Building Inclusive Partnerships with UN Initiatives for 2023 & Beyond

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Amir A. Dossal is President and CEO of the Global Partnerships Forum – a not-for-profit knowledge platform providing changemakers with tools to build innovative partnerships for the SDGs. Amir is co-founder of the Pearl Initiative, and a founding Commissioner of the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development. Amir co-founded the Blockchain Commission for Sustainable Development and serves as Executive Vice Chair. He is also co-founder of the Coalition for Better Health at Lower Cost that focuses on prevention of chronic diseases. Amir serves as a Distinguished Fellow for the Future of Health and Healthcare at the World Economic Forum. Pioneering Partnerships and Global Outreach Amir works globally across the economic and social spectrum. He is an accomplished diplomat, with a deep understanding of international affairs and extensive experience in global development and humanitarian issues, including managing complex technical assistance projects in emerging markets. By nature, a social entrepreneur and innovator, his work is an endeavor to bond the power of the private sector, governments, and civil society, in order to better serve the greater good. These include initiatives on women's empowerment, engaging media in sustainable development, and innovative use of

technology for positive social change. Amir is also a champion for the UN's Safe Ground Campaign. United Nations Service. Amir is a 25-year veteran of the United Nations and served as Executive Director of the UN Office for Partnerships until September 2010, which he established in 1998 to manage the \$1 billion gift by media mogul Ted Turner. During his tenure at the UN, Amir founded several new initiatives: the Department of Peacekeeping Operations: field finance and management, the Management Policy Office: oversee reform within the United Nations, the UN Fund for International Partnerships: interface with the UN Foundation, UN Democracy Fund: strengthen institutions and governance in new or restored democracies, UN Office for Partnerships: engage public and private sectors to support the UN's mission, Peacebuilding Support Office: help bridge development gaps in post-conflict countries. The Business Advisory Council for the Greater Tumen Region: regional cooperation among nations. Awards and Recognition: 2010 Humanitarian Award from the UN Association of New York, for his accomplishments in Partnerships to End Poverty and World Hunger, the 2010 Ambassador for Peace and Sport, Monaco, the 2015 Amir and his son, Zecki received Humanitarian Innovation Award for intergenerational partnerships, the 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award, bestowed by the ICAEW for his work in uniting public and private organizations to address the world's economic and social challenges, the 2017 Ellis Island International Medal of Honor for contributions to the global community. Personal: Amir is a UK Chartered Accountant (FCA) and has lived and worked in five continents. He is on the board of several non-profits and regularly undertakes speaking engagements and frequently serves as moderator for high-level panels, engaging Heads of State and Ministers. Amir is married to Tas, who is Senior Advisor of the Global Partnerships Forum. They have one son, Zecki, who is a Senior Director at Henry Schein.



H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan Valverde, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations. Maritza Chan is a Costa Rican career diplomat, academic, and activist. She was appointed Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations on 15 August 2022. Maritza Chan is the first Costa Rican woman to occupy the role since Costa Rica signed the UN Charter in 1945. Prior to her appointment, Maritza Chan served as Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations from March 2020 to August 14, 2022. Maritza Chan has more than two decades of professional experience at the highest political level. She has represented Costa Rica before the United States and multilateral organizations in both Washington D.C. and New York. She is an expert on international peace and security issues and an advocate for the Women, Peace, and Security agenda. She has been recognized by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC), as one of the leading agents for change advocating for arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation in 2014 and 2021. Maritza Chan was Costa Rica's lead negotiator on the Arms Trade Treaty (2010-2015) and is currently Vice-Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Conventional Ammunition, aiming

to establish a new global framework for the lifetime management of ammunition (2022-2023). She has published multiple articles on her negotiating experience in disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control. She has vast connections with international and regional organizations, as well as civil society and academia. Ambassador Chan served as President of the UNICEF Executive Board in 2022 and conducted the first field visit of the Bureau to Thailand after the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2018, Maritza Chan returned to Washington D.C. as the Head of the Political Section of the Costa Rican Embassy (2018-2020) after acting as Coordinator of the Organization of the United States in San José, Costa Rica (2015-2017). Maritza Chan served at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations in New York (2010-2015). She also served at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United States in Washington D.C (2002-2005). Maritza Chan started her career as a Senior Speech-Writer for the President of Costa Rica (1998-2002).



Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo, Chief of the Civil Society Unit at the Civil Society and Advocacy Section at the UN Department of Global Communications. She has extensive United Nations field and headquarters experience in public information outreach and fostering civil society partnerships, with a particular emphasis on youth and women's organizations. Ms. Diallo began her United Nations career in 1987 in the Department of Public Information (know now as the Department of Global Communications) and has served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia, respectively from 1992 - 1994. She has also worked for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) at the United Nations Headquarters in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer and a Partners and Youth Officer, where she managed strategic partnerships and designed and implemented empowerment programmes for communities in informal urban settings. Ms. Diallo is a national of Sierra Leone and the United States of America.



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.



Simon Littlewood, Founder & CEO of SDG Global Group, an investment group focused on building and investing in businesses globally which improve quality of life and sustainability. With over three decades' experience of founding, investing in, raising and structuring capital for a wide range of listed and private businesses, Simon has market-leading expertise in both developed and emerging markets. Recognized as an expert in the sector, Simon has been investing since the 1980s in sustainable businesses, with a current focus on agriculture, food, health, education and fintech. He is building a number of funds and platforms, with transparent, international standard reporting and governance, using both traditional and digital finance tools. These provide entrepreneurs, businesses and projects access to capital, technology, expertise and markets; and opportunities for investors, funders and technology providers. Simon's international business adventures started in Africa in the 1980s. For the last 35 years, he has been working across emerging markets including the Middle East, Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Greater China. Simon is currently serving as board member and advisor to a number of companies, funds, NGOs and other organizations. He was previously with HSBC London (structured finance), PwC (UK, Africa), BDO (UK, Europe) and several specialist funds and investment

banks. Simon is a UK qualified chartered accountant (CPA equivalent) with a law degree from Oxford University.



Stan Chen, CEO of RecycleGO Inc., and President of United Metal Recycling. As the CEO of RecycleCO, Stan is a leader of the recycling industry, serving as both a recycling technology and service provider, and United Metal Recycling, is a full-service, Class-A permitted recycling facility that handles all grades of ferrous and non-ferrous material, source-separated plastics, and fibers using state-of-the-art processing equipment - is a leader of the recycling industry, serving as both. An eco-entrepreneur, Stan's passion for sustainability along with 20+ years of experience in the recycling industry has provided the knowledge needed to design and develop ever-innovative solutions for the recycling industry, the economy, and the environment. He is a leader of the recycling industry, serving as both. Stan is also a speaker and panelist in the recycling, blockchain and sustainability spaces. Most recently he has spoken at Circular City Week NYC, the Ultramarine Ocean Summit, and the United Nations General Assembly Global Foundations/ Global Blockchain Business Council's Blockchain Central. Pre-Covid, Stan was selected to be a delegate of a US Department of Commerce sponsored trade mission to Malaysia and Indonesia to promote recycling between our countries, and was scheduled to speak at both ISRI and SWANA national conventions. Recently, he served as a mentor to Blockchain for Social Impact Coalition's

annual Hackathon. During the height of the NYC Covid outbreak, Stan leveraged his supply chain expertise to help launch Maskforce, a nonprofit initiative sourcing PPEs to healthcare providers in critical need. Stan is an active member in the following organizations: ISRI - Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries; SWANA - Solid Waste Association of North America; MRAI - Materials Recycling Association of India; GBBC - Global Blockchain Business Council; BCC - Blockchain Chamber of Commerce; UNGC - United Nations Global Compact; BSIC - Blockchain for Social Impact Coalition; ISSP - International Society of Sustainability Professionals; GPML - Global Partnerships on Marine Plastics



Karimot Odebode is an award-winning poet from Nigeria and a Founder of Black Girl's Dream Initiative, a youth-led organization that aims to close the gender gap in education inclusiveness through the arts, advocacy, research, technology and sports. Karimot is the author of the poetry collection 'A woman has many names' and she uses her poetry to foster sustainable development and create a safe world for girls and women. She created the Transform Education anthem for the United Nations Girls Education Initiative and has been featured by the Global Education Summit, Plan International, and BBC Media Action. In 2018 and 2019, Karimot was appointed as a Youth Champion for ONE Campaign in Nigeria where she helped spearhead the fight against extreme poverty, and campaign for quality education for girls. In 2022, Karimot was recognized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Oyo State Government as one of the 100 influential young people for her advocacy work.



Dr. Eugénie L. Birch, FAICP, RTPI (Hon), Co-Director of Penn Institute for Urban Research and President of the General Assembly of Partners. Dr. Birch holds the Nussdorf Chair for Urban Research, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania where she chairs the Graduate Group in City and Regional Planning. Founding co-director, Penn Institute for Urban Research, she is also co-editor of Penn Press's The City in the 21st Century series and co-editor of SSRN Urban ejournal. Dr. Birch's most recent publications include Slums: How the Informal Real Estate Markets Work (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016) and "A Midterm Report: Will Habitat III Make a Difference to the World's Urban Development?" Journal of the American Planning Association (82:4 2016 398-411) In New York City, Dr. Birch has served as a member of the New York City Planning Commission,

and on the jury to select the designers for the World Trade Center site. She has also served as a member of the US delegation to Habitat III. Dr. Birch, who lives in New York City, holds a PhD and Master's degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University.



Daniel Perell, Representative to the UN for the Baha'i International Community and Co-Chair of the Coalition for the UN We Need. Daniel joined the Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office as a Representative in 2011. His areas of work include social and sustainable development, global citizenship, human rights, and the role of religion in society and defense of the Baha'i Community. He was a Global Organizing Partner of the NGO Major Group and Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development. In 2010, Daniel received a JD from the University of Virginia, School of Law. He earned an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and has been admitted to the New York State Bar.



Nudhara Yusuf, Research Assistant with the Global Governance, Justice & Security Program at the Stimson Center in Washington D.C. where she coordinates the Global Governance Innovation Network (GGIN). Prior to Stimson, Nudhara worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)'s SDG Integration Team and the UNDP Regional Bureau for the Asia Pacific's Strategic Foresight Unit. Previously, she worked on Education and Training with the World Federation of United Nations Associations and supported the British Shadow Secretary of State for Justice in the UK's Parliament. A Dean's List graduate of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from University College London, Nudhara is the founder and trustee of several grassroots NGOs and CSOs across India and the UK. Her research primarily focuses on governance of and with future generations, the role of globalization and development in the shifting multilateral architecture, and engaging youth and civil society in governance and multilateral institutions. In addition to her role at Stimson, Nudhara also serves as Global Youth Coordinator at the Coalition for the UN We Need

(C4UN), a fellow with UN University's Center for Policy Research, and an Honorary Advisor to NGOCSD-NY.



Jan W. Dash, PhD, Editor-in-Chief of the new journal Climate Action, Research, and Policy (World Scientific, 2023), and the Editor of the Climate Change Encyclopedia (2021). To help ensure a livable world, Jan promotes climate change action with opportunity and risk management.). He is the Lead Climate Advisor to the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, and the Editor for their annual Climate Paper. His book (2016) is Quantitative Finance and Risk Management, A Physicist's Approach with a chapter on Climate Change Risk Management. He is a Gabelli Fellow and Visiting Scholar at Fordham University. He is the founder of Climate CARO, motivating universities to train M.S. students for senior business positions as Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Officers. He spoke on a panel at the 2015 Paris UN Climate Conference and attended the

2009 Copenhagen Climate Conference. Jan was a leader and innovator in quantitative finance and risk management at major financial institutions for many years. In his earlier career as a physicist, Jan was Directeur de Recherche at the Centre de Physique Théorique (CNRS, Marseille, France).



Oli Henman, is an Organizing Partner of the NGO Major Group and the Global Coordinator of Action for Sustainable Development. Oli leads the global advocacy and engagement with multilateral bodies such as the UN and other international institutions. He has considerable experience of working with civil society participation and governance in South America, Europe and around the world. In his previous role at CIVICUS he led key advocacy on the SDG negotiations, including leading roles in the 'Sustainable Development 2015' and Action/2015 projects, and he contributed regularly to policy developments on citizen participation in the UN and EU decision-making. Prior to CIVICUS, he was Head of Partnerships & International at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (UK); he was also a co-drafter of the Council of Europe's 'Code of Good Practice on Civil Participation'. He is half-Brazilian and started his career working on participatory budgeting

in the cities and rainforests of Brazil.



Arelys Bellorini, Senior United Nations Representative for World Vision in New York. She has been leading World Vision engagement on sustainable development agenda since 2012. Current focus is 2030 Agenda and SDGs. She manages the organization's relations and partnerships with key UN agencies, in particular UNICEF. Arelys is a sociologist graduated from Columbia University in New York and holds Graduate degrees from New York University and the Nicaraguan National Autonomous University. She has extensive experience on multilateral organizations, advocacy and policy influencing. She is an expert on children rights who has worked at country level in her native country of Nicaragua where she has led national programmes and strategies on the promotion and full realization of children rights. She also has extensive experience at sub-regional and regional level in Latin America. She has worked in Plan International, the Swedish Agency for Development Cooperation in Nicaragua, the Norwegian Agency for Cooperation Development, the Nicaragua

Foreign Affairs Ministry, among others. She has managed national and local NGOs and has been a Professor on advocacy and multilateral organizations in her home country. She has led national research on children issues, young people participation, particularly young women and developed national programmes evaluations. Arelys has also managed humanitarian programs and disaster risk reduction strategies at municipal and community level.



Beverly Bucur, Director of Advocacy for Soroptimist International and Advisory Board Member of the South Suburban Family Shelter. Beverly has served in many leadership roles in Soroptimist International of the Americas and Soroptimist International. She currently serves, working with the Soroptimist International team of 22 UN Representatives in seven UN Centres and the Soroptimist Advocacy Committee. Our current International Appeal, *The Road to Equality*, focuses on issues that hold women and girls back from achieving their full potential including domestic violence, trafficking, child marriage, Female Genital Cutting, migration, and older women. At the Soroptimist club level, Beverly has coordinated partnerships between local clubs in the Chicago area to provide food, clothing, school supplies, gift cards and scholarship opportunities for survivors of Domestic Violence. She is a member of the Advisory Board of South Suburban Family Shelter, an agency providing comprehensive and coordinated

domestic violences services in the the suburban south Chicago area. Services include: a hotline, counseling, emergency shelter, medical advocacy, court advocacy, transitional housing, community education, and abuser intervention. 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 is a member of the NGO Major Group Urban Cluster.



Pamela Morgan, Founder and Executive Director of Woman in Media-Newark, Zonita International Representative to the UN and a Member of the Executive Committees of NGO CSW/NY and the NGO Committee on Migration. Pamela is Co-Chair of the NGOCSW67 Forum serves as Chair of Zonta International's United Nations Committee, leading teams of representatives in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Paris and Bangkok. In her capacity Pamela is the Executive Director of Woman in Media – Newark, a not-for-profit organization which she founded that advocates for and educates the community about issues affecting women globally using film, video and new media as its platform. Their flagship event is their annual Women's History Month Film Festival where they screen an international array of independent film by and about women. A retired educator, Pamela worked for over thirty-five years in public education, with twenty of those years focused on the administration of instructional technology. She has served on numerous New Jersey State

Department of Education Instructional Technology committees and was a contributor to two of the New Jersey State Educational Technology plans. Pamela gave testimony before a US Senate sub-committee investigating funding for instructional technology and performed research on the effective implementation of community-based telecommunications networks.



Gaelin Rosenwaks, Founder of Global Ocean Exploration, Inc. Gaelin is a marine scientist, explorer, photographer, filmmaker and author of her new book "SPERM WHALES: The Gentle Goliaths of the Oceans." 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.



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.



Julia Sora Wykoff, Founder and CEO of Zeal Cares. Julia is a 17-year-old Social Entrepreneur and advocate for the Pediatric Oncology community from Houston, Texas. When she was 9, she attended a Youth for a Better World Montessori MUN Youth Conference at the United Nations in New York City. At that conference, her eyes were opened to real-world problems, and she decided she wanted to give back to her own community. She heard about the struggles a close family friend was facing with dry skin during chemotherapy treatment, and she focused her efforts on supporting children going through similar experiences. Zeal Cares makes and sells all-natural lip balm, and for every lip balm that is purchased, another is gifted to a child or young adult with cancer to help alleviate their dry skin during chemotherapy treatment. Zeal Cares, currently partners with more than 30 hospitals and organizations in 18 states. Julia is passionate about supporting and improving the lives of the pediatric and AYA

(adolescent and young adult) oncology community. She strives to make their treatment more comfortable by providing them with high-quality and effective body products and she is working towards her goal of being a significant source of funding for pediatric cancer research. In addition to being an Honorary Advisor for the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, she is a Youth Ambassador for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation. Julia is also proud to be the NGOCSD-NY Youth Rep for 2023.



Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family and Convener of NGO Major Group Urban Cluster for the UN High Level Political Forum., Margo is a Climate Reality Project Leader and a Partner of the Coalition for the UN We Need. She has represented the Huairou Commission and Mayors for Peace at the UN. She is proud to be a Charter Board member of the Soroptimist International Metro New York - SIMNY Chapter. She is a member of the NGO Major Group and the Women's Major Group for the UN High Level Political Forum. She passionately champions SDG 17 on Building Partnerships and she believes in the NGOCSD-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, to "Leave

No One Behind". She supports the UN Secretary General's Our Common Agenda and the Summit for the Future. Margo was honored to receive the 2021 Volunteers of America Lifetime Achievement Award from U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

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