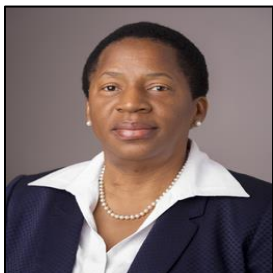


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H.E. Ambassador Dr. Christoph Heusgen, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations. Ambassador Heusgen was appointed Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations on July 26, 2017. Prior to this appointment and since 2005, Ambassador Heusgen was the Foreign Policy and Security Adviser to his country's Federal Chancellor, Angela Merkel. He served as Director and Head of the Policy Unit for High Representative Javier Solana in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union from 1999 to 2005. Between 1988 and 1999, he served in various capacities at the Foreign Office in Bonn, including Deputy Director-General for European Affairs from 1997 to 1999; Head of Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel's Private Office in charge of European Affairs from 1993 to 1997, serving as Deputy Head since 1994. From 1990 and 1992, he was Deputy Head of the special section in charge of negotiations on

the Treaty of Maastricht. He held the position of Private Secretary to the Coordinator for German-French Relations from 1988 to 1990. From 1986 to 1988, Ambassador Heusgen worked in Germany's Paris Embassy, having begun his foreign service career in the Press and Economic Affairs Office of his country's Consulate in Chicago, where he worked from 1983 to 1986. He joined the Foreign Service in 1980. Ambassador Heusgen is a graduate of the University of Saint Gallen in Switzerland, and Georgia South College in the United States. He earned a post-graduate degree from the University of Saint Gallen in 1980.



Hon. Pernelle Beckles, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Trinidad and Tobago.

Hon. Minister Beckles has served as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Trinidad & Tobago to the UN and was recently elected to their Parliament.. She has been a practicing attorney since 1988, she has held a number of ministerial portfolios in Trinidad and Tobago, including Minister for Public Utilities and the Environment, from 2003 to 2007, and Minister for Culture and Tourism from 2002 to 2003. From 2001 to 2002, she was concurrently Minister for Social Development, Minister for Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs and Minister for Health. Having first entered Parliament in 1995 as an Opposition Senator, she served as Leader of Opposition Business in Trinidad and Tobago's Senate from 2010 to 2013 and its first female Deputy Speaker of the Parliament from 2007 to 2010. A past student of St Joseph's Convent, San Fernando, Ambassador Beckles

attended the University of the West Indies, at both the St. Augustine, Trinidad and Cave Hill, Barbados, campuses where she graduated with honours. She then graduated from the Hugh Wooding Law School. As a resident of her local hometown of Arima, Ambassador Beckles is deeply involved in a number of community and national organizations, including the Arima Foundation for the Advancement of Women and Children and the Rape Crisis Centre of Trinidad and Tobago, where she served as President. Ambassador Beckles is also a member of the UNICEF Board in Trinidad, as well as the Commonwealth Institute for Women in Leadership. On 22 August 2016, she presented her credentials to then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon as the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations. Special interests include issue relating to women and children, health, and the environment. Born on 12 September 1961, she is married and has four step-children.



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.)



Mr. Christopher W. Williams, Ph.D. is the Director of the UN-Habitat New York Liaison Office.

Mr. Williams is a development practitioner with over twenty-five years of experience in international organizations in Africa, Asia and the Americas and with training in economics and sociology. Prior to UN-Habitat, Mr. Williams served as Executive Director of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) in Geneva for five years. He also held senior posts in global fund management, advocacy, fund raising and policy research, and worked on programmes to upgrade water, sanitation and shelter in settlements. He worked in Africa and the United States promoting community economic development. His work with homeless shelters, community organizations, financial intermediaries, and community lending institutions gave him exposure to private, civil and public sectors. He has studied

economics, public policy and sociology, and holds a Ph.D. from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research



Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild Drummond, Special Adviser on the Preparations for the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations at the Under-Secretary-General level. In April 2019, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres appointed Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild of Chile as his Special Adviser on the Preparations for the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations at the Under-Secretary-General level. Mr. Hochschild, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General since 2017, will support the Secretary-General in coordinating the preparations for the commemoration of the Organization's seventy-fifth anniversary in 2020 and related celebrations, through a system-wide process of consultations and reflections on the role of the United Nations in advancing international cooperation and in supporting the ability of Member States to respond to emerging challenges and

frontier issues. The Special Adviser will liaise and work with Secretariat entities in support of the intergovernmental consultations on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary, led by co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly and future intergovernmental processes. He will also draw on expertise within the Secretariat and the wider United Nations system to further develop proposals for the Secretary-General on themes and events, allowing for reflection on the contribution the Organization can make to the future that we aspire to, based on the goals enshrined in the Charter. To this end, Mr. Hochschild will facilitate consultations with civil society, youth representatives, academia and the private sector.



Mr Elliott Harris, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Economist for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs United Nations. Mr. Harris has over 25 years of international experience in the fields of international economics and development policy analysis, coupled with knowledge of the United Nations system, multilateral and inter-agency coordination processes. He has extensive experience in the design of macroeconomic policies and its application as a central instrument for the reduction of poverty and for resilient and sustained economic development. His work in the field of economics also focuses on the macroeconomic linkages with global social and environmental policies. Since 2015, Mr. Harris has served as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He joined UNEP's Senior Management Team in 2013 as Director of the New York Office and Secretary to the Environment Management Group. Prior

to joining UNEP, Mr. Harris began his career in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1988, where he worked in the African Department and the Fiscal Affairs Department. In 2002 he became an Adviser in the Policy Development and Review Department, and was appointed in 2008 as Special Representative to the United Nations, in addition to serving as Assistant Director of the Strategy and Policy Review Department., Mr. Harris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in German and political science and an advanced degree in economics.



Dr. Marya Ghazipura, PhD, MS, Epidemiologist, and Biostatistician at NYU Langone Health. Marya serves on New York City's COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Council led by the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services. Marya is an epidemiologist and biostatistician with nearly 10 years of experience in consulting, evidence analytics, guideline creation and evaluation, developing implementation frameworks, and working with other strategists to sustain improvements in complex health systems. She has worked with and consulted for scores of industries internationally, including leading large teams to develop clinical guidelines for Canadian government and medical societies; serving as a key consultant for Gilead Sciences; collaborating with NASA scientists to utilize their modelled satellite data on air pollution to assess health outcomes; acting as the primary scientific advisor for the NYDG Foundation; consulting for a group of physicians on disaster preparedness

pathways and protocols, which have now been published and widely used for training purposes. As a results-driven professional, she has extensive experience leading teams of major stakeholders -- including government, pharmaceutical, and medical -- to guide government policy and budgetary decision-making, clinical decision-making and practice guideline development. She is passionate about translating research into practice and providing decision support.



Mr. Isaac Reshad, Managing Director of Global Access Partner, LLC; Co-Founder and President of SDG Relief Fund. Global Access Partner specializes in connecting the private and public sectors with a broad array of advisory services relating to foreign direct investment, project acquisition and management, and global business development. Mr. Reshad has over 20 years of experience in matters related to domestic and international Public-Private Partnerships for infrastructure and sustainable building. He co-founded SDG Relief Fund with a focus to provide long-term rehabilitation and relief to regions that have been impacted by disasters and are facing economic instability, social and environmental vulnerability. SDG Relief Fund is also working with a broad array of groups including Family Offices, local and national authorities, to support United Nations programs such as the 17 SDGs for the UN 2030 Agenda. Along with serving on the boards of several professional and charitable

organizations, Mr. Reshad has supported several global projects, and he is regularly invited to speak at the UN on their behalf. Prior to founding Global Access Partner and Replabuild, he worked as a business consultant, specializing in strategic business development including capital raising for SMEs and start-ups, working with Private Equity and Venture Capital partners. Many of his successful concepts were concentrated in emerging markets infrastructure, real estate, and fashion industries.



Mr. Mitch Landrieu, Former Mayor, City of New Orleans, Founder, E Pluribus Unum. Landrieu is an American Politician, Lawyer, author, speaker, nonprofit leader and CNN political commentator. He served as the 61st Mayor of New Orleans (2010-2018). Landrieu gained national prominence for his powerful decision to take down four Confederate monuments in New Orleans, which also earned him the prestigious John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. In his best-selling book, *In the Shadow of Statues: A White Southerner Confronts History*, Landrieu recounts his personal journey confronting the issue of race and institutional racism that still plagues America. He recently launched E Pluribus Unum, an initiative in the South created to fulfill America's promise of justice and opportunity for all by breaking down the barriers that divide us by race and class. Prior to serving as Mayor, Landrieu served two terms as lieutenant governor and 16 years in the state legislature. He also served as President of the

U.S. Conference of Mayors.



Dr. Geeta Mehta, Founder and President of Asia Initiatives. Geeta is an adjunct professor of architecture and urban design at Columbia University. She has worked on urban design projects in twelve countries in Asia, Europe, North America, South America and Africa. Geeta was recognized as one of the 21 Leaders of the 21st Century by Women's eNews in 2015. Asia Initiatives a non-profit organization with a mission to help under-served communities through design and through operationalizing their social capital. She is the innovator of Social Capital Credits (SoCCs), a virtual currency for social good that is being used in India, Ghana, Kenya and USA to incentivize participation in community improvement projects. Asia Initiatives received the Regional MIT Inclusive Innovation Award in 2019 for SoCCs as also the MIT SOLVER award in 2020. Fast Magazine gave SoCCs a

World Changing Idea Award in 2020, and this year Asia Initiatives has also received the Vodafone Innovation for Women Prize, the General Motors Prize on Learning for Women and the Experian Prize for Financial Health Innovation. Geeta serves on the New York City Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Board, and on the Boards of the Center for the Living City, WomenStrong International, and Friends of University of Tokyo. She served as the president of the American Institute of Architects' Japan Chapter while she lived in Tokyo. She is also the co-author of six books. (www.asiainitiatives.org)



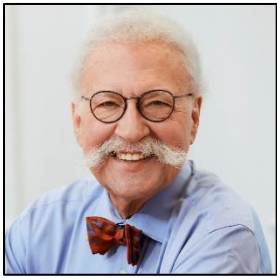
Mr. Lance Jay Brown, FAIA, DPACSA, FIUD, NOMA is the President of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization. Lance is an architect, urban designer, educator, author, and curator. He is the CSU United Nations NGO NPO and ACSA Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Architecture at The School of Architecture at CCNY/CUNY. He has taught, practiced, and lectured locally, nationally, and internationally, founded and co-chaired the AIANY Design for Risk and Reconstruction Committee and serves on the Boards of the Beverly Willis Foundation and the New York City Architectural Biennale. Brown is Principal of the awarded studio Lance Jay Brown, Architecture + Urban Design. He received the NY State AIA President's Award for Excellence in Non-traditional Architecture and was simultaneously named ACSA Distinguished Professor and Fellow, American Institute of Architects and, in 2007, was awarded the prestigious AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural

Education. Brown published articles, reviews, and is co-author, with Mark Ginsberg and Tara Siegel of *"The Legacy Project: New Housing New York Best Practices in Affordable, Sustainable, Replicable Housing Design (Via Verde)"* (2015). Other publications include: *Urban Design for an Urban Century: Shaping More Livable, Equitable, and Resilient Cities* (2014), the award-winning co-edited book *Beyond Zuccotti Park: Freedom of Assembly and the Occupation of Public Space* (2012), *Urban Design for an Urban Century: Placemaking for People* (2010), *Learning from Lower Manhattan* (2004), and the *Planning and Design Workbook for Community Participation* (Princeton). Brown was educated at The Cooper Union and holds two Master's Degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.



Dr. Anna Rubbo, LFRAIA, Senior Scholar, Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD), The Earth Institute, Columbia University. Dr. Rubbo, B.Arch.(U-Melbourne), D. Arch (U- Michigan) joined the Center for Sustainable Urban Development in the Earth Institute, Columbia University in 2012. Prior to this she was Associate Professor in Architecture at the University of Sydney. A member of the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Improving the Lives of Slum Dwellers (2002-04), she went on to lead Global Studio, a think- and do-tank to assist urban professionals work more effectively with the urban poor. Between 2005-12, over 600 students, academics and professionals from 66 universities (30 countries) attended Global Studio, offered in Istanbul, Vancouver, Johannesburg, and Bhopal. In 2012 Rubbo initiated People Building Better Cities, an exhibition shown in 18 cities and 10 countries from 2013-15, including at WUF Medellin and the Union of International Architects (UIA) congress in

Durban. Currently, she is completing a three stage project, Accelerating the SDGs. Stage 2, the Local Project Challenge, profiles 110 projects from 39 countries that address the SDGs. Launched in 2019 at Columbia University's Urban Thinkers Campus 'Accelerating the SDGs in Cities', over 7000 votes were received for the People's Choice award, announced at WUF10 in Abu Dhabi. Publications cover design education, women in development, housing, and architect Marion Mahony Griffin. A Life Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects since 2010, recognition includes: UIA Vassilis Sgoutas Prize mention for humanitarian work in education (2104); Australian National Education Award (2011); University of Washington Skandalaris Award for Entrepreneurship in Design (2009) and the Marion Mahony Griffin Prize (2006).



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



Dr. Andrise Bass, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D is President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique and a Mentor/Leader at Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. She is on the Global Board of Advisors for the SDG Impact Awards. 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.



Ms. Luna Abu-Yunis is a 14 year old Arab Israeli Strike For Future Climate Activist with Debate for Peace from Israel. Luna studies at Al Bashaer Private School and is with Debate for Peace. Luna lives in Sakhnin, a city in the north of Israel. She speaks Arabic, Hebrew, and English. She is passionate about diplomacy, science, and languages. Luna is also a violinist. Luna recently received the 2020 Young Diplomat of the Year award from Debate for Peace. Luna is a climate activist in the international movement Fridays for Future (FFF), but it's called in Israel Strike for Future. She is protesting every Friday for sharing more awareness to her community and calling her government to take action. Luna served as the national community coordinator for Israel in the educational climate organization- Climate Science for the past 6 months. Besides, she is now helping to build a big team there. Luna is also a volunteer in the Re-Earth Initiative organization, and Mock COP26 youth-led

project. Luna is part of many environmental and climate forums, including the Asian Environmental Youth Network and Earth Strategy. Luna had an interview on the 24 hours live stream on Fridays for Future International YouTube channel celebrating earth day and had another interview with FFF Vilnius (47:00) the same day. Luna attended a climate Model UN conference and she discussed the climate issue there. The conference was with the press coverage and Parliament representatives from her country (Knesset representatives)



Mr. Songa Bahati Manassé, 21 years old, Spoken Word Artist, Poet-Activist, Social Entrepreneur from D.R. Congo & Uganda. Songa is influencing positively people's lives through Poetry and Entrepreneurship is his passion Born in D.R.Congo, Songa Bahati is a spoken word artist and page poet who uses his pen and his voice as a weapon to paint his experience, spite out his bitterness and voice out his opinion in order to contribute to the better world's shaping. As a young Change maker, in 2017 he founded Naki Football Academy, which offers a free space for kids and teenagers supervision in football and education within Nakivale refugees settlement (Uganda) where he lives as a refugee. A member of ChangemakerXchange community and a Bosh alumni, Songa Bahati is one of mentors and session facilitators at an entrepreneurship Hub named Opportunigee operating within the refugees settlement. Songa performs in English, French and Swahili.



Mr. Jeffery Huffines is Senior Advisor to UN2020 and Together First. Jeffery represented CIVICUS at the UN High-Level Political Forum since its inception and was an organizing partner at the UN DESA NGO Major Group (2011-2016) responsible for guiding multi-stakeholder engagement of NGOs during the lead up to RIO+20 through the adoption of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Jeffery joined CIVICUS in 2009 as UN Representative (NY). Since 2017 the civil society-led initiative UN2020 has facilitated discussions with many member states, UN secretariat officials and civil society 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. He was Chair of the 65th UN DPI/NGO Conference, “2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda,” UNHQ NY, 27-29 August 2014. Previously, Jeffery was elected Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee (2007-2011), when the

Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference was hosted abroad in Paris (2008), Mexico City (2009), Melbourne (2010) and Bonn (2011). He had previously served as Main UN Representative for the U.S. Baha'i Community 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, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and Co-Founder & CSO of the SDG Impact Awards Community. Margo is a Coordinating Partner of the UN2020. She is the Director of UN Relations for Global Family, and Chair of the Board of Advisors for Youth for a Better World/Montessori Model UN, Youth Impact! Forum and she represents the Huairou Commission at the UN. She is a proud Climate Reality Project Leader and a member of Soroptimist International. She is a Designer/Artist & Activist who has been dedicated to being of service with over thirty years of experience at the United Nations working in the UN Community as a Chief Developer of meetings, conferences and Special Events. She works with all stakeholders in developing inclusive and impactful programs and projects that include the UN Sustainable Development Goals. She is the Convener of the NGO Major Group Urban Thematic Cluster, as well as a member of the

Women's Major Group for the UN High Level Political Forum. Margo's work is mainly focused on connecting all areas of the 17 SDGs. She passionately champions SDG 17 on Building Partnerships and she believes in the NGOCSD-NY motto: *"Turn Your Passions into Actions for Change."* The NGOCSD-NY is a proud Partner of the UN Secretary General's UN75 Anniversary Dialogues and the UN Friends of World Ocean Day/Week initiative. Margo brings entrepreneurs of all ages and the private sector into United Nations discourse to foster support for the success of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, so we "Leave No One Behind."

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