



H.E. Ambassador Dr. Michal Mlynar, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations. Dr. Mlynár, presented his credentials to UN Secretary-General António Guterres on August 17, 2017. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Mlynár was Slovakia's Director-General for International Organizations, Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid between 2015 and 2017. From 2012 to 2015, he was Ambassador to Kenya and to the United Nations agencies in Nairobi. Dr. Mlynár held several positions from 2010 until 2011, including Head of the Project Team for Security Sector Reform, Deputy Chef de Cabinet in the Office of the Minister, and Head of the Unit for Coordination of Candidatures and Cross-Cutting United Nations activities. Between 2004 and 2009, Dr. Mlynár was Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, and his delegation's political coordinator on the Security Council from 2006 to 2007. He was also Deputy Chef de Cabinet and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister between 2002 and 2004. Dr. Mlynár holds a master's degree in teaching and a Ph.D in the theory of teaching foreign languages from Coenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. (UN Photo: Mr. Evan Schneider.)



Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Kingdom of The Netherlands, Sherpa for the UN 2023 Water Conference. Henk Ovink was appointed in 2015 by the Dutch Cabinet as the first Special Envoy for International Water Affairs. As the Ambassador for Water, he is responsible for advocating water awareness around the world, building institutional capacity and coalitions amongst governments, multilateral organizations, private sector and NGO's, and initiating innovative approaches to address the world's pressing needs on water. "Worldwide, water is the number one global risk, the connecting challenge across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and our best opportunity for inclusive and comprehensive action!" Ovink is also Sherpa for the UN 2023 Water Conference and leads the government of the Netherlands as co-host of the conference. Henk Ovink served on President Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force where he led the long-term innovation, resilience, and rebuilding efforts. He developed and led the 'Rebuild by Design' competition and initiated the National Disaster Resilience Competition. Before joining the Task Force Ovink was both Acting Director General of Spatial Planning and Water Affairs and Director National Spatial Planning for the

Netherlands. Henk teaches at Harvard GSD, the London School of Economics and the University of Groningen. His book - written together with Jelte Boeienga - "Too Big. Rebuild by Design: A Transformative Approach to Climate Change" explores his climate and water work for the Obama Administration. In January 2018 Henk Ovink was awarded for his 'transformative global water work' an honorary membership from the Royal Institute of Engineers of the Netherlands. At the World Urban Forum in February 2020 Henk was awarded the IHS Urban Professional Award 2020.



Sulton Rahimzoda, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to the High-Level Panel on Water and Climate Leaders. Sulton Rahimzoda is a Hydraulic Engineer and has experience working with issues of safety of dams and other hydraulic structures such as planning and managing the water reservoir, investigation of sedimentation processes, water resources management, including at the transboundary level, hydropower development and climate change issues. Mr. Rahimzoda chaired the Executive Committee of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) dealing with the mitigation of the Aral Sea disaster in five Central Asian countries in 2005-2008. Thus he knows well the water, energy and environmental problems of Central Asia region. Mr. Rahimzoda has also experience working with plans and policies for water management, environment and disaster risk reduction in various positions in the government of Tajikistan. In 2010-2013, Mr. Rahimzoda worked as First Deputy Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources and from November 2013 to May 2019 at the position of First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan. In 2013-2019, he was Member of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of the

Central Asia, representing Tajikistan. From May 2019 to September 2020, he worked as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tajikistan to the Republic of India. Mr. Rahimzoda led the process of reforming the water sector in Tajikistan starting from 2016 to 2019. During his tenure as First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources, the Water Sector Reform Program of Tajikistan for the period 2016-2025, the Law on Drinking Water and Sanitation, the draft Water Code in new edition, the draft Law on Water Users Associations, the draft National Water Strategy and many other sectoral programs and documents have been developed and approved by the Government and the Parliament of Tajikistan. Mr. Rahimzoda is also very active in promoting and advancing of water issues at the regional and international levels. He was a member of the International Steering Committee of the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit held in Beppu, Japan and Co-Chair of the International Steering Committees of the High Level International Conference on Water Cooperation, held on 20-21 August 2013 in Dushanbe, the High Level International Conference on Implementation of the International Decade of Action „Water for Life“, 2005-2015 held on 9-11 June 2015 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan and, the High Level International Conference on Implementation of the International Decade of Action „Water for Sustainable Development“, 2008-2018 held on 20-22 June 2018 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Since January 2021, Mr. Rahimzoda is Co-Chair of the International Advisory Committee of the Dushanbe Water Process, dealing with facilitation of the preparatory processes of the Dushanbe Water Conferences on International Decade of Action „Water for Sustainable Development“, 2018-2028. He was a Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to the High-Level Panel on Water Resources, which functioned from April 2016 to 14 March 2018. Currently, he is Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to the High-Level Panel on Water and Climate Leaders. Sulton Rahimzoda is author of a number of publications on various aspects of water resources management in Tajikistan and Central Asia. In September 2020, Sulton Rahimzoda for the second time was appointed as a Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.



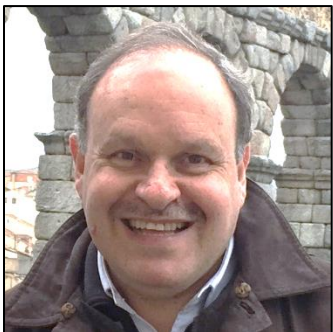
Aissata M.B. Camara, Deputy Commissioner for Policy & Strategic Initiatives and Chief of Staff for NYC Mayor's Office for International Affairs. In this capacity Aissata helps to identify opportunities for engagement between City agencies and the international community, including the United Nations, and develop and guide substantive partnerships. Prior to becoming Deputy Commissioner, Aissata served as the Strategic Relationships Manager and Program Director for NYC Junior Ambassadors. Before joining the Mayor's Office, she co-founded There Is No Limit Foundation and worked as the organization's Vice President of Programs and Partnerships, developing and managing programs focused on empowering poor and ultra-poor people through entrepreneurship, education, water, sanitation, hygiene, and the eradication of gender-based violence.

Aissata previously worked at The Rockefeller Foundation and Grameen America. She graduated from Bernard M. Baruch College (CUNY) with a B.A. in International Relations and Social Policy and went on to earn an MPA in International Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy at the New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She is originally from the Republic of Guinea and grew up in Queens, New York. A proud New Yorker, Aissata currently resides in Manhattan and enjoys volunteering and discovering new sites across the City.



Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer at the Outreach and Partnerships Branch Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs. Naiara is an International Relations analyst who has been coordinating the stakeholder engagement programme since 2018 at UNDESA. Before that, she led the International Secretariat of Together 2030, a civil society network tracking the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. She was the Advocacy Director of Beyond 2015, a global civil society campaign strongly engaged in the intergovernmental negotiations for the SDGs. Prior to that, she worked as an Advisor at the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom in New York as well as a development advisor at the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in Brazil. Naiara has served

the UN as a National Programme Officer at UNAIDS in Brazil for more than a decade and the government of Brazil at the Presidency of the Republic and the Ministry of Finance. Naiara holds a master's degree on International Relations (University of Brasilia, Brazil) and an MBA on Projects from the Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil.



Gustavo Saltiel, Global Lead for Water Supply and Sanitation of the Water Global Practice at the World Bank. As such, he coordinates global knowledge activities and operational support to World Bank teams across regions. He also oversees global work on water and sanitation utilities, policies, institutions and regulation, digitalization, circular economy, and urban water and sanitation security. He joined the World Bank in 2003 as Senior Water Engineer in the Latin America Region, he was then appointed as Sector Leader for Sustainable Development in Mexico, Program Manager of International Waters in the Africa Region, and Lead Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist in Peru, to lead lending operations and analytical work in the southern cone of Latin America. Before joining the World Bank,

he held Senior level positions in Argentina, including as General Manager of the utility Aguas Bonaerenses (serving 3 million people), Head of Planning and Regulatory Affairs of a private water concessionaire, Environmental Manager of the Reconquista River Basin Unit (UNIREC) and Manager of Assets and Quality of Service at the Buenos Aires Water and Sewerage Services Regulatory Agency (ETOSS). Mr. Saltiel is a Civil and Sanitary Engineer (University of Buenos Aires) and Master of Public Policy (University of San Andres, Argentina). He has been a Fulbright Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA) and Swedish Institute Fellow at the University of Lund (Sweden)



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).



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 fracking. 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 purpose driven businesses that seek to incorporate sustainable development goals into their culture. Helen is an Honorary Advisor of the NGOCS-D-NY and as a member of the Urban Cluster.



Susana Rojas Williams, Regional Coordinator of Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) for Latin America and the Caribbean. She is an urban planner and architect with 20 years of experience in the normative, technical and operational aspects of sustainable, inclusive and resilient development, with a focus on access to basic services and infrastructure investments, access to land, adequate housing, and human settlements development. Susana has experience managing cross-sectorial and multi-stakeholder programs, and a proven record providing technical assistance to country teams, governments and implementing partners with strategy development, capacity building, investment planning, policy dialogue, participatory planning, and partnership and coalition building and facilitation. Susana previously worked with Cities Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, the UN-HABITAT Water and Sanitation Trust Fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Special Interest Group in Urban Settlement (SIGUS) at

MIT. She has professional experience in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. She holds a Master in City Planning and a Master of Science in Architecture Studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. About Sanitation and Water for All (SWA): SWA is the United Nations-hosted partnership working towards a joint objective of water, sanitation, and hygiene for all, always, and everywhere. The partnership uses innovative ways to increase political support for the human rights to water and sanitation. It does this through the mobilization of partners in governments, utilities, regulators, donors, financial institutions, UN agencies, civil society and research organizations, and the private sector. Partners share the conviction that achieving universal access to water and sanitation requires more than building wells or latrines and laying pipes, so they harness their collective power around strong leadership and good governance. This includes advocating for political prioritization at the highest levels of power, promoting participation of vulnerable groups in decision-making, ensuring finance is made available and used effectively, learning across countries and regions, and holding each other accountable for commitments made.



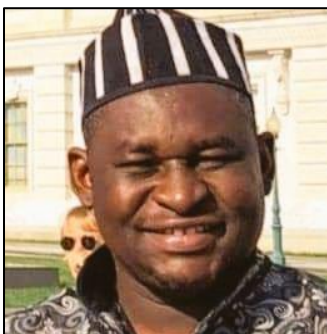
Adam Taylor is the Founder and Executive Director of the MIGO Group, a cutting- edge wastewater treatment company specializing in industrial and municipal water treatment and environmental remediation. Most recently, MIGO broke ground on its new sustainable Quant Vida water treatment plant in the Caribbean, which, when completed in early 2024, will revolutionize the design, operations and sustainability of future treatment facilities worldwide. Mr. Taylor attended Nanjing Normal University in China, FengChia University in Taiwan and HEC Paris and earned his PhD in Contemporary Chinese History and Literature. Mr. Taylor is the worldwide patent holder of numerous water treatment and energy technologies and has obtained several degrees, certificates and honors in fluid dynamics, naval architecture and natural and applied sciences. He has been a featured speaker at

numerous events including Ultramarine, the Green China Summit and Future Horizons. In 2012, he took part in a special program at MIT based on his innovations and breakthroughs in advanced water treatment theory and technology. Mr. Taylor was raised in Hong Kong and San Francisco and is fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese.



Mariet Verhoef-Cohen is President of Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) since 2014 and Soroptimist International President 2017-2019. Recognised as an expert on the topic of water and how it impacts the lives of women and girls globally. She has represented WfWP at the World Water Council; at UN Water; in the Dushanbe International Advisory Committee for the Decade of Water and Sustainable development; in five World Water Forums; presented at Stockholm World Water Weeks and CSW's in New York. Mariet is Vice-Chair of FAO/WASAG, the Global Framework on Water Security and Agriculture (FAO) and Board Member of Human Rights 2 Water. In her capacity as President of WfWP Mariet joined the SC for the 'Water Dialogues for Results' of the Bonn conference, and organised 8

webinars and 2-day virtual conference held from Oct - Nov 2020 on the theme "Women, Water, Climate: Tackling the Challenges". The outcome of the case studies and conference were subsequently published in a document entitled "The Way Forward". She is just back from UNESCO Groundwater Summit and WfWP put a Draft Special Event forward for the UN 2023 Water Conference in New York. Mariet was granted the Royal distinction of Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau in recognition of her ground-breaking voluntary work for Soroptimist International and WfWP and in January 2020, she was honoured with the Evolutionary Business Council Global Impact Award 2019.



David Michael Terungwa, PhD Candidate; Environmental Management, Executive Director of Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation, based in Nigeria. David is part of the Africa Regional Coordinator for Citizens Climate International. He is a member of the Resilient 40 a group of 40 Climate Resilient youth in Africa by Wilton Park, Foreign, commonwealth and development office. Head mitigation and Energy; Nigerian Civil Society platform on the Paris Agreement, A Crans Montana Fellow and Atlantic Dialogues Emerging Leaders with the Policy for the New South Morocco. Driven from deeply held conviction, with his personal mantra "Thou shall not pollute the Earth", he applies a degree in Agricultural Engineering with a specialization in Soil and Water Management and two post graduate degrees in Renewable energy and Masters in

Environmental Planning and Protection. David believes in helping people, young and old to help themselves, empowering them to build Climate Resilience at community level. He is an advocate of climate justice, equity and climate income. David is the lead author of the book; Understanding Climate Change a Guide for Secondary Schools in Nigeria. He is a husband and a father of two.



Farwa Aamer, Research Analyst with the Stimson Center's Energy, Water, & Sustainability Program. At Stimson, Farwa leads the Water Security and International Hydro-diplomacy project where her research focuses primarily on the security and political dimensions of transboundary river water governance in the Global South. Farwa periodically organizes and convenes high-level Track II dialogues and discussions designed to facilitate greater inter and intra-regional cooperation on issues around water, climate security, and renewable energy transitions in South Asia, Central Asia and the Euphrates-Tigris River basin. Farwa also spearheads the Women and Water Security work at Stimson—a project designed to amplify women voices in the water discourse. Prior to joining the Stimson

Center, Farwa served as the Director of South Asia program at the EastWest Institute (EWI)—a global think tank headquartered in New York. At EWI, Farwa worked on promoting non-traditional channels of diplomacy and establishing multi-stakeholder platforms for shared economic, financial, and geopolitical interests. Farwa received her Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from University College London (UCL) and has a Master's in Management with Finance from BPP Business School, London



Dr. Andrise Bass, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique and Climate Reality Project.

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 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 in being of serve to their communities.



Amrita Gautam, Civil Engineer; Doctoral Researcher at TH Koeln, Germany, President of SI Koeln Kolumba, Germany and Founder of drinkPani, Nepal.

Amrita is an RiSWP Global Ambassador and a Civil Engineer, pursuing her doctoral research in Technical University of Cologne (TH Koeln), Germany, with special focus in Hydro-Informatics: Water Supply Engineering and Management, having work experiences from various 'United Nations (UN) Organizations and Research Projects' in Nepal, Germany, Mozambique, Brazil, Canada & USA. As a Young Water Professional, Amrita has been involved in World Youth Parliament for Water; International Water Association; Soroptimist International; Youth for the Rhine; and Girls in Tech – Nepal. She was awarded with 'Women with Vision 2018', received Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE) Scholarship Award in 2019 and got

selected as an Ambassador of Rising Smart Water Professionals (RiSWP/SWAN) in 2021. Her ongoing doctoral research is about "Water Supply and Quality Monitoring via Emerging Technologies", and the case study area is Pokhara Metropolitan City (PMC), Nepal. She has founded a research initiative - drinkPani (www.drinkpani.net), which refers to 'Drinking Water Information Kit' and believes in "Shaping Digital Water Future."



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.



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.



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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