

UN76 Dialogue: Inclusion & Diversity Impact Change

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Mr. Satya S. Tripathi is Secretary-General of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet. A development economist, lawyer and changemaker with over 40 years of varied experience, Mr. Tripathi is the Chancellor of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences - the world's largest academic institution dedicated exclusively to indigenous people and cultures. He is also a Senior Distinguished Fellow on Innovative Finance at the World Agroforestry Centre. He has served with the UN for over two decades in key positions across the planet and was most recently the UN Assistant Secretary-General, Head of New York Office at UN Environment and Secretary of the UN Environment Management Group. His other strategic engagements with the UN include: Head of Human Rights Investigations for the UN in post-war Bosnia; Chair of the Committees on Laws, Treaties and Administrative matters for the UN-mediated Cyprus unification talks in 2004; UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh and Nias where he facilitated international cooperation and funding of US\$ 7 billion for post-tsunami recovery efforts in support of the government and affected populations; and Executive Head of UNORCID, a UN System Office established in 2011 to facilitate the implementation of a US\$ 1 Billion REDD+ partnership between Indonesia, Norway and other stakeholders. Tripathi was instrumental in establishing the Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility (TLFF) in Indonesia in 2016 and the Sustainable India Finance Facility (SIFF) in 2017 to leverage 'private finance for public good' at mega-scale to achieve transformative social and environmental impact for millions of people in developing countries.



Hon. Mr. Hector John, Member of Parliament Salisbury, Commonwealth of Dominica. As a community organizer and leader, Mr. John served in different capacities at community and national levels. In 1996, He was involved in the re-vitalization of the National Youth Council of Dominica and served as chairman for three years from 1997 to 2000. From 1988 to 1990, he represented Dominica on the National Under-19 cricket team. For over 16 years, he worked in the vital banana industry employed. Mr. John graduated in 2009 with Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Monroe College, New York. While at Monroe College, he did his internship at the New Rochelle Municipal Housing Authority. He also headed the Multi-Cultural Students Association and the first chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). In July 2008, he represented Monroe at the Third Annual ATHGO International Global Forum at the World Bank in Washington DC. He also represented the College at the NSBE 35th Annual Convention in Las Vegas in March 2009. He was first elected to the Parliament of Dominica in December 2009, as the Member of Parliament for Salisbury Constituency and still serving in that capacity. On July 14, 2010, he became the youngest Leader of the Parliament Opposition in Dominica's political history. In September 2011, he participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, completing a one-month course in, "Accountability in Government". He continues to serve on bipartisan parliamentary committees. Recently, he was appointed National Youth Coordinator of his political party.



Ms. Helen Holden Slottje, Esq., Slottje Law, and the 2014 Goldman Environmental Prize Winner for North America. Helen was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize for her pioneering legal work that successfully defended New York communities from environmentally destructive fracking (high-impact industrialized extraction of natural gas from solid rock). In the face of a state statute that prohibited local regulation of the oil and gas industry, and a state wide regulatory agency with the mission of promoting the oil and gas industry. Helen was undaunted. She developed an innovative strategy that employed constitutionally protected local land use planning powers to prohibit fracking. With the help of her husband David. Helen worked tirelessly to ensure that communities could refuse to host fossil fuel extraction through enacting local laws. With the Slottjes' help, over 150 communities across the state organized and passed local measures to stop tracking. These local laws faced heavy opposition and ultimately litigation from

powerful entrenched interests that sought to have the laws declared unenforceable in a major victory for the people, the New York courts upheld these local fracking bans. Ultimately this community-based resistance led to an unprecedented state-wide ban on fracking, a true David and Goliath victory. Helen continues to bring her unique insights and legal advice to purposed driven business that seek to incorporate sustainable development goals into their culture. Helen is an Honorary Advisor of the NGOCD-NY. https://www.goldmanprize.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2015_HelenSlottje_ourobotos.jpg



Ms. Angelique Sina, President of Friends of Puerto Rico and Founder of the Hurricane Maria Recovery Fund. Angelique's mission is to create a pathway out of poverty for women and youth in Puerto Rico by teaching them entrepreneurship and farming skills. She is a former relationship manager from the International Finance Corporation. Angelique is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, Johns Hopkins, and Stanford University Business School. In 2016, she was appointed as Commissioner for the Latino Community by the Mayor of Washington, D.C. She serves as a Trustee on the New York Foundling and on AT&T's Millennial Council. She is an avid golfer and enjoys exploring different coffee shops.



Mr. Meir Yaniv, Founder and CEO of American Solar. Meir is a serial entrepreneur with over 2 decades of experience as a founder and manager across various sectors. Meir believes in making a difference in people's lives and leaving a legacy for generations to come. Meir founded American Solar with the ambitious but achievable goal of helping American families take an innovative, technology-backed approach to tackle the climate-change challenge by using his vast experience in building scalable tech-based platforms. Addressing the climate challenge is at the heart of the UN's SDG goals, as well as the driving factor behind the U.S.'s net-zero emission targets for 2030. Accelerating the pace at which green energy can be deployed in homes throughout the globe, will be a key factor in achieving those goals that American Solar is dedicated to attaining. American Solar's technological

infrastructure and comprehensive business model are focused on exponentially expediting the growth of the solar market. By using a pioneering, technological approach to reduce the overhead costs of marketing and operations, American Solar is effectively reducing overall prices for homeowners, making the decision to go green accessible to more families than ever before. Meir is a musician and recording artist by trade. Signed by Universal Records, he released 3 studio albums before deciding to utilize his creative abilities in the business sector. Prior to founding American Solar Meir founded several companies in the digital and sales space, including LinkTech International company based in Portland, Oregon, which helped usher the American real estate sector into the digital age.



Ms. Patti DeBow, President, ParsonsTKO. Patti is the President of ParsonsTKO, a consulting firm supporting nonprofits with strategy, data, and business processes improvements for their marketing and fundraising outreach. With experience spanning the nonprofit, public and private sectors, Patti has helped numerous organizations build strategies and digital programs that advance their missions, including work in education, economic equality, racial justice and inclusion, and environmental causes. Prior to joining ParsonsTKO, she spent over a decade as a strategy consultant at Accenture. Patti currently serves as the Board Chair for the District Alliance for Safe Housing in Washington, DC. She holds an MBA from Wharton business school with a concentration in Economic Development, and a BS in Mathematics from Arcadia University.



Ms. Mikayla O'Reggio, CEO and Co-Founder of Activism Always. Mikayla is from Los Angeles, CA and studied Economics, Human Rights and Entrepreneurship at UC Berkeley. During her time at Berkeley, Mikayla developed her expertise in human rights, technology, entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility. She has had the opportunity to work with nonprofits such as Pencils of Promise, and Cinema Napa Valley as well as explore the world of social enterprise through her time with startups such as Popcorn, and 81cents where she worked in consulting, analytics, marketing and business development. After college, Mikayla continued to build her skills in marketing, analytics, project management and nonprofit consulting. Mikayla continues to cultivate her passion for social justice, analytics, and consulting as the co-founder of Activism Always, a social enterprise startup providing powerful

social media listening technology for organizations to tap into their data. Through her work with Activism Always, Mikayla has won numerous pitch competitions, participated in 3 social impact incubators and worked with companies such as Campaign Zero and CEOs of Tomorrow. Mikayla enjoys merging her passions for business and social impact by working with nonprofits to create data-focused business strategies for a wide range of social causes.



Ms. Beverly Bucur, Soroptimist International Advocacy Advisor and Chair of the Global Policy Committee, 2022. Beverly has served in many leadership roles in Soroptimist International of the Americas and Soroptimist International. She currently serves as the Chair of the Global Policy Committee after serving as Director of Advocacy from 2017-2021 for Soroptimist International. She works with Soroptimist International's team of 20 UN Representatives in seven UN Centres throughout the world, focusing on SDG 4 Quality Education and SDG 5 Gender Equality. Soroptimist International's current International Project is Opening Doors to a Brighter Future and will include education projects across the world. Beverly has 40 years of experience in Education as a teacher and administrator. She is a National Board Certified Master Teacher, and has a MA in Educational Administration, a MA in Reading, and a BS in Elementary Education and a certificate in Bilingual Education. She has designed educational programs, including STEAM and STEM programs for elementary and middle school students. She has also worked with Governors State University in the Teacher Quality Partnership to design and implement effective teacher training and mentoring programs in order to improve student learning.



Ms. Kanika Joshi, Director of Partnerships and Business Development at Includovate. Kanika is an international development practitioner with a multi-sectoral understanding of working with changemakers across the global south and is deeply passionate about youth building solutions for sustainable development. At Includovate she is building thought partnerships and conversations around social inclusion and gender equality. Prior to this, she worked as a Research Manager with LEAD at Krea University in India on women entrepreneurship and financial inclusion for the last mile and in Kenya as a Fellow Consultant with TechnoServe on food security issues. She also contributes as a Global Senior Advisor to the Youth Solutions Program at UN SDSN Youth, where she has been key in setting up the Youth Solutions Report with a diverse team of passionate individuals. In a similar capacity, she currently mentors young founders with Unleash

Labs. Along with this, she travels with a mission, is a keen design thinker, qualitative researcher, and also appreciates art being a contemporary dancer.



Mr. Steven Aiello, Founder and Director of Debate for Peace in Israel. Dedicated to Building Cultures of Peace - Steven, is an educator and conflict resolution specialist based in Tel Aviv. Steven has been leading Jewish-Arab MUN programs since 2011. He founded Debate for Peace in 2016 and has run over 20 MUN conferences and led 10 international delegations, engaging more than 2,000 students from nearly 100 cities and towns. Steven is an Honorary Advisor for the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Project Officer and Dialogue Expert at Asfar, Head of the Model UN Program at the Academy for Young Diplomats (Petah Tiqva, Israel). He was founding co-Editor of the WIIS Israel Middle East Review, and the first Middle East Desk chief for Wikistrat. Steven has been a panelist at the UN, European Parliament, and Almedalen Week as a guest of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. His writing has appeared in the Iran Human

Rights Review, Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, the Center for Islamic Pluralism, and Jurist.org, the Jerusalem Post, Diplomacy.co.il, and the Times of Israel. Steven has a BA in Economics (NYU), MA in Diplomacy and Conflict Studies (IDC). He has also spent years studying Judaic and Islamic studies and co-founded the Jewish-Muslim study group at Tel Aviv University. Some of his work is available on the SSRN, where he ranks among the top 10% of authors. Jewish and Italian-American, Steven is originally from Brooklyn. He speaks English, Hebrew and Arabic.



Dr. Andrise Bass, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D Vice Chair of the NGOCD-NY; President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique. Dr. Bass is a Mentor/Leader at Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. She is a Vice Chair of the NGOCD-NY and a member of the NGO Major Group Urban Cluster. Dr. Bass is a Transformational Strategist Coach, Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist with over 28 years of experience in the business industry. She has been a community organizer, for grassroots movements, an author, a keynote speaker, a business entrepreneur for business start-ups and a business strategist for non-profits. Her passion is helping men and women become leaders in their communities. Over the past 11 years, she has trained and mentored thousands of corporate professionals and entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds and varied industries across the globe. Every day, she looks forward to

helping her clients transform their lives, so they can create wealth and have a long-lasting sustainable legacy. In 2011, she was honored as a social ambassador for her humanitarian work and her positive fight on social justice in Haiti. She has a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice, MBA in Organizational Psychology and Ph.D. in public policy and administration. Working with Al Gore she is a Mentor/Leader at Climate Reality Project and Vice President of ASPAFrique a non-profit. As President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation she is continuously working to support education, poverty alleviation, human rights, climate action, and sustainable development. Dr. Bass' goal is to educate women to become leaders of their communities.



Mr. Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need and Together First.

Since 2017 the civil society-led UN2020 initiative had facilitated discussions with member states, UN officials and civil society advocates on the need for a robust, well prepared 75th anniversary commemoration for the UN in 2020, one that includes a meaningful process of stocktaking, review and strengthening of the organization. In December 2020, the UN2020 campaign was renamed the Coalition for the UN We Need. Together First is a network of individuals, civil society organizations, practitioners, parliamentarians, business leaders and activists from all regions of the world committed to fair, open and inclusive solutions to improve global governance. Jeffery had previously represented CIVICUS as UN Representative (NY), where he was an organizing partner of the UN DESA NGO Major Group (2011-2016) responsible for guiding multi-stakeholder engagement of NGOs in the lead up to Rio+20 through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. He was Chair of the 65th UN DPI/NGO Conference, “2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda”, UN HQ NY, 27-29 August 2014. He was also Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee (2007-2011), helping to organize the annual UN DPI/NGO Conferences hosted abroad in Paris (2008), Mexico City (2009), Melbourne (2010) and Bonn (2011). Jeffery was previously UN Representative (NY) for the U.S. Baha'i Community (1996-2009) where he led a number of NGO initiatives as Co-Chair of the Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court (FENICC); Chair of the UN Association/USA's New York Council of Organizations; President of the Committee of Religious NGOs; and co-founder of the Tripartite Forum on International Cooperation for Peace.



Ms. Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY. She is Co-Founder & CSO of the SDG Impact Awards Community, Director of UN Relations for Global Family.

Margo is a Coalition Partner of the Coalition for the UN We Need and she is Chair of the Board of Advisors for Youth for a Better World/Montessori Model UN, Youth Impact! Forum and she represents the Huairou Commission at the UN. She is proud to be a Charter Board member of the Soroptimist International Metro New York - SIMNY Chapter and a Climate Reality Project Leader. She is the Convener of the NGO Major Group Urban Thematic Cluster, as well as a member of the Women's Major Group for the UN High Level Political Forum. Margo is a Designer and Artist with a career in Film, Theatre & TV production. In addition, she is an activist dedicated to supporting the causes related to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. She has worked within the UN Community as a Chief Developer of meetings, conferences and Special Events with over thirty years of experience at the United Nations. She collaborates with all stakeholders in developing inclusive and impactful programs and projects. The NGOCS-D-NY was proud to be a Partner of the UN Secretary General's UN75 Anniversary Dialogues and the UN Friends of World Oceans Day/Month initiatives. Margo is mainly focused on connecting all areas of the 17 UN SDGs. She passionately champions SDG 17 on Building Partnerships and she believes in the NGOCS-D-NY motto: *"Turn Your Passions into Actions for Change."* Margo brings entrepreneurs of all ages and the private sector into the United Nations discourse to foster investing in the SDG solutions to support the success of the UN2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, so we "Leave No One Behind.". Recently, Margo was honored to receive the 2021 Volunteers of America Lifetime Achievement Award from United States President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,

"Turn Your Passions into Actions for Change"

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