



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations



Reflections of COP28 & the UN 2024 Summit of the Future

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 from 1pm - 3pm, EST – [Register Here](#)

The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the UN together with our partner organizations invite you to join our virtual session with guests sharing their “Reflections of COP28 & the UN 2024 Summit of the Future.” Highlighting the importance of inclusive partnerships for social change and innovation to impact our sustainable future. Local authorities and communities are developing urban solutions for change. Forward-thinking research and science-driven data based approaches are essential to support the UN SDGs. It is not to be understated that women and youth are increasing their focus related to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We will include updates on the CSO 2024 Conference with preparations for the UN Summit of the Future and the Pact for the Future. We maintain our dedication to partnership building with all stakeholders to achieve success of the UN2030 Sustainable Development Agenda so we “Leave No One Behind.”

Programme

Welcome by Co-Moderators

- **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
- **Prof. Jan W. Dash, PhD**, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Climate Action, Research, and Policy (World Scientific, 2023), and Editor of the Climate Change Encyclopedia (2021)

Opening Reflections

- **H.E. Mr. Odo Tevi**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations

Keynote Reflections

- **Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo**, Chief of the Civil Society Unit at the Civil Society and Advocacy Section at the UN Department of Global Communications
- **Dr. Linda Vakunta**, Deputy Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, Founder and Executive Director of Project 1808
- **Simon Littlewood**, Founder & CEO of SDG Global Group
- **Dr. Richard Ponzio**, Senior Fellow and Director of the Global Governance, Justice & Security Program at The Stimson Center in Washington, D.C.
- **Dr. Eugénie L. Birch**, FAICP, RTPI (Hon), Co-Director of Penn Institute for Urban Research and President of the General Assembly of Partners (GAP)

Innovative Solutions

- **Kate Wright**, Executive Director of Climate Mayors
- **Dr. Vin Menon**, Co-Founder of Blockchainpreneur and CEO of AQUAE Impact
- **Stan Chen**, CEO of RecycleGO Inc., and President of United Metal Recycling
- **Alina Karimamusama**, Founder of AfriHer in Zambia
- **Miroslav Polzer**, Founder and Executive Director at IAAI GloCha and the Strategic Director of the Climate Chain Coalition
- **David Michael Terungwa**, PhD Candidate; Environmental Management, Executive Director of Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation in Nigeria
- **Dr. Andrise Bass**, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique
- **Jane Katz**, Vice Chair and Washington, DC Rep. of Global Urban Development, Urban Rep to UNDRR/Sendai Stakeholder Group (SEM, CSO co-chair UN Habitat World Urban Campaign and GAP)

Updates: CSO Conference, the UN Summit of the Future & the Pact for the Future

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

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

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