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Dr. David Nabarro, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Dr. Nabarro works with Governments and other stakeholders to galvanize action on implementation of both the 2030 and Climate Action agendas. He also oversees the Secretary-General's special initiatives, including Every Woman Every Child, Global Pulse and Zero Hunger Challenge, and the UN Office for Partnerships. Dr. Nabarro has more than 30 years' experience of public health, nutrition and development at country, regional and global levels, and has held positions in non-governmental organizations, universities, national Governments and the United Nations (UN) system. Dr. Nabarro was born in London in 1949 and qualified as a physician in 1973. He started his career with four years in the United Kingdom National Health Service. He then contributed to the health and nutrition of mothers and children, through community development and humanitarian relief programmes, particularly in Iraq, South Asia and East Africa. Dr. Nabarro has held positions in the London and Liverpool Schools of Tropical Medicine, served as Chief Health and Population Adviser to the United Kingdom Overseas Development Administration and has been a Director for Human Development in

the UK Department for International Development. Dr. Nabarro joined the UN system in 1999, leading the Roll Back Malaria initiative at the World Health Organization (WHO). He was appointed as a WHO Executive Director in 2001 and led WHO's Department for Health Action in Crises from 2003. Between 2005 and 2014 he served as the UN System's Senior Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza. Since 2009 he has been the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition, a position he continues to hold. From 2011 to 2015 he served as Coordinator of the Movement to Scale Up Nutrition. From September 2014 until December 2015 he was Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Ebola, providing strategic and policy direction for the international response.



H.E. Dr. Caleb Otto, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Palau to the UN. He is the first native Palauan to hold this post. Ambassador Otto is a physician, former Director of Public Health in Palau before retiring from the Ministry of Health in 2003. He served one term as a Senator in the National Congress. Before coming to New York he was Chairman of the Board of the Palau Conservation Society, a member of the Palau National Olympic Committee and was the team physician for the Palau National team at the London Olympics in 2012. Ambassador Otto is the founder of the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Palau and was the negotiator representing Palau on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, for which he received the WHO Director General Award in 2003. He championed the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Palau, translated the Convention into Palauan and was one of the authors of the first report of implementation of the Convention. His advocacy for human rights includes work on the Implementation of the Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes as the means to ensure the rights of infants to breastmilk, work on Rights of Persons with Disability, Women's rights under CEDAW and rights of the

Indigenous People, including protection of traditional and cultural heritage. During the recently concluded UN Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals, he led the efforts to include mental health and well-being in the targets under the goal on health and advocated for availability and access to water as a matter of human rights. He also advocated strongly for a stand-alone goal on peaceful and stable society grounded on tolerance, acceptance and understanding as an important component of a firm foundation for sustainable development. With the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS), he advocated for a stand-alone goal on Oceans and Climate Change, respectively.



H.E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations in New York. Prior to this, he served as Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology in The Gambia. He has also held the portfolio for Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad of The Gambia. As Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Dr. Tangara has represented The Gambia on the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). He has served as Chairman of the African Group at the United Nations, during which he presided over the memorial meeting for the late Nelson Mandela. He was also the Chairman of the University of The Gambia Governing Council, President of Alliance Franco-Gambienne and Honorary Vice-President of EGALISE. He worked as the former coordinator of the National Authorising Office Support Unit (NAOSU) for European Union funded programmes and projects in The Gambia and has been a consultant for the United Nations Fund for Population Affairs (UNFPA) and other international organisations. Dr. Tangara has

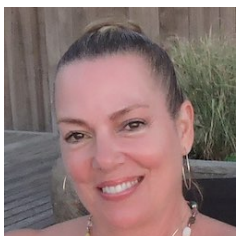
served as the Government of The Gambia's Science, Technology and Innovation focal person and also served as Governor of the African Capacity Building Foundation. Dr. Tangara holds a doctorate degree (PhD) from Université de Limoges, France. His research on the myths and secrets of oral historians of the Mandinka received Mention Très Honorable avec Félicitations à l'unanimité du jury from Université de Limoges. He has published several articles and was the Editor-in-Chief of the French magazine, La Lune. As a true Pan Africanist, Dr. Tangara was made a member of the steering committee of the World Festival of Black Arts held in Dakar in 2009. He has written widely on the Semiology of Cultural Interaction, Literature and Conflict Resolution, and African Writers and their Cultural Heritage. Being a multi linguist (English, French, Spanish, Mandinka, Wolof, Bambara, Dioula) has enabled him to serve as an international examiner, interpreter, lecturer and journalist on several international platforms.



Ms. Minh-Thu Pham is Executive Director for Policy at the United Nations Foundation. Ms. Pham develops and leads strategic initiatives to strengthen the UN's ability to solve global problems, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and peace and conflict. She has also taught international policymaking at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and has over 15 years of experience in foreign policy, international diplomacy, and fieldwork. She has served in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General for Kofi Annan and Ban Ki-moon as policy adviser in the Strategic Planning Unit, managing initiatives to strengthen the UN and improve relations between the U.S. and the UN. Ms. Pham has advised the UN special envoy for malaria and the top international official in Bosnia and worked for Save the Children and other organizations in Ethiopia, Vietnam and Washington, DC. She was once a crew photographer for the BBC series Planet Earth and was a documentary photographer. Ms. Pham is a fellow of the Truman National Security Project; was selected a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations in 2007; and serves on the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Asian-American Children and Families. She holds an MPA from the Woodrow

Wilson School at Princeton University and a BA in History from Duke University where she was a Benjamin N. Duke Leadership Scholar. She was born in Vietnam and lives in New York City with her husband and daughter.

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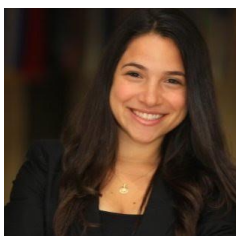
Ms. Alexandra Akira is a Philanthropist, Humanitarian, Environmentalist and Social Justice Entrepreneur. Ms. Akira is an Executive Producer whose main focus is to utilize art, music, and the entertainment industry as catalysts for change. Prior, she has had great success in corporate commercial real estate transactions for globally recognized companies, where by analytics, psychographics, and in depth demographic profiling and mapping platforms have been integral components of successful campaigns. She has consulted for fashion, financial, art, cultural, governmental and historic preservation agencies, and provides strategic planning and project management services. She has worked with city, state, and federal government agencies, implementing and strategically developing incentives and initiatives to increase economic development and job creation, while maintaining and growing sustainable economies. Prior, she was an Executive in Charge of Development and Production for Viacom Entertainment, Paramount Pictures, Disney Publishing, and Ziff Davis for fifteen years, and was instrumental in the development of the Noggin Children's Television Network. Ms. Akira is a member of REBNY (Real Estate Board of New York), Former Board Member Tribeca Performing Arts Center, Board Member ICSCS (Institute for Culture in the Service of Community Sustainability) Arts Advisors to the Select Committee, and is affiliated with the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Cooper Union, Former Executive Director of the Citizens for Water Foundation, and has Consultative Status with the United Nations and the Global Partnerships Forum, the American Sustainable Business Council, and the May Peace Prevail on Earth Organization. Ms. Akira attended the University of Connecticut and the School of Visual Arts in New York City, where she lives with her daughter Gabriella, and is committed to making tremendous contributions to this world.



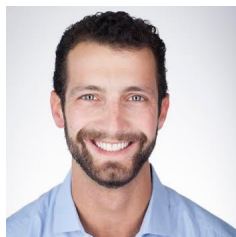
Ms. Rosa G. Lizarde is the Global Director of the Feminist Task Force, a coalition of women's organizations and gender advocates promoting gender equality as central to poverty eradication and launched under the auspices of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) in 2005. Under Ms. Lizarde's leadership, the FTF has conducted over twenty women's and girls' tribunals highlighting the interlinkages of gender, poverty and climate justice. She is a Global Call to Action against Poverty Global Council member and serves as Secretary of the GCAP Board Foundation. She currently serves as the civil society Co-Chair of the Policy and Strategy Group (PSG) of the @WorldWeWant2030, a global platform co-founded by civil society and the UN to facilitate dialogues, engagement and promotion of the Post-2015 process and now the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals #SDGs. As co-chair, Ms. Lizarde promotes bridging the gender digital divide and building an inclusive data revolution. She is a founding member and a current co-coordinator of the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development (FfD) and a lead organizer of the Women's Forum on Finance for Development in Addis Ababa ahead of the Third International Conference on Finance for Development (July, 2015). She started ENLACE-*Education & Networking for Latina Cooperation & Empowerment*, to promote youth leadership, empowerment and cultural exchange in the Western Hemisphere. She is a graduate of Columbia University's School for International and Public Affairs.



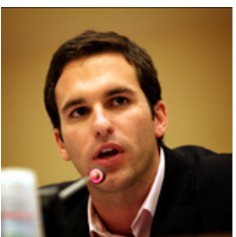
Ms. Robyn Polansky is a Vice President and Private Client Associate with U.S. Trust in New York. Ms. Polansky works closely with individuals, families, and institutions to develop customized financial strategies that align with their goals and values. She offers the acumen and knowledge she has gained from extensive experience in capital markets research and portfolio design as well as impact investing. As the leader of a client's U.S. Trust® team, she is a central resource for a range of needs. She collaborates with in-house specialists to devise and implement integrated initiatives in investment management, including socially innovative investments; trust and estate planning services; philanthropy; and credit and lending through Bank of America, N.A. She grounds her approach in client education, fostering engaged and informed decision-making. Prior to joining U.S. Trust in 2014, Ms. Polansky spent twelve years with Bessemer Trust in New York, where she held increasing responsibilities in investment manager research, selection, and monitoring. She ultimately served as Vice President and Manager Research Analyst for External Manager Solutions. She began her financial services career in 2000 at Thompson Financial Corporation in Venture Economics. Ms. Polansky serves on the Board of Directors of Bottomless Closet, a nonprofit organization dedicated to workforce preparation for disadvantaged New York City women transitioning from unemployment and public assistance to work, and Strength to Strength, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting worldwide victims of terrorism. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Council of Young Jewish Presidents.



Ms. Beth deBeer, Impact Consultant and Founder of Impact Consulting Network. Ms. deBeer is an impact investment consultant, who has been on the forefront of ground breaking research in the impact and development space. For the past ten years, she has been in the field of international development- searching for innovative and sustainable solutions for today's global challenges. Her work has taken her from grass-roots NGOs in Ethiopia and Thailand, to performing research for multilateral institutions including the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). Within in the field of impact investing, Ms. deBeer has advised both family offices, foundations, and enterprises on how to build, manage, and evaluate impact investing opportunities within their portfolios. As founder of iImpact Consulting Network (iImpact) she launched a global platform for independent consultants around the world to share in resources, knowledge, and opportunities. iImpact became an official vendor for the World Economic Forum by contributing to *Impact Investing: A Primer for Family Offices*. iImpact has also produced and sponsored a number of impact investing events around the world- including the first conference for impact investing in Israel. Ms. deBeer continues to organize roundtables and events to raise awareness about impact investing. She is fluent in Hebrew, holds a Master's in Public Administration from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Michigan.



Mr. Avi Deutsch, Co-Founder and CEO, LAVAN. Mr. Deutsch's firm is a network of angel impact investors who support early-stage, Israeli entrepreneurs tackling the world's most pressing social and environmental challenges. His work is focused on designing and building impact investing communities for young investors that encourage active participation and facilitate a values-based dialogue. Mr. Deutsch is the former Business Development Manager at Boundless Impact Investing, a market intelligence platform for impact investors, where he was charged developing the company's core business model and community building strategy. Prior to that he spent a year at the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda, working to build a safe and stable family environment for at-risk, orphaned youth. Mr. Deutsch has worked as a research analyst on the Monetary Team at the Bank of Israel and served as an officer in the Armored Corps of the Israel Defense Forces, commanding soldiers in training and combat. He is passionate about at-risk youth and has been involved in multiple outreach and intervention programs. He currently serves on a Covenant House Program Board, assisting with job placement and career development. Mr. Deutsch graduated with honors from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a B.A. in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics.



Mr. Juan Elias Chebly, Lead Adviser, to the UN Environment Programmes' Secretariat of Governing Bodies; Founder and CEO of voipebox.com. Mr. Chebly is a PhD Candidate in Sustainable Development at Simon Bolivar University in Caracas, Venezuela. He holds a BS in management, a minor in International Business, and a Finance MBA degree from St. John's University in Queens NY. Mr. Chebly completed his studies with honors at St. John's in 2009. At age 24, he became St. John's Tobin College of Business youngest Adjunct Professor during Fall 2010. He taught Foundations of Finance and was among the top ranked professors by students. In 2009 he founded Voipebox.com, a telecom startup introducing innovative and pioneering VOIP telephony solutions in South America and the US.