accompanying victims of violence. She has worked as a consultant for the private sector in communications and the construction of inclusive employment policies with the

ANDI Foundation.

Currently, she is the Sales and Marketing Manager at the Greater Bogotá Convention Bureau, a private non-profit corporation that exercises the commercial representation of the city for this sector. It represents more than 100 companies in the event industry, and works in an articulated manner with the Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá -which is its main strategic ally- and with the different public actors of the city such as the District Department of Economic Development and The District Tourism Institute, aligning the promotion strategies of the events industry with the interests of the city and especially the ones that leave a relevant legacy to the city.



**Penny Abeywardena, New York City's Commissioner for International Affairs**

**> Twitter: @PAbeywardena**

Penny Abeywardena is New York City's Commissioner for International Affairs. As head of the Mayor's Office for International Affairs, she leads the City's global platform for promoting its goals for a more just and accessible society, showcasing the diversity of New Yorkers and sharing policies and best practices with cities and states around the world.

Since her appointment in September 2014, the International Affairs team has launched a series of initiatives focused on connecting New Yorkers and City agencies to the diplomatic community, as well as more effectively serving NYC's diplomatic corps, which is the largest in the world. Prior to joining Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration, Penny was the Director of Girls and Women Integration at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), a non-partisan organization that convened global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

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Penny joined CGI in 2009 and led the program's evolution into one of CGI's most successful efforts. While at CGI, Penny was responsible for the portfolio of CGI commitments focused on empowering girls and women worldwide, developing year-round programming and integrating the gender lens throughout the CGI platform. During her tenure, she advised multinational corporations, philanthropists, NGOs and multilateral institutions to increase investments in gender-focused development initiatives while expanding the community of CGI members who incorporated the gender lens in their work. Before joining CGI, Penny worked in both development and programmatic areas for Human Rights Watch, the Funding Exchange and the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy.

She serves on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Development Corporation, the International Advisory Council of the International Peace Institute (IPI), the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Cities and Urbanization and is a Core Member of the United Nation's SDG Strategy and Action Hub. In her personal time, Penny serves on 92Y's Innovation Advisory Committee and the Advisory Board of the Helm.

In 2017, Penny was named by the French American Foundation as a Young Leader. She is a World Economic Forum 2016 Young Global Leader, and a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was a Founding Member of Lincoln Center's Global Exchange and has previously served on the Hillary for America Policy Working Group on Global Women's Issues, the World Bank's Advisory Council on Gender and Development, and the Boards of Directors of Sakhi for South Asian Women, Global Partners, Inc., the Eastside Greenway and Park, and Resource Generation. Penny was a contributing author to *Women in the Global Economy: Leading Social Change*, and in 2012 was recognized by the United Nation's Decide Now Act (DNA) Summit as one of 101 Global Innovators for her work to put women's rights on the global political agenda. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and completed her Master of International Affairs at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.



## Anthony Pipa, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

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Tony Pipa is a senior fellow in the Global Economy and Development program. In that capacity, he studies efforts to realize the universality of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), exploring how economic mobility and security, and democratic cohesion and governance, can be advanced simultaneously in developed and developing countries. He also studies ways of maximizing the impact of U.S. development assistance and advancing policy strategies to systematize innovative financing models for development, including blended finance and public-private partnership models.

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He has more than 25 years of experience in the philanthropic and public sectors addressing poverty in the U.S. and globally. His unique experience ranges from the local to the global and from startups to complex global enterprises, applying lessons across state, federal, and global levels.

He served as chief strategy officer for USAID and as U.S. special coordinator for the Post-2015 Agenda at the Department of State, leading the U.S. delegation at the U.N. to negotiate and adopt the SDGs. As deputy assistant to the administrator in Policy, Planning, and Learning at USAID, he oversaw the Agency's global policy engagement and launched major partnerships with bilateral donors.

An independent consultant prior to his appointment, he ran the NGO Leaders Forum at Harvard University, an informal think tank for the CEOs of the largest U.S. NGOs, providing a platform to elevate international development in U.S. foreign policy and increase the effectiveness of their global operations. He also helped launch Foundation for Louisiana out of the governor's office and worked with Oxfam America, the Family Independence Initiative, and multiple philanthropic collaboratives in the wake of hurricane Katrina. He served as founding executive director of the Warner Foundation, addressing issues of race and poverty in North Carolina and was founding director of philanthropic services at the Triangle Community Foundation.

He has published articles, book chapters and opinion pieces on financial innovation to end poverty, the role of NGOs in a new aid architecture, nonprofit policy proposals to strengthen U.S. communities, and the importance of local charities to disaster resilience. He attended Stanford University, was graduated from Duke University, and earned a Master of Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School.

## **ACTION TRACK: PLANET EARTH: PARTNERING FOR URGENT CLIMATE ACTION**

**Location: UN Conference Room 4**

Climate change poses the most urgent and far-reaching collective action challenge of our time. The climate threat is not new. Although important progress has been made in recent years, much more is needed to put the planet on a sustainable trajectory. This panel will explore strategies to communicate about climate action to different audiences and how to inspire action among grassroots groups. Panelists will discuss how to build momentum from the most recent reports released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and by the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

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## MODERATOR



**Jan Dash, Editor, World Scientific Climate Encyclopedia**  
> **Twitter:** @jdash9

Jan Dash is the Editor for the forthcoming World Scientific Encyclopedia of Climate Change: Finance, Economics and Policy. The 2nd edition of his book has a chapter on Climate Change Risk Management. He is a Matchmaker for the Climate Science Rapid Response Team. He is the Editor of the Climate Portal, [climate.uu-uno.org](http://climate.uu-uno.org). He did the math behind the Bloomberg Climate Clock. He is the Lead Climate Advisor to the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development in NY. He wrote the original "one-liner" responses to climate contrarian fallacies. He spoke on a panel at the Paris Climate Conference. He recently did an interview on climate change published in the Houston Chronicle.

Jan has a PhD in physics, was Directeur de Recherche at the Centre de Physique Théorique in Marseille France, and published over 60 scientific research papers. Subsequently he worked for 25 years managing PhD quant groups and performing quantitative finance and risk management at major firms. His quant/risk papers are on SSRN.

## PANELISTS



**Jacob Abel, RepublicEn, Student, Seton Hall University**  
> **Twitter:** @jabel\_20; @RepublicEn

Jacob Abel is a junior studying International Relations at Seton Hall University and is from Concord, NC. Jacob is a member of the Seton Hall chapter of UNA-USA. He is a spokesperson for RepublicEn, which is a group of Republican, pro-climate action advocates that are located all around the US. We like to call ourselves the eco-right and want to allow the free market do what it does best which is innovate. Jacob has had op-eds published in multiple papers including the Charlotte Observer, advocating for the Republican Party to take action on addressing climate change.



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## Harriet Shugarman, Climate Reality Project

> **Twitter:** @climatemama

Harriet is a nationally recognized influencer, connector and trusted messenger on solutions to our climate crisis. She is a vocal activist, working for legislative changes to create a rapid and just transition to a clean and renewable energy future.

Harriet spent 13 years working for the International Monetary Fund, 10 of these in NYC as a Representative for the IMF at the United Nations. She has worked for over 25 years in Canada and in the USA with governments, international organizations, and educational institutions on climate and sustainability issues as an economist, policy analyst, educator and professor.

Harriet is a Mentor with The Climate Reality Project and Chair of the NYC Metro Chapter. She is a recipient of the "Green Ring Award" presented to her by Al Gore, "...to an outstanding Climate Reality Leader who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to her role as a climate communicator and activist."

2019 is the 10th Anniversary of ClimateMama, an on-line community founded by Harriet reaching individuals in over 110 countries and all 50 states. Harriet works regularly with colleges, school children and their parents, educators, businesses, civil society, non-profit organizations and houses of worship to empower individuals and to support collective action on climate solutions. In 2017 Harriet was named a Planet Protector and Woman of the Year by Next Tribe.

Harriet's writing and opinions have been featured in national and regional media including: MSNBC, Christian Science Monitor, Lifetime TV, New York Times, USA Today, Huffington Post, Rodale Media Network, Bergen Record, Asbury Park Press, United Nations Foundation, Safer Chemicals Healthy Families, Global Team of 200, Healthy Child Healthy World, EPA, USAID, Gates Foundation.

Harriet sits on the Advisory and Executive boards of a wide range of environmental, climate, public policy and social justice organizations including: Young Voices for the Planet; Climate Psychology Alliance North America; I Matter Youth; Women's Earth and Climate Action Network; and the Network for Responsible Public Policy. Harriet and her husband Andrew have two children who are her inspiration and her driving force for finding solutions to the climate crisis.



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## Timothy C. Weiskel, Founder, Cambridge Climate Research Associates and Transition Studies

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Tim Weiskel graduated magnum cum laude from Yale University. He trained as a social anthropologist and an historian as a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford and the École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris. Following field work in West Africa he received his D.Phil. from Oxford University and returned to the United States to teach anthropology and history at Williams College, Yale University and Harvard.

For the last several decades he has focused upon the environmental ethics and environmental justice of global climate change. The crisis of climate change represents the most daunting problem the human community has ever faced in the course of its history as a species on Earth. In the last several centuries, human communities have come to depend for their energy supplies upon a pattern of consumption of non-renewable, fossilized carbon in the form of coal, petroleum and natural gas.

In addition to becoming more scarce and more expensive to extract, fossil fuel dependence represents another -- potentially catastrophic -- problem for the human civilization. The accelerated use of these fuels has enabled parts of the world to industrialize their economies, but in the process this combustion of terrestrial carbon has provoked a dangerous destabilization of the enduring climate regime that Earth experienced throughout the Holocene for the last 10,000 to 12,000 years. All of recorded human history, from the dawn of agriculture through to the "space age" has developed within this relatively stable geological period of climate history.

Now, however, because of the massive release of carbon into the atmosphere as a result of industrial processes and a altered relationships to forest and agricultural land, humankind needs to prepare for disruptive and potentially abrupt shifts in climate, extreme weather and global sea-level rise on a scale never before experienced in human history. New forms of partnering are now urgently required across all national barriers, language traditions, economic systems and political regimes if human civilization is to be able to survive.

Professor Weiskel is now concentrating his research and online teaching to achieve this vital transition through [transitionstudies.net](http://transitionstudies.net)



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## **Breakout Session IV**

### **ISSUE TRACK: ACHIEVING ZERO HUNGER: THE NEW REALITY**

**Location: UN General Assembly Hall**

Despite tremendous progress in hunger reduction with the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, global hunger has increased over the past three years, setting us back almost a decade. Why is this happening, and what can be done? This panel will explore these questions in the context of both resource-scarce and resource-abundant nations. Various aspects of the issue will be examined, including economic factors, agricultural practices, food waste, climate change, and the effects of conflict.

## **MODERATOR**



**Donna Rosa, Founder, Aidtrepreneurship, UNA-USA Global Engagement Summit Chair**

**> Twitter: N/A**

Donna Rosa is an International Business Development Services (BDS) Consultant who provides business support to micro- and small enterprises and projects in developing countries. She coined the term "aidtrepreneurship" to describe entrepreneurship as a means to economic development and poverty reduction in developing and emerging nations.

Following an extensive corporate career in the food industry, Donna now leverages her business and sector expertise in international development and aid work. She has a deep interest in food security, nutrition, and the use of food science and technology in humanitarian and development contexts. She specializes in assisting agribusiness and food processing microenterprises and startups, and has worked in 27 countries helping smallholder farms, companies, organizations, and community groups under USAID, DFID, and UNDP contracts.

Her services include strategic business advisory, business plan development, market research, marketing/promotion, capacity development, training, organizational development, situation analysis, and coaching/mentoring.

Donna has been an active member in UNA-USA since 2010 and has held leadership roles at both local and national levels. Connect with her at [www.donnamrosa.com](http://www.donnamrosa.com) or [linkedin.com/in/donnamrosa](https://www.linkedin.com/in/donnamrosa)

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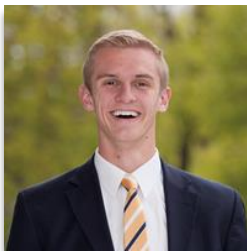
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## PANELISTS



**Michael Scott Peters, U.S Youth Observer to the UN**  
> **Twitter:** @usyouthobserver

Michael Scott Peters is the 2018-19 U.S. Youth Observer to the United Nations, a role appointed annually by the U.S. Department of State and the United Nations Association of the USA to increase youth engagement in global affairs. Michael was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He recently graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in International Business and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Utah State University.

While serving as student body president this past year, Michael advanced student health, advocated equality, increased idea sharing, promoted events, and enriched the cultural experience on campus. Michael also served as the president of the Utah Student Association. In this capacity, he collaborated with student body presidents across the state to successfully increase funding for mental health services and sexual assault prevention. Michael worked to stimulate positive changes in higher education, promote civic responsibility, and advocate for the students of Utah through statewide initiatives.



**Steve Taravella, World Food Program Senior Spokesperson**  
> **Twitter:** @SteveTaravella

Steve Taravella is Senior Spokesperson for the UN World Food Programme in New York, where he regularly speaks with journalists and others about the UN's efforts to achieve Zero Hunger. He joined WFP in 2008 as Chief of Internal Communications at its headquarters in Rome.

Previously, Taravella worked as Director of Communications for the International Partnership for Microbicides and, before that, for Family Health International (now FHI360). Both organizations work on prevention and treatment of HIV in the developing world. In these roles, he has had communications assignments in Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Kenya and South Africa.

Prior to working in the humanitarian sector, Taravella worked as a journalist in the U.S., covering health and finance for national business magazines for 15 years. In 1989, he won the Dag Hammarskjöld Award for Human rights Advocacy in Journalism. He is the author of the biography "Mary Wickes: I Know I've Seen That Face Before." He is citizen of the United States and received a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Baylor University.



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## Joan McGlockton, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Sodexo

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Joan Rector McGlockton has over 20 years of legal, advocacy, and policy experience in food service and hospitality, including her position as senior vice president of corporate affairs for Sodexo, Inc. At Sodexo, her responsibilities included programmatic development and legal compliance for the company's corporate responsibility and ethics departments. She played a major role in shaping legal, policy, and reputational strategies impacting the company's bottom line. Prior to this, she served an appointment as corporate secretary and assistant general counsel at Marriott International, Inc., where she was instrumental in the re-structuring of the company as her responsibilities included board of directors relations, corporate governance, and legal matters.

Joan is also the vice president of industry affairs and food policy for the National Restaurant Association. She oversees a number of strategic initiatives including the Association's award-winning healthy dining program for children called Kids LiveWell. She has been instrumental in re-building the Association's advocacy and engagement initiatives relating to nutrition, food safety and food security.

Joan serves on Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters Advisory Council. She is a founding board member of the Sodexo Foundation (focused on ending childhood hunger) and has served on the American Dietetic Association Foundation (today known as the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation), and the Howard University School of Business, Hospitality Management Board of Advisors. She has also served on the Board of the Maya Angelou Public Charter School (an alternative school for high-risk and incarcerated youth).

A native of Washington, DC, she received her JD from Harvard Law School and graduated *cum laude* from Duke University with a major in economics.



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## ACTION TRACK: GLOBAL GOALS, LOCAL LEADERSHIP: THE SDGS AND YOU

**Location: UN Conference Room 4**

Achieving the Global Goals requires vision, leadership, and commitment to daily action on your part at the local level. The SDGs and YOU: Taking Action to Achieve the 2030 Agenda elevates stories and examples of localized leadership in support of the SDGs. Get inspired and learn more about how you can advance the SDGs in your community: at home, work, places of worship, on campus, and more.

### MODERATORS



#### Zephanii Smith Eisenstat, Vice-Chair, UNA-USA Partnerships & Collaborations Committee

> **Twitter:** N/A

At 28 years old, Zephanii Smith Eisenstat is an advocate for Sustainable Development, Human Rights, and Social Innovation who has served in leadership positions across government and civil society. Zephanii is Vice-Chair of the newly created Partnerships & Collaborations Committee of the United Nations Association - USA - where she was also elected to serve as a member of the National Council and as the recipient of the 2018 Global Young Achievement Award. Last year, Zephanii served as part of UNA-USA's delegation to the 42nd Plenary of the World Federation of United Nations Associations, and was nominated as a candidate for the WFUNA Secretary General's Youth Advisory Council.

With a BA in Government and MA in Educational Administration and Leadership, Zephanii has served as a member of the NAACP's National Board of Directors, working to develop advocacy campaigns that address unresolved issues of civil and human rights. While at Claremont McKenna College, Zephanii studied abroad in Jordan, England, and South Korea.

She is invited to speak at conferences and educational institutions around the world, including Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where she presented a lecture on the Sustainable Development Goals for international students during the SEED Program for Social Innovation.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration as an intern in the White House Office of Management and Administration, Zephanii served as a committee consultant to the California State Legislature working to ensure transparency and accountability in state agencies and programs. She has also worked for the Hawaii State Legislature. Since 2017, she has served as the Director of Communications and Public Information Officer for the District Attorney of San Joaquin County, California.

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Zephanii is committed to helping young people obtain the tools, skills, inspiration, and information they need to become strong and committed leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals in their communities.



## Ari Eisenstat, Founder, DRÆM VENTURES

> **Twitter:** @AriEisenstat

At 30 years old, Ari is an Impact Investor, UN Activist, Social Entrepreneur, and Innovation Educator aligned with the mission of achieving the 2030 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. He is a current Political Science PhD candidate at the University of Hawaii - Manoa in Future Studies.

Ari is the Founder of DRÆM VENTURES, dedicated to investing in idea-stage social entrepreneurs, and serves as the representative to the United Nations for the International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges.

Ari was selected to be an International Chamber of Commerce representative to the United Nations during the post-2015 negotiations. Ari is also a member of the UN's Interagency Working Group for Youth and Gender Equality and advisor to the Global Peoples Summit, and UNGSII for the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. He is the cofounder of the "U.N.trepreneurship Initiative," which connects entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs across sectors for the Global Goals.

Ari regularly lectures and delivers workshops to some of the world's leading universities, including Stanford, Harvard, UC Berkeley, MIT, and NYU. In addition, he mentors startups with top incubator and accelerator programs.

Ari is a serial social entrepreneur, investor, and creative who has led innovation across hedge funds, think tanks, nonprofits, sustainable agriculture, creative incubators, educational organizations, venture capital funds, and art technology. He is a founding member of several philanthropic initiatives that support creative technology, social innovation, and sustainable development. His presentations on Sustainable Development, Venture Capital, Impact Investing, and Social Entrepreneurship have been featured around the world. Ari curates at and speaks at events at universities, businesses, nonprofits, and conferences, festivals, and events consulting leaders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.



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## PANELISTS



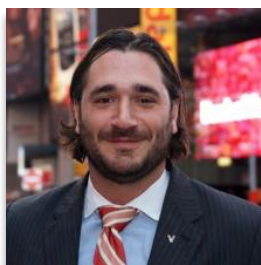
**Haile Thomas, Founder and CEO of HAPPY (Healthy Active Positive Purposeful Youth)**

> **Twitter:** @hailevthomas; @thehappyorg

Haile Thomas is 18-years-old, an international speaker, health activist, vegan food & lifestyle content creator, the youngest Certified Integrative Health Coach in the United States, and the founder/CEO of the nonprofit HAPPY (Healthy Active Positive Purposeful Youth). Haile founded HAPPY when she was 12 years old to address the need for free/affordable plant-based nutrition and culinary education in underserved/ at-risk communities, as well as in schools and through annual summer camps.

Haile has personally engaged over 17,000 kids and thousands of adults around the world since beginning her activism in 2010. She was inspired to pursue this passion after her family successfully reversed her father's type-2 diabetes without the use of medication, only healthy eating and lifestyle choices, and upon learning that kids were also increasingly being diagnosed with conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. All of Haile's programs, projects, and initiatives, are geared towards engaging, educating, motivating and empowering young people to make healthy lifestyle choices to live their best life.

Haile and her work have been featured on the Today Show, Food Network, CNN, BuzzFeed, MTV, NowThis, Dr. Oz, Teen Vogue, Fortune, O Magazine, and Experience Life Magazine to name a few.



**Sergio Fernández de Córdova, Chairman of the PVLIC Foundation**

> **Twitter:** @PbvlicF

Sergio is a world-leading expert on innovative public-private multi-stakeholder governance models, from shaping social initiatives, regulatory frameworks to smart city policy & programs.

- Chairman & Founder, PVBLIC Foundation, an organization focused on using media, technology & data to drive impact & change.
- Chairman & Founder of P3 Smart City Partners, a smart city & smart infrastructure, public-private partnership government advisory & investment company. Co-Founder & Executive Vice-Chair of the Blockchain Commission for Sustainable Development a multi-sectoral framework to support the United Nations system.

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- Sergio co-founded P3 SmartCity Partners, Alpha Global Trading, THYNGS, P3GM, KAPTYN, FUEL Outdoor and the PVBLIC Foundation.

In all his work, he leads the global development and policy work behind structuring Public Private Partnerships (PPP) around smart infrastructure & policy framework with local, state + federal governments. In his philanthropic endeavors, as Chairman of PVBLIC Foundation, an organization focused on using media, technology & data to drive impact & change, he leads the foundations engagement with Governments from the White House to the United Nations and multinationals; public & private. Sergio has developed partnerships that today hosts the Latino Impact Summit, SDG Media Zone & Media For Social Impact Summit, Blockchain Commission for Sustainable Development, Blockchain for Impact; working across various multi-sectoral frameworks in support of the United Nations in collaboration across all its agencies. The collective platforms all focus on raising awareness and encourage action for the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Sergio has been celebrated locally and internationally for the work of his various business for over a decade. In 2012, Dell Inc. named Sergio one of its #Inspired 100 leading global influencers. In 2015 Meet LATAM recognized Sergio as Entrepreneurial Latin Global Leader & Influencer. In 2016 the Humanitarian Innovation Forum honored Sergio at the UN with the Global Social Impact Award. In November, Crain's honored Sergio as a Visionaries' finalist to the Hispanic Executive & Entrepreneur Award and he was most recently named top three most influential people, by the United Nations Social 500 list and in 2018 was celebrated as the Real Leaders magazine's Top 100 Global Visionary Leaders

A graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor's in Sociology, Sergio also completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Birthing of Giants® executive program.



**Nicol Perez, Facebook, former U.S. Youth Observer**  
**> Twitter: @nicolandreap**

Nicol graduated from the University of Florida (UF) where she was president of Nourish International, a student-run, non-profit organization that works towards making a sustainable impact on communities around the world. During her time at UF, Nicol spearheaded a project in Guatemala City to provide 50 single mothers with the tools and skills needed to start their own businesses. Later, Nicol studied abroad in Bangkok, Thailand where she volunteered with the Mechai Viravaidya Foundation.

After college, Nicol lived in Maastricht, The Netherlands where she worked with students and community leaders to start a community house and business incubator. Later, Nicol moved to New York City and



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completed the Emerging Leaders program at Nielsen and served as the VP of Technology and Innovation for the Economic Development Committee of UNA-USA's Young Professionals Program.

She recently served as the 2016/2017 US Youth Observer to the United Nations, where she represented the voices of young Americans. Nicol is currently a product marketing manager on Facebook's Civic Engagement team, focused on making it easier for people to connect with elected leaders and have a voice in government. She's also the founder of GIRLZ,FTW, a mentorship program for high school and college girls.

## 3:50 PM CLOSING PLENARY

**Location: UN General Assembly Hall**



**Chris Whatley, Executive Director, UNA-USA**

**> Twitter: @UNAUSA**

Chris Whatley serves as Executive Director of the United Nations Association of the United States, a program of the United Nations Foundation. He leads UNA's national staff in Washington, D.C. and New York, and heads up the Association's efforts to increase membership, advocate on behalf of the UN and UN causes, and educate the next generation of UN supporters in the U.S. through UNA's Global Classrooms Model UN program.

Before joining UNF, Whatley served as Washington Office Director and Deputy Executive Director of The Council of State Governments (CSG), representing elected officials in all 50 states and the six territories on Capitol Hill, forging ties between American states and their counterparts in Canada and Mexico, and serving as an appointed advisor to the Office of the United States Trade Representative. Prior to joining CSG, Chris served as a program officer and field representative for the International Republican Institute (IRI), leading a wide range of international election observation missions and technical assistance programs in Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. He began his career as a Research Assistant for the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), studying the demobilization and reintegration of former combatants in Zimbabwe following the Lancaster House Agreement.



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**Her Excellency Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés,**  
President, 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations General  
Assembly

> **Twitter:** @UN\_PGA

On 5 June 2018, the United Nations General Assembly elected Ecuadorean Foreign Minister María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, as President of its 73rd session; only the fourth woman to hold that position in the history of the world body, and the first since 2006.

The President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, has more than 20 years of multilateral experience in international negotiations, peace, security, defence, disarmament, human rights, indigenous peoples, gender equality, sustainable development, environment, biodiversity, climate change and multilateral cooperation. She has served Ecuador as Minister of Foreign Affairs (twice), Minister of National Defence, and Coordinating Minister of Natural and Cultural Heritage.

In those capacities she coordinated the Sectorial Council on Foreign Policy and Promotion, which includes the Ministries of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, Foreign Trade, and the Environment. Ms. Espinosa Garcés was Chair of the Group of 77 and China until January 2018, and also served as Chair of the Andean Community. At the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, she promoted the adoption of the resolution presented by Ecuador entitled "Indigenous women: key actors in poverty and hunger eradication". She was a chief negotiator at the sixteenth and seventeenth Conferences of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, where she facilitated the adoption of key elements in the outcome document entitled "The future we want".

As Minister of National Defence of Ecuador, Ms. Espinosa Garcés participated in debates on women, peace and security, and promoted the creation of the South American Defence School of the Union of South American Nations, among other initiatives.

In 2008, she was the first woman to become Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in New York. During that posting, she cofacilitated the Working Group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session. She also led efforts at the global level towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.



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As Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, she led and supported various negotiation processes at the Human Rights Council. She chaired the work of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) in Geneva, and at the twenty-first Conference of the Parties (COP 21) on Climate Change in Paris.

Ms. Espinosa Garcés was Special Adviser to the President of the Constituent Assembly that drafted the Constitution of Ecuador in 2008 and Regional Director (South America) and Adviser on Biodiversity (Geneva) at the International Union for Conservation of Nature. In both positions, she worked for approximately 10 years on various initiatives at WIPO and WTO; participated in negotiations on intellectual property, and traditional and ancestral knowledge; and supported the Andean Community and the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization on strategic management and sustainable development.

Before beginning her political and diplomatic career, Ms. Espinosa Garcés was Associate Professor and Researcher at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Sede Ecuador. During her time in academia, she received scholarships and grants from the Latin American Studies Association, the Ford Foundation, the Society of Woman Geographers and the Rockefeller Foundation towards her research in the Amazon. She also received awards from the German Agency for Cooperation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and Natura Foundation for her research work.

Ms. Espinosa Garcés has written over 30 academic articles about the Amazon region, culture, heritage, sustainable development, climate change, intellectual property, foreign policy, regional integration, defence and security. She has studies from Rutgers University. She holds a master's degree in social sciences and Amazonian studies and a postgraduate diploma in anthropology and political science from the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Sede Ecuador, as well as a bachelor's degree in applied linguistics from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador.



**RJ Johnson, Vice-Chair, UNA-USA National Council**  
> **Twitter:** N/A

Mr. Ralph "RJ" Johnson is the National Vice Chair of United Nations Association of the United States of America and is serving his second term on the National Council. In 2015, Johnson was elected by the youth delegates at the 2nd WFUNA Global Youth Forum and 41st WFUNA Plenary Assembly in Vancouver, Canada to serve on WFUNA's Youth Advisory Council which is comprised of 9 youth leaders from Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, and South America. Nominated by UNA-USA, he is the first

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American in WFUNA History to be elected to this post. In this role, RJ advises the WFUNA Secretary-General on youth issues initiatives, foster youth involvement among United Nations Associations and United Nations Youth Associations, work with WFUNA's mission of developing youth programs that build the capacity of its global membership and work to strengthen and improve the work of the United Nations by brainstorming pragmatic, innovative, and cost-effective programs for WFUNA's local, regional, and global networks. He currently serves on the UNA-USA Executive Committee, Chair of the WFUNA Committee, Co-Chair of Policies and Procedures Committee, and has previously served as Co-Chair of the Youth Engagement Committee and Member of the Nominations and Education Committee. Mr. Johnson is an alumnus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and Southern New Hampshire University. He is a member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity (Alpha Epsilon) and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Shreveport Alumni).



## Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

> **Twitter:** @UNYouthEnvoy

Having represented and motivated global youth development on an international level since the age of 21, notably during high-level United Nations initiatives including the declaration of World Youth Skills Day, Ms. Wickramanayake has played a key role in transforming the youth development sector at the national level, notably through the creation of a large movement for civic and political engagement of young people named "Hashtag Generation."

Presently working as an officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, Ms. Wickramanayake has previously served as Secretary to the Secretary General of the Parliament of Sri Lanka (2016-2017), Project Officer-Youth, One-Text Initiative in Sri Lanka (2015-2016), Member and Youth Lead Negotiator, International Youth Task Force of the World Conference on Youth 2014 (2013-2014) and Official Youth Delegate to the United Nations, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development (2012-2013). She was furthermore a Senator in the Sri Lankan Youth Parliament (2013-2015).

In this role, the Envoy on Youth is expected to expand the UN's youth engagement and advocacy efforts across all four pillars of work – sustainable development, human rights, peace and security and humanitarian action.

The Envoy on Youth will play a lead role in realizing the Secretary-General's vision on youth, which places young people as a cross-cutting priority of the UN; ensures that young people's perspectives are reflected across all pillars of the UN's work; and places young people's interests at the center of the

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Secretary-General's agenda for crisis prevention and sustaining peace by leveraging their talents, energy and innovation in addressing youth challenges and fostering opportunities.

Born in 1990, Ms. Wickramanayake is undertaking a Master of Development Studies, at the University of Colombo and holds a Bachelor's degree in Science, from the same university.



## Elisabeth Philippe, Senior Manager, Community and Media Relations, UN Federal Credit Union

> **Twitter:** @unfcu

Elisabeth Philippe is the senior manager of Community and Media Relations at the United Nations Federal Credit Union, UNFCU, in New York. Since joining UNFCU in 2002, Liz has served as a liaison to the UN community, including UNA-USA. In addition to her communications work within UNFCU's Marketing Global Affairs division, Philippe is a program manager for the UNFCU Global Sustainability Program, and is a member of the Advisory Council for the UNFCU Foundation, which has a mission to sustain the path out of poverty through healthcare and education for marginalized women and children.



## Marco Fabian Sanchez, Youth Engagement and Advocacy Coordinator, UNA-USA

> **Twitter:** @Marcho\_Sanchez92; @UNAUSA

Engaging American youth in grassroots advocacy is a personal passion for Marco Fabian Sanchez, Youth Engagement Coordinator for the United Nations Association (UNA-USA). In his current role, Marco Sanchez facilitates the campus chapter expansion strategy for UNA-USA by motivating the next generation of global leaders to take action for the United Nations in their own communities. Throughout his academic career at California State University, Fullerton, Marco was a former UNA-USA campus chapter leader, where he helped to lead grassroots campaigning in the Southern California community. In addition to advocacy, Marco is also personally interested in public policy and research given his previous role as a policy consultant for the World Bank Group. Through his experiences in advocacy, organizational development and public policy, Marco has been able to successfully engage everyday Americans and lawmakers by educating communities about the progress of the United Nations and promoting a strong U.S.-UN partnership.

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## Hon. Teta Banks, UNA-USA National Council Chair

> **Twitter:** @TBanksUNA1

Teta Banks was educated at Wellesley College, Howard University, Wayne State University, and Oxford University. As a diplomat, she was first appointed Consul General of the Republic of Liberia in 1993. In that capacity, she represented the Liberian government to assist in the rebuilding of the war-torn nation, addressing human rights issues throughout African countries, and the establishment of trade, resources, and cultural relations between the U.S. and Liberia, as well as other African countries. She served on the Advisory Council of the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and currently serves on the Liberian Post-Ebola Reconstruction Task Force. Banks has served on several university faculties, including Washington University, Howard University, Rutgers University, Spelman College, and currently Texas A&M University System and Advisory Board of North American University. She was the founding editor of *Vital Issues: The Journal of African American Speeches*, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Martin Luther King Association for Nonviolence, and Vice Chairman of the Girard College Board of Trustees. She currently serves as consultant to various organizations/agencies, including the Rosa Parks Institute, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and U.S. Department of Defense.

**4:55 PM**   **ADJOURN**