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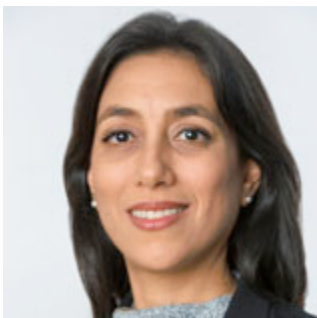
**Representative Carolyn B. Maloney** has represented parts of New York City in Congress since 1993. A champion of women and families, educational, cultural and medical institutions, the environment, and equal rights for all, she also has been a leading advocate in the House on issues including consumers and investors, homeland security, oversight of government contracts, the health care needs of 9/11 responders, and a champion of vital infrastructure projects. As the co-chair and founder of the Congressional Caucus on Human Trafficking, and co-chair of the Trafficking Task Force of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Representative Maloney wrote and secured passage of legislation to combat sex trafficking internationally and domestically. Representative Maloney is the lead democratic sponsor of The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (JVTA), which passed the House in January 2015, and focuses on rescuing domestic victims, tracking down their exploiters, and prosecuting the criminals responsible for modern-day slavery. She has also introduced The Human Trafficking Fraud

Enforcement Act to enable the IRS to investigate sex traffickers for violations of tax laws. In the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, she introduced bipartisan legislation to require large companies to publicly disclose their policies aimed at ridding their supply chains of human trafficking. Representative Maloney is the author of the Debbie Smith Act to fund processing of DNA evidence in rape and sexual assault cases, which RAINN, the Rape, Incest and Abuse National Network, called "the most important piece of anti-rape legislation that Congress has ever passed." The 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act included two of Representative Maloney's bills: the SAFER Act, which will help reduce the nation's untested DNA rape kit backlog, and the Campus SaVE Act which will aid colleges in reducing sexual violence on campuses and help victims obtain needed services.



**H.E. Mr. Henry Leonard Mac Donald is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Suriname to the United Nations.** Ambassador Mac Donald was born in Suriname. He received his legal education at the Law Faculty of the Anton de Kom University in Paramaribo, Suriname (1994) and at the American University in Washington DC, where he obtained an additional Masters of Laws in "Laws and Government" at the Washington College of Law in 2003. He was the Representative and Advisor of his country to the Inter American Defense Board (IADB) in Washington DC and has also been representing Suriname for longer than 8 years as its Alternate Representative to the Inter American Commission of Women (CIM). Ambassador Mac Donald is a senior legal advisor on international human rights topics and a principal speech writer for his government on development, legal and diplomatic matters. He has represented his country as Principal Expert before a number of

Human Rights bodies at the United Nations (e.g. the Universal Periodic Review (2011); the UN Committee Regarding the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2009); the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child (2007); the UN Committee against the Discrimination of Women (2002), and at the Organization of American States such as at the Moiwana hearings before the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (2003) and the Inter American Court of Justice in 2004. Since his arrival at the United Nations five years ago he has served several times as the Chairperson of the CARICOM Caucus of Ambassadors to the United Nations and as Chairperson of the GRULAC Regional Grouping. He was a Vice President of the General Assembly in 2010, in which capacity he served on numerous occasions as Acting President. Almost two years ago he was very instrumental in having the first Surinamese human rights expert being elected to the Human Rights Committee. He is currently the Chairperson of the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, generally referred to as the Third Committee for the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly.



**H.E. Ms. Laura Flores Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations.** Ambassador Flores was appointed to her current post in September 2014. Before her appointment she served as Assistant Representative to the United Nations Population Fund in Panama, beginning in 2006. Prior to that, she was Director of Business and Industry at the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C., from 2005 to 2006. She also served as Director of Corporate Marketing for the World Wildlife Fund, from 2002 to 2005. From 1999 to 2002, Ms. Flores served as Executive Director of the Business Initiatives Office of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. Previously, she held posts in the Panamanian Ministry of Trade and Industry, including Vice Minister for Foreign Trade, from 1998 to 1999, and Vice Minister for Trade and Industry, in 1998. Between 1995 and 1997, Ms. Flores was Promotion Manager at the Interoceanic Region Authority in Panama, and from 1990 to 1993 was Program Associate with the Academy for Educational Development in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Flores holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economic and International Relations from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, both in the United States.



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**Ms. Kate Gilmore is Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director (Programme) for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).** She has longstanding strategic leadership experience, having worked on human rights issues in government and non-government organizations. From 1986-1996, she worked on violence against women, law reform and women's health more broadly as a senior manager at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne Australia. From 1992-1993, she was seconded to be CEO of Melbourne's Broadmeadows Community Health Service, then Australia's largest Community Health Service. In 1996, Ms. Gilmore joined Amnesty International Australia as National Director and in 2000 she was appointed Executive Deputy Secretary General of Amnesty International, based in London. Having joined UNFPA in April 2012, Ms. Gilmore – as one of two deputies to the Executive Director - carries overall responsibility for UNFPA programmes at country, regional and global levels.



**Mr. Timothy Ballard, Founder and CEO of Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.).** He also serves as O.U.R.'s Jump Team Commander for rescue operations. Mr. Ballard began his career at the Central Intelligence Agency where he worked cases dealing with terrorism and Latin America. He has spent over a decade working as a Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security where he was assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and deployed as an undercover operative for the U.S. Child Sex Tourism Jump Team. He has worked every type of case imaginable in the fight to dismantle child trafficking rings. Mr. Ballard has worked undercover in the United States and in multiple foreign countries to infiltrate child trafficking organizations. In this effort he has successfully dismantled dozens of these organizations and rescued countless children from sex slavery. He is an expert at managing Internet investigations, particularly those dealing with file-share networks where pedophiles and traffickers go to trade in child pornography. He has trained hundreds of law enforcement

officers at home and abroad in best practices to liberate children from sex slavery. Mr. Ballard has been featured on many national news outlets to discuss his efforts to combat child trafficking. He has appeared on Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace, The Meredith Vieira Show, CBS Nightly News, ABC Nightline, and CNN Headline News, MSNBC, The Glenn Beck Program, as well as many local news shows. Mr. Ballard is the best-selling author of *The Covenant: One Nation Under God* and is the author of the sequel to that work, *The Covenant, Lincoln, and The War*. He has been featured regularly on both local and national TV and radio programs to discuss American history and politics and the role America has played in defending liberty at home and abroad. He has often commented on how his academic work in American history has provided him the inspiration and motivation to rescue children--to carry on the American tradition of liberating the captive. He recently received the distinguished George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. After serving a church mission to Chile, Ballard graduated Cum Laude with a BA in Spanish and Political Science from Brigham Young University. He went on to graduate Summa Cum Laude with an MA in International Politics from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. He resides in California with his wife and children.



**Ms. Consilee Nishimwe, Motivational Speaker, Author, and a Survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.** She went through the horrors of genocide at the age of 14 when she and her family were forced to leave their home and go into hiding when the genocide started. Unfortunately, during the course of the three months long genocide, her father and three young brothers were murdered along with many other close relatives. Today, Ms. Nishimwe is a committed speaker about genocide and sexual violence and is an advocate for survivors like herself who suffered physical and emotional torture. She is a defender of women's rights. In 2012, Ms. Nishimwe released her memoir *Tested to the Limit: A Genocide Survivor's Story of Pain, Resilience and Hope*. Her horrible story is sharply contrasted by her resilience and message of love. Rather than vengeance, she instead relies on tolerance, faith and love. She refused to let the inhumane acts she suffered strip away her humanity, zest for life and positive outlook for a better future. In recognition of her courage and accomplishments,

she was awarded the 2013 ASALH Living Legacy Award and the NSANGA STEP UP Service Award and What better looks like Award. She was recently hailed by the Together for Girls Organization in SAFE Magazine Issue #1, as one of 50 Global Heroes who help stop sexual violence against children.



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**Mr. E. Benjamin Skinner, Author, Co-Founder and Senior Vice President of Tau Investment Management.** Tau is a turnaround and growth equity firm that generates returns by transforming global supply chains. Recently, he was Senior Fellow at the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism of Brandeis University. His first book, *A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery* (Free Press; 2008), was awarded the 2009 Dayton Literary Peace Prize for nonfiction, a citation from the Overseas Press Club in its book category for 2008, and was a finalist for The Ryszard Kapuscinski International Award for literary reportage in 2011. He was named one of *National Geographic's* "Adventurers of the Year 2008," and in 2011, the World Economic Forum recognized Mr. Skinner as a Young Global Leader. Previously he held a fellowship at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy of Harvard Kennedy School of Government, served as Special Assistant to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and worked as Research Associate for U.S. Foreign Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. His 50+ chapters, monographs and articles have appeared in numerous publications including *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Travel + Leisure*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Foreign Policy* and others. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT.



**Ms. Holly J. Burkhalter, Vice President of Government Relations & Advocacy, International Justice Mission.** Ms. Burkhalter leads IJM's grassroots advocacy program to mobilize people around the country and build support for U.S. policies that will abolish modern-day slavery and other forms of violence against the world's poorest. She speaks regularly on IJM's behalf and has testified frequently before Congress. Before joining IJM, Ms. Burkhalter spent nine years serving as the U.S. Policy Director for Physicians for Human Rights and fourteen years as the Advocacy Director and Director of the Washington office for Human Rights Watch. She also staffed the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations from 1981 to 1983. From 1977 to 1981, she worked for Representative (now Senator) Tom Harkin, D-IA. She was appointed by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a member of the board of the U.S. Institute for Peace, and she served from 2001 to 2008. Ms. Burkhalter is the author of *Good God, Lousy World & Me, the Improbable Journey of a Human Rights Activist from Unbelief to Faith*. She graduated from Iowa State University (Phi Beta Kappa).



**Ms. Lisa F. Jackson, Producer/ Director/ Writer** has been producing documentaries for over 35 years. Her most recent film, *It Happened Here*, about the epidemic of sexual assault on college campuses, aired on Pivot in January 2015. *Sex Crimes Unit* (HBO 2011) is an unprecedented *verite* portrait of prosecutors in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as they work to bring justice to victims of sexual violence. Ms. Jackson shot *The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo* (HBO 2011) in the war zones of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It won a Sundance Special Jury Prize for Documentaries and earned 2 Emmy nominations. She produced and directed *Meeting with a Killer: One Family's Journey* (2001 Emmy Award nominee) for Court TV; *Life Afterlife*, a 90-minute Special for HBO; *The Secret Life of Barbie* (1999 Emmy Award winner) for ABC News and has filmed in Colombia, Guatemala, Cuba and Siberia. Ms. Jackson studied filmmaking at MIT with Richard Leacock. Her other awards include a New York City Emmy ('93); three CINE Golden Eagles; Audience Choice Awards from the London HRFFF, One World Slovakia, Vancouver, Breckenridge and Cinequest film festivals; a Gracie Award from AWRT; a Planned Parenthood "Maggie" Award for Outstanding Documentary; a 2012 MUSE Award from New York Women in Film & TV; the 2009 iWitness Award from Jewish World Watch and a Movies That Matter Award from Amnesty International.

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