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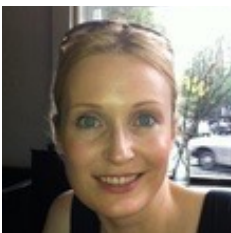
Professor Jan W. Dash is the NGOCSD-NY Lead Adviser on Climate Change and Managing Editor of the Climate Portal website for the Unitarian Universalist UN Office. Prof. Dash is the Editor of the Climate Statement: Summary and Recommendations to Governments of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, delivered to leaders at the Copenhagen climate conference and updated yearly. He is a Matchmaker for the Climate Science Rapid Response Team providing scientific responses to media questions. He is the author of the “one-liner” responses to climate contrarian fallacies. He has worked for years in risk management and wrote a book about it. The 2nd edition will contain a chapter on Climate Risk Management. Prof. Dash is an Adjunct Professor at the Courant Institute NYU and is a research scholar at Fordham University. He has a PhD in physics, was Director de Research at the Centre de Physique Theorize in Marseille France, and has published over 50 scientific papers.



Mr. Ruslan Bultrikov, Counsellor and Second Committee Expert at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations. Previously, Mr. Bultrikov was the Advisor to the Minister, of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of RK, Astana where he participated in negotiations on outcome document of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development RIO+20 as well as overall coordination of Kazakhstan’s participation in the Conference. As a result of coordinated efforts of the MEP and MFA Kazakhstan’s “Green Bridge” initiative was included into the RIO+20 Declaration. (Rio de Janeiro, 20-22 June, 2012) Advising on activities related to the Ministry’s external cooperation with international organizations, including UNDP, UN ESCAP, etc. Mr. Bultrikov was Vice-Minister, of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of RK, Astana from 2011 to 2012 where he had Supervision of the MEP’s foreign relations activities; implementation of international environmental conventions, including the Kyoto Protocol; Supervision of the MEP’s Legal Department; coordination and organisation of the “Environment for Europe”, the UN ECE 7th Ministerial Conference (Astana, September, 2011); overall coordination of Kazakhstan’s participation in the RIO +20 Conference; Coordination of the MEP’s daily interaction with other state agencies and NGOs; Deputy Chairman, Committee for Ecological Regulation and Control, MEP of RK, Astana where he was responsible for organisation of ecological control on the territory of Kazakhstan; International cooperation with foreign counterparts. Mr. Bultrikov was Deputy Chairman, Committee for Ecological Regulation and Control, MEP of RK, Astana from 2009 to 2011. From 2007-2009, he was the Deputy Head of the Administration, Akimat of South-Kazakhstan oblast (region). Mr. Bultrikov graduated with honors in 2001 from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Kazakhstan and the Clingendael Institute of International Relations, Hague, Netherlands in 2000 and the Diplomatic Academy of the Westminster University, London, United Kingdom in 1994. He graduated in 1993 with honors from Almaty State University named after Abai, Faculty of History and Law.



Dr. David Chadwick O'Connor, Permanent Observer for Permanent Observer Mission of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature to the UN. For the past 12 years, Dr. O'Connor had been Chief of Policy and Analysis of the Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. In that role his team had guided the analytical support to the negotiations for the Rio+20 Conference, the proposal on sustainable development goals of the General Assembly’s Open Working Group on SDGs, and the September Summit outcome, Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. His team also helped support the work of the Intergovernmental Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing, which helped shape the Addis Ababa Action Agenda agreed in July of this year. His former team also produced the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), mandated by the Rio+20 Conference as an important means of strengthening the science-policy interface in international discussions on sustainable development at the United Nations. Before joining the United Nations, Dr. O'Connor worked for 14 years as a researcher at the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), based in Paris. Soon after the first Rio Conference in 1992, he published a study entitled Managing the Environment with Rapid Industrialisation: Lessons from the East Asian Experience. He has also written extensively on estimating the co-benefits of climate policy in emerging economies in terms of reduced health and agricultural impacts from local and regional air pollution. He has also served on the Economic Options Panel of the Montreal Protocol on ozone depleting substances. Prior to joining the OECD, Dr. O'Connor worked as consultant to the World Bank and to UNIDO, where he was responsible for helping develop the electronics industry development strategy as part of the Government of Malaysia’s Industrial Master Plan. Dr. O'Connor holds degrees from Yale, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and University College London, where he completed his doctorate.



Ms. Lotta Tähtinen, Stakeholder Engagement Programme Coordinator of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs Division for Sustainable Development. Ms. Tähtinen has been the Programme Coordinator for Stakeholder Engagement of UN DESA for since October 2014. Her responsibilities include coordinating the engagement of major groups and other stakeholders in the intergovernmental negotiations on the 2030 sustainable development agenda and the high-level political forum (HLPF). She has over 15 years of experience working in the United Nations system, including the DESA Division for Sustainable Development, where she supported the preparations for the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and its follow-up processes and the 2014 Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States; the DESA Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, where she supported the Bureau and President of the ECOSOC in the conduct of the Council’s annual work; and in the Department for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management, where she worked as Assistant Secretary of the Economic and Social Council and the Second Committee of the General Assembly, as the Secretary of the Statistical Commission and the Committee on NGOs.

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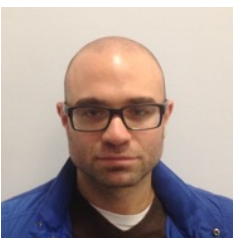
Dr. Louise Kantrow, Permanent Representative of the International Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Kantrow was appointed ICC Permanent Representative to the United Nations in April 2007. The Paris based ICC is the largest, most representative business organization, encompassing 6.5 million businesses in its global network, with national committees and direct members in 130 countries, as well as, active presence in over 230 countries through ICC's World Chambers Federation. It has served as the voice of business at the UN since 1946, frequently taking part in UN and related multilateral deliberations in the economic, social and environmental arenas. Since her appointment, Dr. Kantrow has been involved in multiple major UN conferences as ICC and private sector representative. She was Co-Chair of the Private Sector Steering Committee in the Follow-up International Conference to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 2008); as Co-Chair of the Private Sector Steering Committee for the Fourth UN Conference on Least Developed Countries (Istanbul, 2011); and most recently, as Organizing Partner of the Business and Industry Major Group for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). In these capacities, Dr. Kantrow coordinated business and industry contributions to the political processes, represented and delivered private sector messages, and organized official UN private sector events including the Second International Business Forum in Doha, the High-Level Lunch Meeting in Istanbul, and the Business Action for Sustainable Development Business Day in Rio de Janeiro, particularly the High-Level Lunch Meeting and the 2012 World Business and Development Awards. Most recently she helped establish and is the coordinator of the Global Business Alliance for Post-2015, a robust and inclusive business alliance that provides positive private sector contributions to the formulation and implementation of the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda. Prior to her current appointment, she served as Executive Director of the International League for Human Rights, one of the oldest human rights organizations in the US. As Executive Vice-President of the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA), she supervised a major expansion of programs at the Business Council to the United Nations. Earlier in her career she served as Senior Advisor to the United Nations Population Fund and as Director of Operations at the Population Council. She worked for eighteen years as Economic Affairs Officer in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, following service as a senior economist with the US Agency for International Development and as a Population Affairs officer with the UN. Dr. Kantrow holds doctoral and master's degrees in demography and economics from the University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.



Mr. Jeffery Huffines, Main UN NGO Representative for CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation. Mr. Huffines was appointed as Co-Chair of the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference on the theme "2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda, which took place at UN HQ (NY), 27-29 August 2014. Mr. Huffines has served as UN DESA NGO Major Group Organizing Partner since 2011 responsible for guiding multi-stakeholder engagement of NGOs in sustainable development activities at the UN. He also serves on the UN Post 2015 Strategic Outreach Planning Group and Beyond 2015/GCAP UN Working Group in New York and represents CIVICUS on the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) Working Group on Post-2015. Based in New York since 1996, Mr. Huffines was elected Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee (2007-2011) and previously served as Co-Chair of the Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court (FENICC); senior advisor to the American NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court (AMICC); Chair of the UN Association/USA's New York Council of Organizations; President of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations; co-founder of the Tripartite Forum on International Cooperation for Peace; convener of the NY NGO Network on the 2005 Millennium Summit; and council member of the US Conference of Religions for Peace. He had previously served as Main UN Representative for the U.S. Baha'i Community and has taught as an adjunct professor at the Center for Global Affairs, New York University.



Ms. Orsolya Bartha, Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development, Human Rights and Gender Related Issues with the International Disability Alliance. Ms. Bartha's main focus in the last few years was to advocate for the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities with representatives of the UN system and UN Member States. She promoted the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) within the UN system and among UN Member States with a particular focus on ensuring the inclusion of the rights of persons with disabilities in the post-2015 development framework and implemented the gender strategy of IDA, which included coordination and collaboration with disability organizations on gender outreach. She built partnerships and developed capacity among organizations of disabled persons to promote their in-depth understanding of the post-2015 development process and to ensure their participation and inclusion, in particular in the implementation phase of the process. This included the organizing and managing an African regional conference for organizations of persons with disabilities, as well as a mechanism to coordinate follow-up on the conference. The conference focused on the implementation of the UN CRPD and the post-2015 development process. Prior to IDA, she has worked as a diplomat for the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations in New York as well as in the multilateral field at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary as a senior legal advisor. Ms. Bartha has experience working in the human rights and humanitarian field for over 15 years. She holds a juris doctor degree from University Eotvos Lorand, Budapest and an additional Masters' Degree in Human Rights and Democratization from Padoa, Italy. She has published several articles and co-edited a book on the law of international armed conflict.



Mr. Christopher Dekki, Coordinator of the International Movement of Catholic Students - Pax Romana UN Advocacy Team. Mr. Dekki also plays an active role in the UN Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY) and is the UN Liaison for the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO), the network of the world's largest youth-led and youth-serving organizations. Through the MGCY, as well as the Communitas Coalition, he is heavily involved in the HABITAT III process. Mr. Dekki he is working on a project to promote interfaith dialogue between Arab Christians and Arab Muslims in the United States. He is also actively involved in lobbying bishops and other Catholic leaders on behalf of young Catholics both in the Middle East and in Middle Eastern Diaspora communities in North America. He is a part time professor of Political Science at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn and he is a law student at St. John's University in New York where he is studying international and human rights law and he is working at Catholic Charities Department of Refugee and Immigrant Services. He assists victims of torture and refugees in their struggle to gain asylum in the United States. Mr. Dekki is a native New Yorker who works in a domestic violence court in Brooklyn where he aids the judge in assuring that defendants are fairly treated and victims are provided the assistance they so desperately need. He has an MA in international desperately need. He has an MA in international relations and has been published in the prestigious Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization and his NGO's annual magazine relations and has been published in the prestigious Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization and his NGO's annual magazine.