

## Actions to Revitalize Our World's Oceans

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**H.E. Ms. Ilana V. Seid, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations.** Ms. Ilana Seid, presented her credentials to UN Secretary-General António Guterres on 16 September 2021 as the Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations. Before her appointment, Ambassador Seid was the founder and CEO of the online e-commerce company Sunday Morning. Prior to launching Sunday Morning, Ambassador Seid worked as a software engineer and technology project manager in New York, and as an investment banker at Lehman Brothers and Nomura Securities in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and New York. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University in the United States.



**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.



**Sergio Fernandez de Cordova is the Chairman of PVBLIC Foundation,** as well as an active investor in many ventures. As Chairman of PVBLIC he leads the foundations engagement with Governments from the White House to the United Nations and multinationals; public & private. In all of his work, he leads the global development and policy work behind structuring Public Private Partnerships (PPP) that embrace social change. Over the last ten years Sergio has helped launch or played an instrumental role in developing platform and initiatives to advance impact across the globe. From his work at the United Nations helping develop the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) of the SDG Fund at UN, Post-2015 Unit/Strategy Hub, SDG Media Zone, UN Family Office for Sustainable Development, Blockchain Commission, SDG Data Hub & Alliance, Alianza de Impacto Latino, to the White House's "It's On Us" & "Drink Up" initiatives to the Vatican supporting Pope Francis' Scholas Foundation via Transforming Education Donor Fund as well as many other notable global movements with associated Donor Advised Fund structures to support the investment of development of the various initiatives. Sergio has been celebrated locally & internationally for his work over the last 15 years. He was most recently honored with America's most distinguished award, the 2019 Ellis Island Medal of Honor given to American Immigrants whose life work exemplifies the American Dream. Sergio is a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor's in Sociology, Sergio also completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Birthing of Giants® executive program and the UNITAR executive diploma in International Law in the 21st Century and Diplomacy 4.0.



**Erik Giercksky, Head of UN Global Compact Ocean Stewardship Coalition** Erik has led the UN Global Compact's work on Ocean since January 2018. UNGC is the UN's main body for cooperation with international business and is, with its 12,000 signatory companies and 4,000 civil society organizations, the world's largest sustainability initiative. The UNGC's board is chaired by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The UNGC Ocean Stewardship Coalition consists of globally leading marine and maritime companies, as well as academic institutions, central UN organizations and NGOs. Since its inception, the work has been a significant normative factor for sustainability work in ocean-related industries. Of particular importance was the establishment of the Sustainable Ocean Principles during the UN General Assembly in 2019. Giercksky is also the lead author of

the Blue Bonds Reference Paper, a reference document for the bond market's work on sustainability for ocean related companies and part of the World Bank's approach. Giercksky has previously worked as communications director in the Norwegian Shipowners' Association and has held leadership roles in a number of companies and organizations. Giercksky started his career as a Norwegian diplomat and was part of the team that led Norway's work with peace processes in different parts of the world. Giercksky has a master degree from the London School of Economics and from the University of Oslo.



**Hon. 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Gaelin Rosenwaks, Founder of Global Ocean Exploration, Inc.** Gaelin is a marine scientist, explorer, photographer and filmmaker. Always fascinated by the marine world, she began diving at 14 and has since continued exploring ocean ecosystems. She began her career at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution where she researched over-wintering patterns of Southern Ocean zooplankton. Gaelin earned her Master's Degree in Coastal Environmental Management from Duke University working with the Tag-A- Giant program and conducting research on the migratory movements of Giant Bluefin Tunas. Alarmed by the changes happening in the oceans, Gaelin founded Global Ocean Exploration Inc (GOE) to share her passion for ocean exploration, marine conservation and photography. She now participates and conducts expeditions in every ocean to alert the

public not only to the challenges facing the oceans, but also to what science is doing to understand these changes. Gaelin is a US Coast Guard Licensed Captain, and a Fellow of both the Royal Geographical Society, the Explorers Club and a member of the Society of Women Geographers. She has published articles in scientific journals, newspapers and magazines and has delivered lectures at global conferences and many institutions including the Explorers Club, Patagonia, Inc, Duke University and Yale University. She has appeared as an expert on many TV programs including on The Discovery Channel, CBS News, and Business Insider, and as a presenter and angler on the National Geographic Channel Series, *Fish Warrior*. Her photography has been displayed in many exhibitions, including solo exhibitions at Duke University, The Maritime Aquarium, and the Patagonia Upper West Side Store in NYC. Gaelin serves as an Honorary Advisor of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and an Ambassador for Oceanic Global and is a proud partner of UN World Oceans Day. To Gaelin, there is nothing better than being in the open ocean surrounded by endless blue water and passing wildlife Gaelin's passion for the ocean and conservation is infectious and she hopes to inspire others to care about our planet through her work.



**Fabien Cousteau, Founder and President of the Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center.** Fabien is an aquanaut, ocean conservationist, and documentary filmmaker. As the first grandson of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Fabien spent his early years aboard his grandfather's ships Calypso and Alcyone; learning how to scuba dive on his fourth birthday. From 2000–2002, Fabien was an Explorer-at-Large for National Geographic and collaborated on a TV special aimed at changing public conceptions about sharks called "Attack of the Mystery Shark". Then in 2003–2006, he produced the documentary "Mind of a Demon" that aired on CBS. With the help of a large crew, Fabien created a 14-foot, 1,200-pound, lifelike shark submarine called "Troy" that enabled him to immerse himself inside the shark world. For the next four years (2006–2010), Fabien was part of a multi-hour series for PBS called "Ocean Adventures" with his father, Jean-Michel Cousteau, and sister, Céline. Inspired by his grandfather's 1978 PBS series "Ocean Adventures." In early 2009 Fabien began working with local communities and children worldwide to help restore local water ecosystems. He continues to presently fulfill these initiatives through Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center ("FCOLC") his non-profit 501(c)(3) founded in early 2016 dedicated to the restoration of the world's water bodies through active community engagement and education.



**Jeremy McKane, CEO of OCN.ai, an Artist, Explorer and Entrepreneur.** Jeremy is an Artist with the passion for the environment. His focus has been directed on Ocean issues for several years. He is an active Explorers Club Member and the CEO of OCN.ai, an autonomous network of marine robots that automate enforcement at sea. "My passion is the oceans and I feel that we don't give them the focus that they need. I thought about this years ago when I first walked up on one of the most polluted beaches I had ever seen. The sad part about it was that there was not any people for hundreds of kilometers yet the evidence of mankind was everywhere. Some of my work its pretty evident that I'm focusing on marine life but you might wonder what place people or kids have to do with conservation. My hope is that we introduce kids and adults not just to the ocean but water. Teach them

how to swim, how to snorkel or even dive! Once you step into blue, you are forever changed. Every second breath of air we take in right now comes from the ocean. Why don't we do ourselves a favor and start making efforts to protect what little we have left. Because it's definitely worth it!"



**Dr. Sian Proctor is an Astronaut, Geoscientist, Explorer, and Space Artist.** She was the mission pilot for the SpaceX Inspiration4 all-civilian orbital mission. She is the first black female to pilot a spacecraft and the first black commercial astronaut. She is also one of The Explorer's Club 50: Fifty People Changing the World. Her motto is called Space2inspire where she encourages people to use their unique, one-of-a-kind strengths, and passion to inspire those within their reach and beyond. She believes that we need to actively strive for a J.E.D.I. space: a just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive space as we advance human spaceflight. She uses her afrofuturism space art to encourage conversations about women of color in the space industry. She believes that when we solve for space, we also solve issues on Earth and she promotes the adoption of space technology to issues such as food

waste and climate change. Dr. Proctor spent over 20 years as a professor teaching geology, sustainability, and planetary science at South Mountain Community College, in Phoenix, Arizona. She is currently the director of the Global Futures Institute for the Maricopa Community College District and the Vice President of Education at Star Harbor.



**Jolyon Collier, Founder & President of Counting Coral; a Philanthropist, Explorer, Artist, and Mentor.** Jolyon is a philanthropist, artist, mentor, and founder of the nonprofit Counting Coral. Jolyon had an early love for the ocean, which led to an awareness of its importance and vulnerability. He found a passion for coral reefs while being an ocean videographer for surfers. Amongst countless years of ocean exploration, Jolyon developed his skill sets as a designer, artist, and custom home-builder. He works for high profile individuals and CEO's across Los Angeles and Malibu, turning ideas into reality. With coral reefs taking the brunt of the worsening climate change, Jolyon decided to connect his worlds of conservation and artistry to take direct action. 2 years ago Jolyon founded Counting Coral, where underwater art installations began as a doodle and grand idea. Overtime,

these sculptures were developed scientifically and artistically, initiating the journey of an artistic approach to global coral conservation.



**Alona Stepanova, CEO of PurOceans.** Alona has experience in project management and international sales, holding double MBA (Bocconi University, Milan and CBS, Copenhagen) for strategic marketing and strategic market creation, holding PRINCE2 qualification certificate. 15 years of international experience, 5 languages and 4 countries relocation. PurOceans Technology is a Latvian startup within the CleanTech industry, established in 2019. They are a team of 5 members with 35 years of combined experience in oil-contaminated sediments, microbiology, 15 years of combined entrepreneurial experience, and 15 years of combined international experience in sales. Our mission is to clean up waters and seabeds from oil products and micro-plastic

around the World. PurOceans team aims to rehabilitate deep waters and restore/recover Dead zones (over 500 areas around the World), as well as restore historically polluted areas from oil products and micro-plastic. We developed a pioneering, eco-friendly technology performs sophisticated water bottom cleaning in the most cost and time efficient way, providing a positive impact on the environment. We are able to lift oil and plastic from sea bed by means of ONLY air bubbles and pressure, which is totally save underwater eco-system, vice verse it speeds up organic rehabilitation process. • New technology that eliminates the pollution from waterbody's floor on the depth of 25 meters (in future up to 200 meters depth) • No classical utilisation - this cut cost by 4-5 times, sometimes the project cost cut by 80% • Provide efficient cleaning (proven results - 98% of water/floor purification) • Eco-friendly solution – no chemical/mechanical intervention • No adverse effect - no damage to flora & fauna in any way,



**Alastair Callender, Founder of Callender Designs, a Award Winning Sustainable Yacht Designer, Yacht Charter Vacations Specialist & Philanthropist.** Alastair designed Soliloquy – The Super-Green Superyacht which was inspired by his love of the World's Oceans. He is the only Yacht Charter Vacations expert & Yacht Designer that has won International Awards for 'Sustainability' and for 'Excellence in Innovation' by *The International Superyacht Society*. He draws upon a career of globally distinguished success. Alastair has been featured by The New York Times, The Financial Times, CNN, The Sunday Times, The Guardian and all major yachting media. Alastair's passions include Sustainability and Philanthropy. By harnessing his unique

position of being able to "connect-the-dots" between superyacht owners, charter clients and his wider connections, Alastair loves introducing his personal network of philanthropists to each other, to help solve some of the most important global issues. As Official Partner to Her Majesty The Queen's Commonwealth Trust, Alastair enjoys supporting their wonderful work. Other philanthropic causes close to Alastair's heart include Children's Adoption and ending Human Trafficking. As a public speaker, he has given presentations at numerous global conferences and events. Alastair has been invited to speak on Philanthropy and as an authority on Sustainability in Yachting. Alastair offers a unique perspective and expertise on the global superyacht fleet. Alastair launched the Americas region for Moravia Yachting, which has been based in Monaco since 1962. Today he advises clients in booking tailor-made vacations, ownership, and sustainable yacht design projects. Moravia Yachting is part of the wider Hill Robinson Group, the global leader in the Yacht Management of the most prestigious superyachts.



**Christopher Spezzano, Founder & President of Transcend Carbon, Founder & President of Form & Matter Foundation.** Christopher is a regenerative technology entrepreneur and consultant building consortia and ethical tech ecosystems. The Empathy Accelerator, and the EmpathyX ecosystem. As a master planner and global super connector, he is an advisor/investor for over a dozen regenerative technology companies, from genomics and protein synthesis to immersive gaming and carbon markets. Christopher has built a collaborative super mind of seaweed, algal, and mariculture projects from all corners of the globe to regenerate our oceans and the global economy in timelines that are relevant. Christopher is a passionate conservationist,

lover of nature, and photographer who has been supporting coral reef restoration efforts in Hawai'i and beyond. Christopher's current focus is charting a path towards a new economic future for Hawai'i, the oceans, and the world, using blockchain, regenerative bonds, and going beyond carbon markets.



**Michele Chubalashvili, Owner and CEO of Vitas Travel Service**, a luxury boutique travel company in NYC. Michele has been a key travel advisor to a distinguished clientele for over 30 years. She speaks fluent English, Georgian, Russian, Hebrew and French and is a favorite among an international clientele. She has designed and provided travel itineraries to a wide range of clients from single business professionals to small and large groups. The destinations she has visited personally are too many to name, but span the entire globe including major capitals of culture and commerce and hundreds of lesser known countries, regions, islands and villages. One thing that has been a consistent practice within her approach to designing itineraries for herself and clients is to include small and local vendors in the mix of destinations and experiences. Including small and new grass-roots businesses

and women-owned businesses in the mix has been very gratifying to her and her clients as they bring both economic benefits to people of low to average means and they provide some of the most authentic and satisfying experiences to the travelers. These kinds of vendors can include drivers, translators, chefs, restaurateurs, artists, indigenous speakers, hoteliers, and dozens of kinds of excursion operators. The positive feedback received from her travelers about some of their most unique experiences has always driven Michele to continue and refine this practice of engagement with the most local of businesses. Michele strongly believes in helping provide empowerment and opportunity for those who need it most. Additionally, Michele always strives to favor properties and companies who make efforts to limit waste and pollution and employ practices to preserve and protect our natural environment. It is vital that the travel industry help ensure that not only cultural heritage sites are protected but also rivers, oceans, forests, beaches and wetlands, while being accessible, must remain undamaged and clean.



**Camilla Webster, President of Camilla Webster Art.** Camilla launched an NFT with Purpose: UnityH20. In her new art project UnityH20 at Art Basel Miami, museum collected artist Camilla Webster is leveraging her career as artist, thought leader and award winning journalist to launch a global ocean project that combines art, finance and social impact. UNITY H20, are NFTs that will focus on animated paintings of sensitive ocean environments. Each NFT token is a spectrum of ocean / water colors tied to their geolocation. This project is inspired by Camilla's passion for the ocean, and the universal experience and concern over rising sea levels and ocean health. Camilla's NFT's will teach Art and Sustainability while funding Ocean Conservation. Every time one of her NFTs are collected or traded,, educational information on that area of the ocean becomes available

and a percentage of the sale is donated to an ocean conservation partner. Her plan encourages the collecting and active trading of the NFT to drive more education and impact to support organizations focused on healing our ocean waters in South Florida. As a member of The Nexus organization, Camilla is engaging the powerful collective of next generation philanthropists, that unites impact investors and social entrepreneurs, to address change. Nexus Founder Rachel Gerrol and financial innovation pioneer Bruce Cahan of Stanford University have joined her board as advisors on the project. Camilla has her master's degree in History of Art and Modern History from the University of St Andrew's in Scotland. She has also studied The Slade School of Fine Art in London and The Art Students League in New York. Webster attended The Brearley School, in Manhattan. Camilla is an accomplished author and lecturer. Her TEDx talk "Art in Front of You" attracted thousands of views, as she spoke on the calming sensation of art in everyday life. She is also the co-author of the bestselling award-winning book, "The Seven Pearls of Financial Wisdom: A Woman's Guide to Enjoying Wealth and Power."



**Cindy Boyko, Haida Nation Virtue Reality, Managing Partner, Board of Directors of the Archipelago Management Board of Haida Gwaii.** Cindy has worked at protecting Haida Gwaii for the past thirty odd years. Initially as an employee who spent much time in the southern part of Haida Gwaii educating visitors and watching over the area (Haida Gwaii Watchmen Program) then as the manager of that program for 13 years. Cindy has a passion for protecting sacred areas which arose from wanting to protect her own home, and she believes the more we can build a relationship to place and the sacred, the more collective energy is aligned to support a global initiative - for doing things better. From then until now, she's been on the Board of Directors of the Archipelago Management Board. For the last 19 years, she has helped to oversee the resilience of the southern part of Haida

Gwaii. During this time, she also spent 9 years as an elected rep on the Council of the Haida Nation, the political body that governs most matters of the Haida Nation and Haida Gwaii. During that time, she sat as an executive member. Cindy also has been creating a Steering Committee for Tipping Points, a committee that consisted of representatives from Haida Gwaii, Hawaii, and around the US, including politicians.



**Michael Brooks, Founder and BioHacker of SweetWater, Founder of Fertile Future Inc.** Michael's focus is on removing plastic pollution from our oceans and communities around the world with his innovative technologies by converting dirty-mixed ocean-plastic into chemical fertilizer using high-temperature chemistry. We are not only cleaning our oceans, and reducing microplastics, but also enriching our lands so that we all can grow more food on this planet. Michael is a world traveler, entrepreneur, and engineer of safety-critical systems who has built his career on making our world more secure. Travel showed him the scale of the big threats that we all face, and he has dedicated his life to this problem. This led him to new methods of improving our circular economy, which stops the threat of plastic at its source. From 2007-2009 he worked as an engineer to ensure the safety of critical communications systems for aircraft. From 2009 until 2016 Michael worked at BishopFox as a Security Analyst. During this time he held a CISSP and worked in the business continuity planning and conducted cyber security assessments for some of the largest companies and governments. From 2016 to 2019 he worked at Snap, Inc. where he led the offensive security team and performed assessments of all business acquisitions. His latest project is Fertile Future Inc. a company that will have a beneficial impact on all of the world's oceans.



**Anke de Boer, Special Assistant to the Secretary-General at the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet (GASP).** Prior to joining GASP, Anke de Boer worked as a Business Analyst in Brisbane, Australia. She was also involved with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition as a Digital Coordinator, where she developed an interest in community empowerment as part of climate action. Anke graduated with distinction from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), holding a Master's degree in Environmental Policy and Regulation. Her thesis focused on the political discourse surrounding development and resource extraction in regional Australia. She has recently served as a student panel coordinator at the Climate Exp0 conference, hosted by the COP26 Universities Network. Anke de Boer's goal is to continue broadening her understanding of environmental justice in community-based natural resource management in the Global South.



**Kumu Ramsay Taum Virtue Reality, Managing Partner, Board of Directors & Ho'opono Practitioner.** Kumu, is a Hawaiian Community Lei-maker, Transformational Thinker, Thought Leader, Community Bridge Builder, Social Engineer, Community Navigator, Inspirational Speaker, Cultural Liaison and Integrator Kumu Ramsay Taum will take us on a journey of the way of Aloha by way of applying and loving Principle. Kumu Ramsay is a recognized cultural resource, sought after keynote speaker, lecturer, trainer, and facilitator. Mentored and trained by respected kūpuna (elders), he is a practitioner and instructor of several Native Hawaiian practices: Ho'oponopono (stress release and mediation), lomi haha (body alignment) and Kaihewalu Lua (Hawaiian combat/battle art). Kumu graduated from The Kamehameha Schools, attended the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and earned a B.S. degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. Kumu Ramsay is the Founder and President of the Hawaii-based Life Enhancement Institute (LEI) of the Pacific "In Hawaii, sense of place is important: knowing where you are from, who you are, and where you are going,"



**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.



**Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY. Director of UN Relations for Global Family.** Margo is a Coalition Partner of the Coalition for the UN We Need 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.

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