



NGOCSD-NY & NGO/MG Urban Cluster 2023 UN HLPF - Virtual Side Event

Accelerating Actions for the SDGs

Thursday, July 20, 2023 from 1pm–3pm, EDT – [RSVP Here](#)

The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY together with the Urban Cluster and our partner organizations are aligned with the 2023 UN High Level Political Forum supporting the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals, especially to reduce climate risk and inequalities. Our experts will share their recommendations to accelerate action solutions for the SDGs up for national review this year, which include SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation, SDG 7 on affordable and clean energy, SDG 9 on industry, innovation, and infrastructure, SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities, and SDG 17 on partnerships. Our cities and communities increasingly cannot achieve sustainability and resilience without investing in transforming the way we plan, design, manage, and build our inclusive future together to “Leave No One Behind.”

Programme

Welcome & Moderator

- Margo LaZaro, President & Chair of the NGOCSD-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family and Convener of the NGO/MG Urban Cluster for the UN HLPF

Opening Reflections

- Dr. Michal Mlynár, Deputy Executive Director and UN Assistant Secretary-General of UN-Habitat, Nairobi

Keynote Reflections

- Satya S. Tripathi, Secretary-General of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet
- Emilia Saiz, Secretary-General of United Cities & Local Government, Barcelona, Spain
- Hon. Chris Lee, Hawaii State Legislature, Senate District 25 (Kailua, Waimanalo, Hawaii Kai)
- Alyn Ware, Founder & Global Coordinator of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND)

Action Solutions

- Dr. Eugenie Birch, Co-Director, Penn Institute for Urban Research, Pres.t of General Assembly of Partners
- Henk Rogers, President of the Tetris Company, Founder of Blue Planet Alliance, the Blue Planet Foundation, and Blue Planet Energy
- Sandra Baer, CEO, Personal Cities, Brand Ambassador, [SmartCitiesWorld](#)
- Jane Katz, Vice Chair & Wash., DC Coordinator. Global Urban Develop., Co-Chair CSO, General Assembly Partners; Urban Rep. UNDRR/Sendai Stakeholders Advisory
- Katherine Kline, INPEA & General Assembly of Partners - Older Persons PCG
- Theodore Liebman, FAIA, Principal at Perkins Eastman, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization
- Cherinet Hariffo, Temple University Political Science Student & NGOCSD-NY Youth Rep to UN Dept. of Global Communications & Rep of the Institute for Conscious Global Change to UN ECOSOC from Ethiopia
- Amrita Gautam, Founder of drinkPani, Nepal

Updates on the UN Summit of the Future

- Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need

Overview

Partners: NGOCSD-NY, PVB LIC Foundation, SDG Relief Fund, the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet, Global Partnership Forum, Blue Planet Alliance, Baha’i International Community, Coalition for the UN We Need, The Stimson Center, RecycleGO, United Cities & Local Governments, IBTK Foundation, NGO/MG Urban Cluster, Global Family, Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Executive Leadership Development Council, Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, Global Urban Development, Huairou Commission, General Assembly of Partners, Global Family for Love & Peace, Debate for Peace, ICW, GNEC, CoNGO, & UNA-USA COO.

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