

World Cities Day Observance - Oct. 31, 2022

Better City, Better Life: Act Local to Go Global



Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif (Malaysia) is the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), appointed at the level of Under-Secretary-General by the Secretary-General, following an election by the General Assembly on 22 December 2017. On 22 January 2018, Ms. Sharif assumed her post at UN-Habitat's Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. She succeeds Dr. Joan Clos of Spain. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Sharif was the Mayor of the City Council of Penang Island, Malaysia. In 2011, she became the first woman to be appointed President of the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai. As mayor, she led the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai to achieve its vision of a "cleaner, greener, safer and healthier place to work, live, invest and play." She is a champion of Gender-Responsive Participatory Budgeting and Planning, integrating gender perspectives into the governance process. During her tenure, the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai was the first Local Authority to implement and achieve six quality-based management ISO certifications. Ms.

Sharif began her career as a town planner at the Municipal Council of Penang Island in 1985. In 2003, she was promoted to Director of Planning and Development, a position she held until November 2009. As Director, she was responsible for the preparation of structure and local plans and was directly involved in the development management of Penang City's projects and landscape. She also led a team which planned and implemented urban renewal projects in George Town. In November 2009, as its General Manager, Ms. Sharif established George Town World Heritage Incorporated and managed the George Town World Heritage Site, which was inscribed by UNESCO in July 2008. Born in Kuala Pilah, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia, on 26 August 1961, Ms. Sharif holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Town Planning Studies from the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, UK and a Master of Science in Planning Studies from the Malaysia Science University. She has received several awards, including, "Planner of The Year 2014" by the Malaysian Institute of Planners, the 2016 Global Human Settlements Outstanding Contribution Award during Habitat III in Quito, for her contribution in sustainable planning in Seberang Perai and from the Penang State Government. On 11 January 2018, she received an award from the Malaysia Book of Records recognizing her for being the first Asian woman to be appointed as Executive Director of UN-Habitat. She is married to Mr. Adli Lai and has two daughters.



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.)



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Muhammad Abdul Muhith Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations. Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith presented his credentials to the United Nations Secretary-General as the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York on 02 August 2022. He is currently serving as the Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission and as the President of the Executive Board of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women). Ambassador Muhith joined Bangladesh Foreign Service in 1993. Prior to his current post, he was the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Austria with concurrent accreditation to Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN Offices and International Organizations in Vienna (2020-2022). He also served as the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Denmark with concurrent accreditation to Estonia and Iceland from 2015 to 2020. In his diplomatic career spanning around three decades, he served in different capacities at various Bangladesh Missions

abroad including in the Embassy of Bangladesh in Washington DC (Minister and Deputy Chief), Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York (Counsellor/Minister), Embassy of Bangladesh in Doha (Counsellor), Embassy of Bangladesh in Rome (Second /First Secretary) and Embassy of Bangladesh in Kuwait (Third/Second Secretary). In the Headquarters, among other responsibilities, he served as the Director-General of Americas Wing, Europe Wing and as the Director of the office of the Foreign Secretary. Ambassador Muhith holds Bachelor and Masters degree in Social Science from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is married and blessed with two daughters.



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Thomas Zahneisen, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations. Ambassador Zahneisen has been in New York since March 2022. Before coming to New York he served as Director for Humanitarian Assistance in the Federal Foreign Office (FFO) in Berlin following his role as Head of Division for Crisis Prevention, Stabilization, Peacebuilding and Mediation from 2015 to 2017. Ambassador Zahneisen has combined nearly ten years of experience working in a diplomatic capacity with the regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. He headed the Foreign Office's Task Force on Afghanistan/Pakistan (2014-2015), served as Deputy Head of the German Embassy in Kabul from 2010 to 2012, and as Civilian Head of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Feyzabad from 2007 to 2008. He worked as Deputy for the FFO's Foreign Policy Planning Unit and as German exchange diplomat in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris (UN Security Council team). Other postings abroad led him to the

Democratic Republic of Congo, to the German Mission to the UN in New York, as well as the German Embassy in Kigali, Rwanda. He holds degrees in Chemistry from University of Marburg and Université de Paris and in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



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.



Ms. Judy L. Baker, Global Lead, Urban Poverty and Housing, and a Lead Economist in the Global Practice for Urban, Resilience and Land at the World Bank in the Africa Region. She has held various positions across the World Bank throughout her career, working on lending projects and analytics in Africa, East Asia, Latin America and South Asia. This work has covered topics related to sustainable urban development, urban poverty, slum upgrading, service delivery, affordable housing, and climate change. She has published six books, as well as produced numerous country and regional reports for the World Bank. She holds degrees from the University of Michigan and Boston University.



Mr. Raf Tuts is Director of the Global Solutions Division of UN-Habitat, based at its Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. He is overseeing the development of UN-Habitat's normative guidelines through global initiatives, covering various dimensions of sustainable urbanization. He is also Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Deputy Executive Director. Since joining UN-Habitat in 1995, he held the following positions: Manager of the Localising Agenda 21 Programme, Chief of the Training and Capacity Building Branch, Manager of the Cities and Climate Change Initiative, Coordinator of the Urban Planning and Design Branch, and Director of the Programme Division. He coordinated UN-Habitat's engagement in formulating the Sustainable Development Goals and led an agency-wide global effort to study city responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2016, he was awarded the title of Honorary

Professor from his alma mater, the University of Leuven, Belgium.



Hon. Mr. Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol. Marvin Rees was first elected Mayor in May 2016 and Bristol became the first major European city to have an elected mayor of Black African heritage. His working life began at Tearfund, before working with Sojourners in Washington, DC and President Clinton's advisor, Dr Tony Campolo. On returning to the UK he was a broadcast journalist at BBC Bristol, worked at the Black Development Agency supporting the BME-led voluntary sector and worked on delivering race equality in mental health with NHS Bristol's Public Health team. He holds two Master's Degrees in Political Theory and Government and in Global Economic Development. He is a Yale World Fellow and co-founded the City

Leadership Programme. He entered the political world having graduated from Operation Black Vote and Labour Future Candidate programmes. During his first term in office he delivered almost 9,000 homes, announced the development of a mass transit system, provided quality work experience for over 3,500 children, developed the One City Plan, successfully bid to bring Channel 4 to Bristol and is leading the city's response to both the climate and ecological emergencies. Marvin was re-elected as Mayor in May 2021.



Lord Mayor Ms. Carola Gunnarsson of Sala, Sweden. Lord Mayor Gunnarsson is the First Vice President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR). Lord Mayor Gunnarsson is the international spokesperson of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and she is Vice president of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Special envoye for freedom, solidarity and fighting violence against local political leaders. Lord Mayor Gunnarsson has had a long political career and she has also a long working career in the Federation of Swedish Farmers. She lives on a farm in the countryside in the municipality of Sala, 120 kilometers north-west of Stockholm.



Ms. Aissata M.B. Camara, Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Strategic Partnerships in the New York City 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.



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 revitalization 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.



Ambassador, Dr. Carlos Garcia, former Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations, New York. Founder and CEO of CG Global Consultant, Secretary-General of United Nations Association of El Salvador. CG Global Consultant is a firm committed to the analysis, consulting and promotion of international relations, particularly on the United Nations agenda. The United Nations Association of El Salvador (UNA-SV) is a non-profit organization dedicated to educate, inspire and promote the United Nations principles, values and the sustainable development goals in El Salvador, including Salvadorans worldwide.



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-

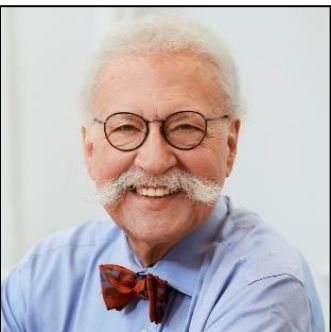
411) In New York City, Dr. Birch has served as a member of the New York City Planning Commission, and on the jury to select the designers for the World Trade Center site. She has also served as a member of the US delegation to Habitat III. Dr. Birch, who lives in New York City, holds a PhD and Master degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University. David is an Executive Board member of NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and a member NGO Major Group Urban Cluster for the High Level Political Forum. David is an Alumni of Cambridge Institute of Sustainable Leadership Network.



Ms. Jane Katz, Board Vice-Chair and Washington DC Representative to Global Urban Development, Representative of the UN New Urban Agenda and General Assembly of Partners on the UN Office of Disaster Risk Reduction/Sendai Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Group.

Jane coordinates policy/advocacy strategy as an international urban and housing advisor to the UN and other global organizations. She provided expertise in global housing policy, urban, and land-related issues and campaigns as Director of International Affairs and Programs in Habitat for Humanity International's Office of Government Relations and Advocacy for close to twenty years. Her work has included advocating for housing policy and land tenure issues for the Sustainable Development Goals and Habitat III-the New Urban Agenda and successfully influenced inclusion of these issues in those global

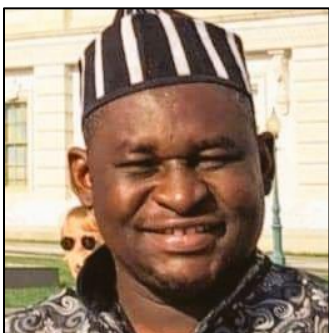
agreements. She led Habitat's Global Housing Policy Indicators assessment tool. Previously, Ms. Katz worked in the public and private sectors at Fannie Mae and in United States government agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Federal Home Loan Bank Board. She received her Master of Arts degree in Government and Politics in urban affairs and public administration from the University of Maryland and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs from the University of Cincinnati. She serves on advisory boards and coalitions, including Co-Chair of the GAP Civil Society Constituent Group; UN-Habitat's World Urban Campaign; and a member of the NGO Major Group Urban Cluster.



Mr. Theodore Liebman, FAIA, a Principal at Perkins Eastman, a global architectural firm, a Board Member and Vice President, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU).

A member of the NGOCSD-NY Executive Board and the NGO Major Group Urban Cluster, member of the General Assembly of Partners and Senior Fellow, Global Urban Development (GUD). His work concentrates on issues of housing, lifestyle, and culture in the urban environment and a comprehensive view of long-term sustainability that challenges the limits of density in urban communities. Liebman was Chief of Architecture - NY State Urban Development Corporation 1970-75. In 1975-77, posted in Iran with the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), Architecture and Urban Design Advisor. In 1995-96, Mr. Liebman was the Land Development Manager for the World

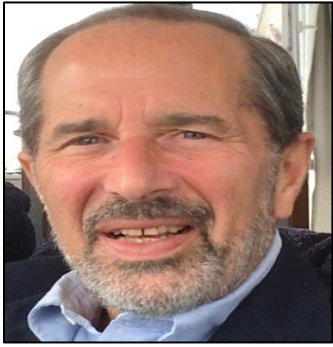
Bank funded Russian Federation Housing Project in Russia. Past president of the NY Chapter of the AIA, Recipient of the Andrew J. Thomas Pioneer in Housing Award. In 2005, he received the Ratensky Lecture, Liebman received B. Arch. from Pratt Institute, M. Arch. from Harvard University, GSD, Rome Prize Fellowship in Architecture. In 1970-71, awarded the Wheelwright Travelling Fellowship in Architecture from Harvard to Study "Criteria for Housing at High Densities". Attended UN Habitat I, II, III and WUF 9, 10. Adjunct Professor of Affordable Housing at NYU. Lectured and served on architectural juries in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. Liebman engages in dialogue with governments, investors, developers, and students to shape the environment and sustain cities.



Mr. 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.



Dr. Marc A. Weiss, Chairman and CEO, Global Urban Development. Dr. Marc A. Weiss has been serving since 2001 as the founding Chairman and CEO of Global Urban Development (GUD), an international policy organization and professional network of more than 700 leaders and experts in 60 countries. He previously served in Washington as a senior housing and urban development official of the Clinton Administration and in New York as an international urban policy, planning, and development professor at Columbia University. He is a founding lead partner of the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign. Since 2015, Dr. Weiss and his wife, Nancy Sedmak-Weiss, GUD's Chief Legal Officer, have been coordinating the Porto Alegre Sustainable Innovation Zone (ZISPOA), a key initiative of GUD's World Bank-funded Leapfrog Economic Strategy for Brazil's State of Rio Grande do Sul to become the most sustainable and innovative place in Latin America by 2030. As part of the ZISPOA initiative, Dr. Weiss served as an international visiting professor in Porto

Alegre at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. Currently GUD is organizing sustainable innovation zones in many countries, including the new Wheaton (MD) Sustainable Innovation Zone funded by the US Department of Energy and the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation. He has been an adviser on Metropolitan Economic Strategy, Sustainable Innovation, and Inclusive Prosperity for cities, counties, regions, states, and provinces throughout the world, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Italy, Morocco, Panama, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, UAE, UK, US, and Virgin Islands. He is the author of a widely acclaimed book on urban development and planning, *The Rise of the Community Builders*, published by Columbia University Press, and co-author of a best-selling international university textbook, *Real Estate Development Principles and Process*, published by the Urban Land Institute. Dr. Weiss earned an MCP and PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of California-Berkeley, and a BA with Honors in Political Science from Stanford University.



Mr. 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.



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.



Mr. Daniel del Valle Blanco, Diplomat, Political and Youth Advisor, Permanent Missions of the Sovereign Order of Malta and Slovakia to the United Nations in New York. High Representative for Youth, International Human Rights Foundation. Daniel is based in Madrid, Spain. His main professional interests include diplomacy, international relations, law, human rights and economics. Mr. del Valle serves as the official High Representative for Youth of the International Human Rights Foundation, where he brings also his recent and on-going experience serving as Policy Advisor to the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations in New York. In that capacity he has focused primarily on youth policies, Latin America and Africa. Daniel has worked passionately to support the implementation of the UN Youth 2030 Strategy launched by UN

Secretary-General António Guterres in September 2018, and the work of the Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. Underpinned by his humanistic values, he has provided the said diplomatic missions with invaluable assistance in areas such as humanitarian aid, human rights, education, peacebuilding, public and cultural diplomacy and social media. He has worked directly also with a number of Latin American and African diplomatic missions both in New York and in Europe (e.g. Haiti and Lesotho) to ensure direct participation of youth in decision making processes and to involve young people in bringing about desired change in their countries and societies ("Ambassadors of Change"). Daniel's other commitments include serving as Secretary-General of the International University Circle of Spain (CIU), as Ambassador of the "We Are All Migrants" Campaign of the Organization of American States (OAS) for Spain, in the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), as well as Coordinator of the "Medicine for Venezuela" Initiative in Spain. He has led the UN Environment Program (UNEP) Campaign "Faith for Earth" in Spain (as a senior member of the Youth Council) and has worked closely with the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) on their "For Safe Worship" Campaign. He is also a member of Advisory Boards of the Yuva Bhagidari Foundation in India (promoting young people's engagement in innovation, sustainability, democracy and good governance) and of the Peaceful Mind Foundation (a global organization, registered with the UN, focusing on mental health for all), as well as Honorary Advisor for Youth Leadership with the NGO Committee for Sustainable Development-NY. In addition, he has advised private companies from various sectors on security international events and political analysis. Daniel has taken courses in Economics at the University of Münster in Germany, has the title of Expert in Climate Change International Legal Regime, by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), and is currently completing a Law degree, with a concentration in international law, at the El Escorial – María Cristina Royal University Centre associated with the Complutense University of Madrid, one of Europe's oldest universities.



Mr. Manyang Reath Kher, Founder and CEO of Humanity Helping Sudan Project and the Founder and CEO of 734 Coffee. Manyang is a Human Rights Adjunct Professor – Criminology, Law and Society, .Human Rights and Justice – he teaches the norms, laws, and systems for the promotion and protection of human rights. Provides a foundation for understanding historical, legal, political, economic, and ethical aspects of human rights. At the age of 3, I became one of the 20,000 Lost Boys of Sudan. For thirteen years, I lived in three different refugee camps along the Sudanese--Ethiopian border where hunger, fear and abuse were part of everyday life. I was given a great opportunity to move to the United States and I am so grateful for the opportunities that came my way but I could not leave Sudan

behind. In order to share the opportunities that had been given me, I created 734 Coffee – a coffee company that sources its beans in Sudan and Ethiopia, and employs refugees both in Africa and here in the United States. Profits from 734 Coffee go back to support the charitable efforts of Humanity Helping Sudan. At the core of 734 Coffee, Humanity Helping Sudan and everything I do is the promise to tell the story of the world refugee crisis and give new hope for the economic prosperity and self-sustainability of refugees in Sudan and around the world.



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.



Mr. Erastus B. Mong'are, HSC is the Founder and Executive Director for StartUpAfrica, Inc. Erastus' organization is a Diaspora international non-profit that supports African youth in the building of business skills and in endeavors that foster financial independence, create jobs, and grow African economies. As Executive Director, he mobilizes people and resources to support development projects in Africa including initiating partnerships for entrepreneurship initiatives, working on a model youth entrepreneurship program to address unemployment problems among the youth in Africa, and supporting startups among others. His vision is to work with others to impact the lives of 10 million youth through entrepreneurship with the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 to "Leave No One Behind." He is a supporter of the SDG Impact Awards Community and the recipient of numerous

awards including Kenya's Presidential Head of State Commendation (HSC) Award, Delaware's Governor's Proclamation, Public Allies Delaware Changemaker Award, Tomorrow Leaders Today Award for Community Service, Toastmasters Division Governor of the Year, Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) Award, and Finalist, Philadelphia Eagles Community Quarterback Award for Community Service.



Ms. Cairo Eubanks is the Founder of Bringing the Globe and Youth Representative to the United Nations the New Future Foundation International. Bringing the Globe is an ed-tech resource platform that creates online content and curriculum for parents and teens in the areas of leadership development, advocacy, and cultural exchange. Ms. Eubanks is also the New Future Foundation International Civil Society Youth Representative to the United Nations and the Co-Chair of the United Nations Department of Global Communications Civil Society Youth Representatives Steering Committee. She is a Keynote Speaker and Presenter for international workshops, panels, and conferences, most notably the Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo's Doing Business with the World! Africa panel, sponsored by Global Oved Dei Seminary and

University. Cairo is the Founder and Curriculum Designer of Bringing the Globe, an international virtual student exchange platform for cultural exchange and leadership development. Her mission is to create global citizens by creating accessible programming and platforms that provide empowerment, access, and opportunity. An award-winning pageant queen, Cairo currently reigns as Miss Black Florida and she utilizes her various local and international platforms to build bridges between civil society and intergovernmental organizations. She recently received the 2022 Young Pacesetter for Africa Development award on Africa Day at the United Nations.



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, Chair of the UNA-USA COO 75th Anniversary – UN Day Celebration, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY. She is the Convener of NGO Major Group Urban Cluster, the Director of UN Relations for Global Family, a Climate Reality Project Leader and a Partner of the Coalition for the UN We Need. She has represented the Huairou Commission 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 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, 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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