

Our Annual World Cities Day Observance

Better City, Better Life: Financing Sustainable Urban Initiatives

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 @ 1PM –3:30PM, EDT



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. Mr. Odo Tevi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations. Since May 2014, Ambassador Tevi became Vanuatu's Permanent Representative/Ambassador to the United Nations, New York in May 2014. Apart from this role, Ambassador Tevi also assumed other international roles at the UN. He is currently the Chairman of UN Disarmament Commission, was the Chairman of the Special Committee on UN Charter and Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and also was Chairman of the Asia Pacific Group, Vice-President for the UN Pledging Conference for Development Activities and Chairman of the joint Vanuatu and UN Consultative Forum on ICPD and National Sustainable Development Plan. He was extensively involved in the negotiation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN's Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR). From 2013-2014, he became an international consultant and did assignments for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank,

European Union and the Melanesian Spearhead Group. For the latter he investigated whether the four countries (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu) should adopt a common currency. From 2003 to 2013, Ambassador Tevi was the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu. During this period, he was also Vanuatu's Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund. His major achievement as Governor of the central bank during his 10 year stint was that Vanuatu was able to achieve monetary and financial stability and this was translated into record high economic growth. This was achieved despite the challenges imposed by the 2008 global financial crisis. Before becoming Governor, he was Head of the Macroeconomic Policy Division at the Vanuatu Ministry of Finance and Economic Management. He has a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Papua New Guinea. He then obtained a Masters of Arts (Development Economics) from the University of Sussex, UK. He has a graduate diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and also an Advanced Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation from New York University. He did his executive training at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and also at Columbia University Business School. He and his wife Sharon have three young children and are residing in New York. He is an avid reader and loves music.



Mr. Amir A. Dossal is President and CEO of the Global Partnerships Forum – a not-for-profit knowledge platform providing changemakers with tools to build innovative partnerships for the SDGs. Amir is co-founder of the Pearl Initiative, and a founding Commissioner of the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development. Amir co-founded the Blockchain Commission for Sustainable Development and serves as Executive Vice Chair. He is also co-founder of the Coalition for Better Health at Lower Cost that focuses on prevention of chronic diseases. Amir serves as a Distinguished Fellow for the Future of Health and Healthcare at the World Economic Forum. Pioneering Partnerships and Global Outreach Amir works globally across the economic and social spectrum. He is an accomplished diplomat, with a deep understanding of international affairs and extensive experience in global development and humanitarian issues, including managing complex technical assistance projects in emerging markets. By nature, a social entrepreneur and innovator, his work is an endeavor to bond the power of the private sector, governments, and civil society, in order to better serve the greater good. These include initiatives on women's empowerment, engaging media in sustainable development, and innovative use of technology for positive social change. Amir is also a champion for the UN's Safe Ground

Campaign. United Nations Service. Amir is a 25-year veteran of the United Nations and served as Executive Director of the UN Office for Partnerships until September 2010, which he established in 1998 to manage the \$1 billion gift by media mogul Ted Turner. During his tenure at the UN, Amir founded several new initiatives: the Department of Peacekeeping Operations: field finance and management, the Management Policy Office: oversee reform within the United Nations, the UN Fund for International Partnerships: interface with the UN Foundation, UN Democracy Fund: strengthen institutions and governance in new or restored democracies, UN Office for Partnerships: engage public and private sectors to support the UN's mission, Peacebuilding Support Office: help bridge development gaps in post-conflict countries. The Business Advisory Council for the Greater Tumen Region: regional cooperation among nations. Awards and Recognition: 2010 Humanitarian Award from the UN Association of New York, for his accomplishments in Partnerships to End Poverty and World Hunger, the 2010 Ambassador for Peace and Sport, Monaco, the 2015 Amir and his son, Zecki received Humanitarian Innovation Award for intergenerational partnerships, the 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award, bestowed by the ICAEW for his work in uniting public and private organizations to address the world's economic and social challenges, the 2017 Ellis Island International Medal of Honor for contributions to the global community. Personal: Amir is a UK Chartered Accountant (FCA) and has lived and worked in five continents. He is on the board of several non-profits and regularly undertakes speaking engagements and frequently serves as moderator for high-level panels, engaging Heads of State and Ministers. Amir is married to Tas, who is Senior Advisor of the Global Partnerships Forum. They have one son, Zecki, who is a Senior Director at Henry Schein.



Mr. Satya S. Tripathi, 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. Emilia Saiz Carracedo, Secretary General of United Cities & Local Governments (UCLG). She has worked with the international movement of local and regional governments in different capacities since 1997, leading programmes and initiatives on institutional capacity building, the participation of women in local decision-making and decentralized cooperation. She played a critical role in setting up the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, and has followed and represented local and regional governments in iconic international processes such as the Rio and Beijing +20 as well as the Climate Agreement, the SDGs and Habitat III and facilitated the contributions from local constituencies to the United Nations process.



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.



Hon. Mr. Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Jon Mitchell was first elected in 2011, as New Bedford's thirty-eighth mayor. He has been re-elected four times, and he is the City's first mayor to be elected to a four-year term. Jon has sought to re-establish New Bedford as one of the leading cities in the Northeast. Under Jon's leadership the City has achieved both the highest bond rating and highest high school graduate rate in its history, lowered crime by nearly forty percent, secured hundreds of millions of dollars in new port investments, and positioned itself to become the leader in the emerging offshore wind industry. Prior to running for office, Jon was an Assistant United States Attorney in Boston, having previously served as a federal prosecutor in

Washington, D.C. in the Attorney General's Honor Program. The product of local public schools and the son of public-school teachers, Jon graduated from Harvard College and the George Washington Law School. He also served six years in the Army National Guard and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He is married to Ann Partridge, a professor of medicine at the Harvard Medical School and a breast oncologist at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. They are the proud parents of three daughters: Grace, Natalie, and Lauren.



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.



Ms. Kate Wright is the Executive Director of Climate Mayors. Kate is responsible for strategic direction of the network, including helping cities implement bold policies and programs, supporting equitable climate action by the Federal Administration and Congress, and building initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while advancing economic growth and environmental justice. Prior to joining Climate Mayors, Kate served as CEO of CivicWell (formerly the Local Government Commission), where she worked with city and county leaders for fifteen years spearheading environmental initiatives on climate resilience, clean mobility, sustainable water management, livable communities, renewable energy, and affordable housing



Mr. Salin Geevarghese, President & CEO of SGG Insight, LLC, a consulting firm offering comprehensive services to public, private, nonprofit, and philanthropic sector leaders and organizations. He also serves as Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) as well as the founding Director of the Mixed-Income Strategic Alliance, a collaboration of CSSP, the National Initiative on Mixed Income Communities at Case Western Reserve University, and Urban Strategies, Inc. From April 2014 to January 2017, Geevarghese served in a senior appointed leadership post as HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of International and Philanthropic Innovation during the Administration of President Barack Obama. Appointed by Secretary Shaun Donovan and serving under Secretary Julian Castro, in this role, Salin led an innovation team charged with engaging cross-sector and cross-border partners to harness and apply best practices, programs and policies for the benefit of communities and aligning common efforts. Among the most

prominent roles, Geevarghese led the United States' domestic preparations on the New Urban Agenda and co-led with the U.S. State Department its delegation in October 2016 to Quito, Ecuador for Habitat III, the largest conference in the world focused on sustainable and inclusive urbanization and the role of cities for growth and shared prosperity. A recognized expert and leader, Salin has consulted, spoken, and written widely on open records laws and transparency, public education issues, civil rights and equity issues, community and economic development, sustainable urbanization, and civic innovation and engagement efforts.



Ms. Sandra Baer, CEO of Personal Cities, Brand Ambassador, SmartCitiesWorld. Ms. Baer has been a champion of creative collaboration between the public and private sector. She has worked with city leaders and smart city companies, worldwide, for over 25 years, helping them discover the power of partnerships across city ecosystems to build trust, support city innovation and discover new paths to bigger, bolder urban transformation. In 2019 Ms. Baer was given the Smart City Leadership award at the Global CSR Conference in Mumbai, India. Ms. Baer leads Personal Cities, a smart city company focused on city identity and placemaking, social inclusion and equity, climate actions and the acceleration of digital technology investments to support innovators and entrepreneurs. In December 2019 Ms. Baer and her colleague, Dr. Lawrence Jones, released the whitepaper, "Rethinking, Reimagining, Redesigning Global Urbanization: The Hard Questions for Urban Stakeholders." They developed the concept of "Question Storming" to get to the heart of the some of the world's most intransigent problems advocating that "to change the world we must ask questions that disrupt the world," and conducted 30 sessions with 200+ participants representing 30 countries, asking "How Can We Rebuild Trust in a Broken World?" Ms. Baer and Dr. Jones will publish their research, "How to Rebuild Trust:

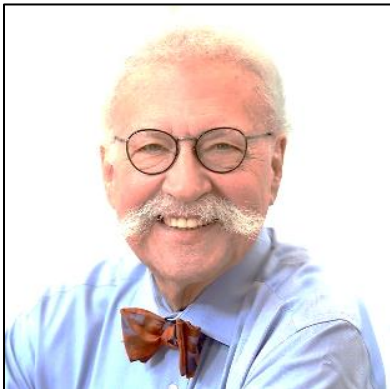
Question Storming to Create a Platform for Thinking Differently and Taking New Actions in 2022. Ms. Baer is currently the Brand Ambassador for SmartCitiesWorld, the London-based world-leading platform for sharing ideas to solve urban challenges that enable us to live in more resilient, sustainable, safe, and prosperous environments. She is also a Special Advisor to "Saving the City: Remaking the American Metropolis," a unique documentary film series highlighting successes and failures of urban redevelopment across North America to create awareness of the challenges and opportunities cities face.. She is on the Advisory Board for Smart Cities Expo USA, Smart City Expo Miami and is an Honorary Advisor to the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Inc... She is a graduate of the Global Advanced Management Program at Georgetown University. Ms. Baer believes that the smart city future is bright. "We must take bigger, bolder actions to meet the challenges of the pandemic, income inequality, social and racial injustice, political divisiveness, population growth, diversity and inclusion and the climate crisis. Our commitment to improving urban life and our enduring collaborative relationships will enable us to create a future that all of us want to visit.



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.



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



Dr. Marc A. Weiss, Chairman and CEO, Global Urban Development.

Dr. 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.



Ms. Alina Karimamusama, Founder of AfriHER in Zambia. Alina is an award winning Zambian woman social entrepreneur and activist, who is actively contributing to the African entrepreneur eco-system, creating economic emancipation and accessible education in her country. AfriHER, is a registered NGO in Zambia that empowers Africa's greatest resources; its young people and women. Her foundation builds youth resource centers and entrepreneurial hubs that empower communities to gain and harness new skills, attain flexible funding/business capital in-cash & in-kind, become financially literate, eradicate period poverty, and most primarily solve the challenges of SRHR, while protecting young women and girls from trafficking and early-childhood marriages. Alina's activism was born after her own survival story, as a child, she had experienced living in extreme poverty in a small periurban settlement in the Copperbelt of Zambia, being trafficked across borders by her own father and has known what it is like to

sleep hungry. Her mission is to solve the challenges that lead to these unfortunate circumstances at ALL levels - grass roots to policy. Her activism and impact in Zambia has led to her being honored as a Zambia National Hero by Enko Ed in 2021, and being appointed on National Duty to help get the country to Vision2030: middle income economy by TEVETA Zambia. Alina also founded a youth led VC fund and summit series, for young Afri====entureCon Africa' creates empowerment through entrepreneurship and education by connecting young successful African entrepreneurs from the diaspora and continent to invest in young African start-ups, while also providing real-time scholarships to local and international universities. During its pilot launch in 2022 December, The Intercontinental School of Economics and Applied Sciences (ISEAS) launched for the first time in Zambia at VentureCon, and was enrolling students throughout the 3 day empowerment summit, 10 young entrepreneurs also received funding of over K100,000 and additional support valued at \$12000 each She is a serial entrepreneur with businesses including; a luxury interior design company that has clientele ranging from Barclays Bank, The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia and Airport VIP Lounges, and additionally is the proud owner of a holistic women's wellness brand that produces a range of intimate feminine Hygeine washes sold country-wide in clinics, pharmacies, chemists which also has two holistic wellness spa & beauty centers (that employ and train women from local communities strictly) in Zambia with one franchised in Namibia. While Alina sits and serves on many boards like Zambezi Capital, The Grandmothers Collective, Girls Unite, Youth Alive, YAI, The Helena Foundation and others, Alina is proud to be an NGOCS-D-NY Youth Rep. for the United Nations Dept. of Global Communications



Mr. Juan Vargas, Co-Founder and Director of the Executive Leadership Development Council. Juan is a Business Strategist & Creator, Entrepreneur, Author, Inspirational Public Speaker, Corporate Consultant, Life coach, and host of the Gift Insights podcast. His mastery and vocation consist of health culture environment and human behavior in all industries of public educational corporations and government sectors. .His life is a testament to human drive and belief. He was born in the Dominican Republic and came to the United States at 7. His father abandoned him later in life with a mother who never worked a day and a younger brother still in school. His story shows that dreams come true through hard work, passion, and perseverance. His vision consists of health, happiness, and confidence for all supermodels and super leaders who will impact the world through their actions and contributions—inspiring dedicating their lives to the evolution and betterment of humanity. The Executive Leadership Development Council is curating a space for

professionals and leaders to receive support, advice, and professional development and share their experiences and ideas. Executive Leadership Development Council aims to promote collaboration, innovation, and excellence. The Executive Leadership Development Council is dedicated to transforming industries through knowledge sharing, skills transformation, and coaching emerging and established leaders. The Council recognizes the diverse nature of leadership and builds on the rich knowledge and experience already within Leadership Development is a function of partnership and collaboration to develop leaders at all levels. The success of our development approach is often equated with having a comprehensive partnership between leadership development and executive coaching. The Executive Leadership Development Council comprises a highly talented and diverse group of skilled public and private sectors and community leaders with over 60 years of combined experience. The Executive Leadership Development Council is committed to working with leaders to enhance the communities and professions we support and serve, focusing on leadership development to strengthen community partnerships. The purpose of the Council is to expand our footprint and build a bridge to where industries and Communities intersect.



Dr. Adam Rosenfeld, Director of the Zero Carbon Partnerships Initiative in the UK. Adam is an esteemed humanitarian dedicated to promoting equality globally. His expertise in building engineering and technology, combined with an unwavering curiosity about the world, positions him as a leader in innovative solutions. His recent work in agile systems and green circular design has garnered attention and accolades from prominent innovation and research institutions. In recognition of his contributions, Maryland State University awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy in Psychology. The accolade was conferred upon him by a distinguished committee in Delhi, India, this year. From early in his life, Adam's unique perspective often set him apart, occasionally leading to feelings of exclusion. Rather than being hindered by these experiences, they endowed him with a distinctive worldview that he

channels positively to benefit others. Drawing from both his challenges and triumphs, Dr. Rosenfeld passionately engages with organizations and initiatives aligned with his vision. He is currently committed to championing sustainable solutions addressing pressing global issues, including climate change, deforestation, and natural resource depletion. Guided by his personal ethos — "think like a child, take responsibility like an adult" — Adam remains steadfast in his pursuit of a better future for the planet and its inhabitants



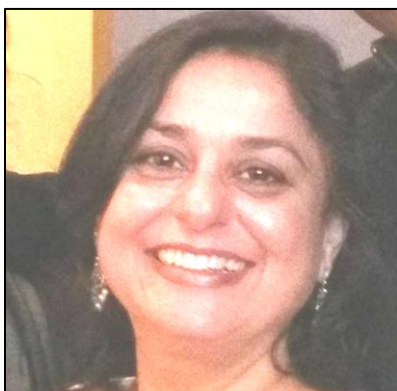
Ms. Jane Katz, Vice-Chair and Washington DC Rep. of Global Urban Development, Rep. of the General Assembly of Partners on the UN Office of Disaster Risk Reduction/Sendai Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Group. Jane coordinates policy/advocacy strategy as an international urban and housing advisor to the 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. 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.



Ms. Vailshali Kushan, Acting Director, Urban Economy Forum. Prior to joining the development finance sector, Vaishali worked in the banking industry in the commercial real estate department. While still with the banking sector she participated with City Development Block Grants to uplift the low-income neighborhoods and marginalized communities. As a gubernatorial appointee, she served on Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation & Development Authority Finance Committee. By developing bridges between the networks allowed her to assist with the first Trade Delegation to India from the Washington State. For the past 15 years, she has worked across Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Americas. Her internship with UN-HABITAT exposed her to issues related to human development such as gender, health, water sanitation, economy, education, urban development and energy. To achieve

sustainable goals, she uses a cross-sectoral approach. For the past few years, she has been working to empower micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in investing in clean technologies that are environmentally friendly and energy-efficient. To protect the environment, she works to advocate in adapting to Environmental, Social and Governance. With a Bachelors in International Studies - Political, Economy & Business from the Henry Jackson School of the University of Washington and Master in Public Administration from Cornell University, Ms. Kushan thrives in empowering society as a whole.



Mr. Daniel Perell, Representative to the UN for the Baha'i International Community to the UN and Co-Chair of the Coalition for the UN We Need. Daniel joined the Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office as a Representative in 2011. His areas of work include social and sustainable development, global citizenship, human rights, and the role of religion in society and defense of the Baha'i Community. He was a Global Organizing Partner of the NGO Major Group and Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development. In 2010, Daniel received a JD from the University of Virginia, School of Law. He earned an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and has been admitted to the New York State Bar.



Mr. Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need. 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, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family and Convener of NGO Major Group Urban Cluster for the UN High Level Political Forum at the UN. Margo is a Sustainable Development Strategic Consultant connecting stakeholders from all sectors and regions with the SDGs. In addition, she is an Advisor for Youth for a Better World-MMUN, a Climate Reality Project Leader and a Member of the Coalition for the UN We Need. Margo and the rest of the NGOCSD-NY Executive Board are proud that NGOCSD-NY has Special Consultative Status with the UN Dept. of Economic & Social Affairs and Association with the UN Dept. of Global Communications. She has represented the Huairou Commission and Mayors for Peace at the UN. Margo is a member of the NGO Major Group and the Women's Major Group for the UN High Level Political Forum. She passionately champions all of the UN

17 Sustainable Development Goals especially SDG 11 on the Urban Agenda and SDG 17 on Building Partnerships. She believes in the NGOCSD-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 preparations for the UN Summit of the Future along with the Global Futures Forum with C4UNWN and our partners. 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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