

# UN75 Dialogue Overview: Plans of Action for 2021 & Beyond

Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 from 12:30PM to 2:30PM (Eastern Time)



**Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo, Chief of the Civil Society Unit within the Civil Society, Advocacy and Special Events Section of the United Nations Department of Global Communications.** Hawa began her United Nations career in 1986 with the UN Department of Public Information (now Department of Global Communications) in New York, where she worked in various public information capacities. From 1992 to 1994, she served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia, respectively. In 1994, She joined the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General until moving the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer. She later served as a Partners and Youth Programme Officer until moving to UN-Habitat's New York Liaison Office in 2010. Currently, she is Chief of the Civil Society Unit within the Civil Society, Advocacy and Special Events Section of the Department of Global Communications, where she manages United Nations and civil society partnerships activities. She has extensive experience in designing and implementing United Nations communications and outreach programmes to foster civil society partnerships, with an emphasis on youth and women's organizations. Hawa is a national of Sierra Leone and the United States of America.



**Prof. Jan Dash PhD is Editor of the World Scientific Encyclopedia of Climate Change (2020).** He was Directeur de Recherche at the Centre de Physique Théorique in Marseille France, and published over 60 scientific papers. Subsequently, he worked for many years on quantitative finance and risk management. His book on the subject includes a chapter on Climate Change Risk Management. He was Adjunct Professor at the Courant Institute, NYU. He did the [math](#) behind the [Bloomberg Climate Clock](#) and spoke on a panel at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference. He has been a long standing member of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and honored to be their Lead Expert Adviser on Climate Change.



**Jeffery Huffines, 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. 15e was Chair of the 65<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Courtney Bickert, Executive Director of the EBW Foundation, its lead initiative COVIDxNOW.** COVIDxNOW is a community of global leaders from all sectors and all geographies working together to build rapid responses to Covid-19 with a focus on women and people of color. She is a global citizen, entrepreneur, leader, and management and business expert and a stand-up comedian committed to positive social impact around the world through innovation, partnerships, endless curiosity, and humor. Devoted to finding leading edge solutions to the world's challenges. Courtney has proven organizational leadership with over 25 years' experience in international social impact. She has worked in, and traveled to, over 95 countries. Courtney has an MBA and Masters in Public Policy from

The University of Chicago.



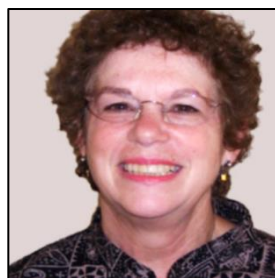
**Dr. Andrise Bass, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique** and a Mentor/Leader at Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. Dr. Bass is a Transformational Strategist Coach, Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist with over 28 years of experience in the 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.



**Aaron Etra, Chair, of UNA-USA Council of Organizations:** Aaron holds a J.D. degree from Columbia University, a LL.M. from New York University and a B.A. from Yale University. He was a founding Lecturer on Law at the Institute of Public Administration and Member of the Senate of the University of Malawi. His public service activities include having been Membre de Cabinet of the Director-General of the International Labor Organization, founding Chair of the African Affairs Committee and a member of the Middle East and North Africa and UN Committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Vice-Chair of the United Nations NGO/DPI Executive Committee, Vice-Chair of the Council on UN Affairs of B'nai B'rith International, an officer of the UN CoNGO Committees on Human Rights and on

Sustainable Development, serving on the President's Council of the Sea Research Foundation and the International Boards of Governors of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (which awarded him an Honorary Fellowship) and the Bezalel Academy of Arts & Design in Jerusalem. He is Chair of the Executive Committee of the Council of Organizations, Co-Chair of its UN75 Committee and a Member of the National Council of the United Nations Association of the U.S.A. (UNA-USA), a Vice-President of the World Council of Peoples for the United Nations (WCPUN) and has been a Representative at the UN of the Mexican Academy of International Law (Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional), the WCPUN and the World Development Foundation.

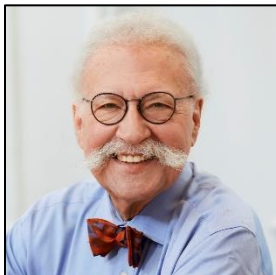


**Katherine Kline, Co-Chair of the General Assembly of Partners (GAP) Older Persons Partner Constituent Group.** Katherine is a former diplomat, arts administrator, adult ESL teacher and documentary producer and distributor, has worked for over 40 years with and for international organizations. She has been on numerous non-profit boards including UNA-NY and as part of the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on Ageing, New York., she has brought issues of global ageing to the Habitat Civil Society Working Group, to the NGO Major Group's Urban Cluster and as one of the UN volunteer representatives of INPEA (International Network for the Protection of Elder Abuse). Currently she is GAP's Recording Secretary. Her passion has been promoting the World Health Organization's Age-friendly

Cities & Communities global initiative particularly through GAP and UN-Habitat. Dr. Kline advocates on behalf of older persons in all aspects of their lives. Katherine Kline holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Change from Union Institute and a B.A. in international studies from American University's School of International Service.



**Mary Muia, a Soroptimist International UN Rep, UNEA Nairobi. Kenya Public Health & Social Entrepreneur.** Mary is a 2019 Evolution Business Council (EBC) Membership Award nominee as an emerging global leader and is the first EBC member in Africa. She lives in Nairobi, Kenya East Africa region. Mary is passionate about environment, climate change, gender equality, food security, water and sanitation. She champions for rights and access to adolescents and youth reproductive health, family planning, maternal neonatal child health and access to basic services and livelihoods for women and girls living in informal settlements and rural settings. Mary is a founder director of WEMA, a community-based organization working to transform the lives of adolescent girls and young women to access education, prevent gender-based violence, early child marriages, teenage pregnancies, female genital mutilation (FGM), and other harmful practices through social entrepreneurship and economic resiliency initiatives. My vision is to influence as a speaker, trainer, and coach in leadership as a tool to empower those working with girls and young women in vulnerable environments in Africa. A Soroptimist, wife and a mother, Mary is the Immediate past Chair and President who helped bring Soroptimist International Africa Federation (SI AF) to its inauguration in June 2020, following many years of its formation journey. Mary was recently appointed to serve as a director for Soroptimist International (SI) Board starting January 2021.



**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 NGO Major Group 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.



**David Michael Terungwa, Founder and Executive Director of Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation (GIFSEP) based in Nigeria.** He is the African Regional Coordinator for Citizens Climate Lobby, the West Africa Coordinator for The African Climate Reality Project & the volunteer coordinator 350 Nigeria. He advocates, educates and mobilizes communities to build resilience and take action on climate change. He is a highly efficient & dedicated individual with over 10 years' combined experience in Leadership for environmental sustainability, climate change and sustainable development in Africa. Passionate about environmental management, sustainable agriculture and renewable energy, dedicated to enabling sustainable development particularly in Sub Saharan Africa. David's

personal mantra "Thou shall not pollute the Earth," he applies a degree in Agricultural Engineering with a specialization in Soil and Water Management and a post graduate certificate in Renewable energy from TERI University New Delhi. His passion is training people, young and old, in best practices for sustainable land management, food production and environmental conservation. One of his initiatives is the #SolarForIDPCamps which is aimed at providing clean energy access to nearly 2 million persons taking shelter in different Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps across Nigeria by lighting up the IDP camps with Solar. Africa Regional Coordinator for Citizens Climate Lobby with 20 active groups spread across 15 countries in Africa teaching young people how to respectfully engage and lobby policy makers in their respective countries to make laws for environmental sustainability and climate change. Head Energy and Mitigation; Nigeria Civil Society Framework on Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.



**Steven Aiello, Founder and Director of Debate for Peace in Israel.** Dedicated to Building Cultures of Peace - Steven, is a 32 year-old, 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



**Carly Kraybill, Global Engagement Senior Specialist, Advocacy and Title at Habitat for Humanity International,** as the. During her time at Habitat, she played an integral role in supporting the success of Habitat's first global advocacy campaign, Solid Ground, which worked to influence land policies and systems in over 40 countries, by Habitat national organizations and partners, and resulted in more than 12.4 million people with increased access to safe and secure land for housing. While the Solid Ground campaign has closed, she continues to support the Habitat for Humanity network in engaging in advocacy at every level of government to remove barriers to adequate and affordable housing and eliminate threats to housing security. Carly has the privilege to support Habitat for Humanity's U.S. and

global network and has proven experience in fundraising for international development projects and programs. Previously, she worked as a youth organizer in the Southwest side of Chicago, empowering young people to engage in national, state and local campaigns. She believes everyone is their own best advocate – as they are truly the experts of their experiences – and with that said, it is critical avenues/platforms exist for everyone to share their experience and play a role in influencing policy and systems change. Carly is committed to ensuring those avenues exist and bridging the gap between experience, design, implementation, and impact. She is an alum of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and a minor in social justice.



**Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY.** She is 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 proud to be a Board member of Soroptimist International Metro New York Chapter and a Climate Reality Project Leader. She is a Designer/Artist & Activist who has been dedicated to impactful causes including the SDGs with over thirty years of experience at the United Nations and globally. She has worked within the UN Community as a Chief Developer of meetings,

conferences and Special Events. She collaborates 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 has been 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 has been proud to be a 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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