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Ms. Hawa Diallo, Public Information Officer, NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section Department of Public Information. Ms. Diallo is the Public Information Officer in the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section of the Department of Public Information, where she coordinates UN and NGO partnership activities. She has extensive United Nations experience in public information outreach and fostering civil society partnerships, with a particular emphasis on youth and women's organizations. Ms. Diallo began her United Nations career in 1987 in the Department of Public Information and has served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia, respectively. She has also worked for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer and as a Partners and Youth Officer.



Mr. Felix Dodds is a Fellow at the Global Research Institute, a Senior Affiliate at the University of North Carolina and an Associate Fellow at the Tellus Institute. Previously, Mr. Dodds was Executive Director of Stakeholder Forum (1992-2012). In 2014 he was also the co-director of the Nexus Conference on Water, Food, Energy and Climate. In 2011 he chaired the UN NGO DPI conference 'Sustainable Societies Responsive Citizens' and from 1997 to 2001 he was Co-chair of the NGO Coalition at the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. In 1996 he introduced the concept of Stakeholder Dialogues through the UN General Assembly for Rio+5, and helped run what are recognized as some of the most successful ones. He has been advisor to the UK, Danish Governments and the European Commission. He has written or edited 13 books, out last week was 'The Water, Food, Energy and Climate Nexus: Challenges and an Agenda for Action' edited with Jamie Bartram, and out in September is Negotiating the Sustainable Development Goals: A transformational agenda for an insecure world written with Ambassador David Donoghue and Jimena Leiva Roesch this is the sister book to Building a Bridge to a Sustainable Future – From Rio+20 to a New Development Agenda (October 2013) with Jorge Laguna-Celis and Liz Thomson and Only One Earth - The Long Road via Rio to Sustainable Development (May 2012) with Michael Strauss and Maurice Strong. Other books include a trilogy on the issue of environment and security. In 2010 Green Eco Services listed him as one of the twenty five environmentalists ahead of their time.



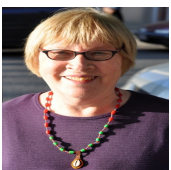
Ms. Ana B. Moreno, Habitat-III Secretariat Coordinator. Ms. Moreno was appointed in July 2014. She has coordinated the last two sessions of the World Urban Forum in Naples (September 2012) and in Medellin (April 2014). She started to work in UN-Habitat as Spokesperson in May 2011 and Advocacy, Outreach and Communications Coordinator in January 2012. She is a graduate in Social and Cultural Anthropology and Journalism, both degrees by the Autonomous University of Barcelona. She also has a Postgraduate Diploma on Olympic Studies by the International Olympic Academy. With more than twenty years' experience, she started her professional career working in different media: press, radio and television. In 1996, she began her work at the Centre for Olympic Studies of the Autonomous University of Barcelona and became its Deputy Director in 2002. She also collaborated with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in several research projects and publications, especially during the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. From 2000 to 2004, she served as associate professor in the Department of Journalism at the Faculty of Communications Sciences of the Autonomous University of Barcelona. In the same period, she collaborated as researcher and project manager with the Institute of Communication at the same university. In 2001 and 2002, she worked at the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) as project manager in the Department of Culture, Education and Sports. Director of the Media Center at the 2003 FINA World Swimming Championships and Director of the Media Center at the Universal Forum of Cultures 2004, Moreno was named Head of Press of the City of Barcelona in October 2004 and served that function until September 2006, when she was appointed Director of Communications of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism of the Spanish Government. In 2008, Moreno began her work as Communication Advisor at the office of the First Vice-President and Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Government of Spain. Ms. Moreno is a specialist in corporate communications strategies, as well as mega-events organization from the planning perspective to the impact and legacy.



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.



Professor Jan W. Dash, PhD, Lead Climate Advisor to the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY. Professor Dash is the Editor of the annual NGOCSD-NY Climate Statement: *Summary and Recommendations to Governments*, distributed to leaders at climate conferences. The 2nd edition of his book, published by World Scientific, has a comprehensive chapter on Climate Change Risk Management. He is the Managing Editor of the Climate Portal website He attended the 2015 Paris Climate Conference as a panelist and as the head UUA credentialed observer. He is a Matchmaker for the Climate Science Rapid Response Team that provides responses to media questions on climate science. He is the author of the popular "one-liner" responses to climate contrarian fallacies. He is a leader of the network of UU Climate Action Teams (CATs). He did the math behind the Bloomberg Carbon Clock that won a Malofiej Award. Jan holds the academic positions of Visiting Scholar, Fordham U and Adjunct Professor, Courant Institute, NYU. He has a PhD in physics, was Directeur de Recherche at the Centre de Physique Théorique in Marseille France, and published over 60 scientific research papers. Jan was also the Backstage Conductor and Chorus Master for the NY Grand Opera.



Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission. Ms. Peterson was awarded the UN-HABITAT Scroll of Honor in 2009 for four decades of activism championing the rights of grassroots women and their movements for better human settlements. She is a founder of three organizations – the National Congress of Neighbourhood Women, GROOTS International, and the Huairou Commission. Under her leadership, Huairou Commission's membership has expanded to include organizations in more than 50 countries across the globe. Through her strong advocacy, she has ensured that the global women's movement incorporates grassroots women's groups and community development priorities for sustainable human settlements. In addition to raising more than USD 4 million for work with grassroots women, she has supported pioneering initiatives that include the Local-to-Local Dialogue methodology and the Grassroots Women's Academy held at each World Urban Forum. In her coalition-building work, Ms. Peterson draws on decades of experience in education, policy making, and community organizing. At the global level, Ms. Peterson has led sustained advocacy to ensure that grassroots women are recognized as experts in development, who have innovative solutions to problems affecting their lives. As a result of these pioneering efforts, global agencies such as UN-Habitat, UN Women and UN ISDR have included women from poor communities in advisory and planning groups. In the Carter White House, she worked as the Associate Director of the Office of Public Liaison, as well as in the Office of Policy and Planning in Action (Peace Corps/VISTA). She has most recently taught at the New School Graduate Program in International Affairs and was a member of the Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor, chaired by Madeline Albright. She continues to work as a leading organizer on housing and neighborhood development issues her own community in Brooklyn, New York.



Dr. Eugénie L. Birch FAICP, RTPI (hon), is the Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research, Department of City and Regional Planning, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania. She is the founding co-director of the Penn Institute for Urban Research, and co-editor of Penn Press's *The City in the 21st Century* series. Dr. Birch's most recent publications include *Slums: How Informal Real Estate Markets Work* (2016), co-edited with Susan Wachter and Shohana Chattaraj, *Global Urbanization* (2011), co-edited with Susan Wachter, *Women's Health and the World's Cities* (2011), co-edited with Afaf Meleis and Susan Wachter, and *Neighborhoods and Life Chances, How Place Matters* (2011) co-edited with Susan Wachter and Harriet Newberger). Dr. Birch has served as editor, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, chair, Planning Accreditation Board, president, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) and the International Planning History Society (IPHS). Her awards include: Lawrence C. Gerken Award in Planning History (SACRPH), Jay Chatterjee Award, Margarita McCoy Award and Distinguished Educator Award (ACSP). Dr. Birch has served as a member of the New York City Planning Commission and of the jury to select the designers for the World Trade Center site. She is currently chair, UN HABITAT's World Urban Campaign and president of its special initiative, the General Assembly of Partners toward Habitat III. Dr. Birch, who lives in New York City, holds a PhD and Master in Urban Planning from Columbia University and an A.B. *cum laude* in History and Latin American Affairs from Bryn Mawr College.



Ms. Jane Anyango, Executive Director and Founder, Polycom Development Project in Kibera, Kenya. Ms. Anyango has been widely recognized for her efforts, winning a Community Peacebuilder Award, Outstanding Leadership Award and was nominated for the International Woman of Courage Award in 2011. She has taken part in local and international conferences focusing on influence laws and policies touching on the lives of grassroots women. Ms. Anyango sits on the UN Women National Civil Society Advisory Group, has been a member of the National Peace Steering Committee, serves on several boards locally and internationally. She is a powerful voice pushing for unity leading to quality engagement with grassroots women. Ms. Anyango has successfully mobilized women living in 8 informal settlements under the title Wamama TunaUwezo. She is a powerful facilitator and currently a consultant to the African Youth Trust under Action Aid Program – Safe City aimed to create violence-free societies for women and girls. Ms. Anyango was born on 27th July 1970. She started her community work in 2004 after a case of a sexual violence against an 11-year-old girl. Without any funding, she has used her influence to convince big organizations, local and international to create strong foundations and programs in Kibera that are self-sustaining. She is a community mobilizer working to organize women living in the informal settlements of Kibera.



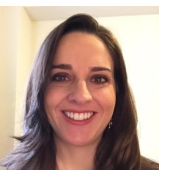
Ms. Magdalena García Hernández, Directora General, Bufete de Estudios Interdisciplinarios A. C. Iberoamerican Network for Budget Equality between Men and Women. Ms. Garcia is married, has two daughters, a son, three grandsons and one granddaughter. She did her graduate studies in Commercial Engineering and Economic Sciences from the Universidad de Chile, the Center for Research and Teaching of Economics (CIDE) and the UNAM. She is also a graduate of URBAL, where she led research on gender at the University of Turin, Italy. She has been a consultant to UNFPA and UNDP. She has been a public servant, bank employee, professor, and university researcher. Ms. Hernández is a member of national networks of women, and for several years coordinated the National Coordination for Women's Feminist Millennium. She has also been part of the Advisory Counsel for the National Institute of Women and the Women's Institute of Mexico City. Until 2012 she worked for the United Nations, where she was part of, and coordinated, the Chair of the Inter-Gender UN System in Mexico. She is also a businesswoman, consultant, and CEO of Firm Bufete de Estudios Interdisciplinarios A.C.



Mr. Christopher Dekki, Coordinator of the International Movement of Catholic Students - Pax Romana (IMCS) United Nations Advocacy Team. In that role, Mr. Dekki helps facilitate the participation of the members of this global movement in the work on the UN on a number of issues, from youth policy to sustainable development. He also works closely with a number of UN entities and their youth focal points, particularly the members of the Inter-Agency Network for Youth Development (IANYD). He plays an active role in the UN Major Group for Children and Youth (UN MGCY), the official space for youth participation in a number of UN processes, 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 and regional youth platforms. Through the UN MGCY, as well as the Communitas Coalition, a convener of entities active in the urban policy sphere, he is heavily involved in multiple UN policy processes, including the High Level Political Forum, HABITAT III, the World Humanitarian Summit, and others. Finally, Christopher is a part time professor of Political Science at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn.



Ms. Norine Kennedy, Vice President, Strategic International Engagement, Energy and Environment, Unites States Council for International Business. Ms. Kennedy has over 20 years' experience as USCIB's lead environment and climate change expert, where she promotes U.S. business participation in international environmental policy and management initiatives, and works closely with industry, government and NGOs to promote sustainable development and green growth. She also spearheads USCIB's strategic international engagement initiative, which seeks to advance meaningful business participation and regulatory diplomacy in inter-governmental organizations, and focusses on increasing accountability of international institutions vis a vis business interests. In addition to staffing USCIB's 120 company Environment Committee, Ms. Kennedy represents business in environmental discussions at the UN and OECD. She was a business observer to the US government delegation at the UN's 1992 Earth Summit in Rio and served on the U.S. delegation to the Rio+20 summit in 2012. She regularly participates in meetings of the UN Environment Programme, where she currently serves as an official representative of Business and Industry, and U.N. deliberations on the Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda. She has attended all negotiating sessions for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, including last year's COP21 in Paris. Ms. Kennedy joined USCIB in 1991, having served at the World Environment Center as project manager in its corporate programs department. She holds a master's degree in international environmental policy from Claremont Graduate School, and a bachelor's degree in international relations from Wellesley College.



Ms. Naiara Costa Chaves, Director of International Secretariat Together 2030. Ms Costa is an International Relations Analyst who currently leads the International Secretariat of the Together 2030 Initiative. She was the Advocacy Director of Beyond 2015, a global civil society campaign. Prior to that, she worked as an Advisor on Gender, Social and Economic Rights at the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom in New York as well as a development advisor at the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in Brazil. Ms. Costa has served the UN for more than a decade, working as a National Programme Officer at UNAIDS. She has also served the government of Brazil as an advisor at the Presidency of the Republic (National Anti-Drugs Secretariat) and the Ministry of Finance). She worked as UN Public Affairs and Policy Advisor for the World Animal Protection. She holds a master on International Relations at the University of Brasilia (Brazil) and a MBA on Projects from Getulio Vargas Foundation.



Ms. Frances Zainoeddin, United Nations Representative of Gray Panthers. Ms. Zainoeddin left Australia in 1970 to work at the United Nations, New York, initially in the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and ended her career, 31 years later, as Deputy Budget Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division. Upon retirement, she joined the NGO community in order to further promote the ideals of the United Nations, with specific interest in gender and ageing issues. Ms. Zainoeddin became a United Nations representative of Gray Panthers to the United Nations in 2013, and is currently an elected Member-at-Large of the NGO Committee on Ageing. Ms. Zainoeddin is also a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women. Ms. Zainoeddin, was a key participant in the establishment of the Stakeholder Group on Ageing in 2013 and was actively engaged in the intergovernmental negotiations leading up to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Agenda, ensuring inclusion of the concerns of older persons.



Mr. Aashish Khullar, Board Member- Organising Partner Children and Youth International, UN Major Group for Children & Youth. Mr. Khullar is originally from New Delhi, and is currently based between there and Boston where he is enrolled in academic work. He was elected as a board member of the legal entity of the UN MGCY- Children and Youth International at their General Assembly meeting during the World Conference on Youth in 2014 (intergovernmental meeting). Additionally, he is the organisation's lead representative for their Organising Partner role and has been involved in UN Sustainable Development processes since the lead up to Rio+20. His academic work includes, economics, finance and peace studies.