

UN76 Dialogue: We are Grateful for All Stakeholders Impacting Change with the SDGs



Dr. Chantal Line Carpentier, Chief of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) New York Office of the UN Secretary-General. Dr. Carpentier coordinates UNCTAD's input into the Financing for Sustainable Development, Science, Technology and Innovation, and monitors progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) processes. She is particularly interested in the role of micro, small and medium enterprise (MSMEs), entrepreneurship and gender equality in achieving a green, resilient, inclusive and connected economic system. Prior to 2014, as Major Groups Coordinator for the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) Division for Sustainable Development, she facilitated the engagement of and consultation with worldwide non-State actors (NGOs, women's groups, business and industry, etc.) in the

SDGs negotiations and the United Nations Rio+20 Conference. As Sustainable Development Officer for UNDESA (2007-2010), she served as focal point for food security and sustainable agriculture as well as sustainable consumption and production (SCP) where she successfully supported the negotiations of the 10 Year Framework of Program on SCP, now SDG12. Prior to joining the United Nations, she worked as Head, Environment, Economy and Trade Division of the North American Free Trade Agreement Commission for Environmental Cooperation (2000-2007), as policy analyst for the Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture (1998-2000) and as postdoctoral fellow for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in the Brazilian Amazon (1996-1998). She is a World Academy of Art and Science Fellow, was chosen for the Ideagen 2016 and 2020 "100 Individuals and Organization empowering women and girl", is a 2006 Yale World Fellow and a United Nations Environment Programme Who's Who's of Women and the Environment. She has co-authored a book on Ethical Investing and regularly publishes journal articles, book chapters and Secretary-General reports. Dr. Carpentier obtained her PhD. in Agricultural and Environmental Economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, as well as both her MSc. and BSc. in Agriculture Economics from McGill University. Born in Canada, Dr. Carpentier is fluent in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and possess a strong knowledge of Mandarin. She competes in ultramarathon, ironmen and is second dan black belt



Mr. Marc-André Dorel, Acting Chief of the NGO Branch at the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Mr. Dorel has been the Acting Chief of the NGO Branch at the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) since October 2016. Previously, he was a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the same office. Before being posted in New York in 1999, he served at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna (1991-1995), as a human rights officer at the International Civilian Mission in Haiti, MICIVIH OAS/UN (1995-1996), and as a project officer with UNDP and UNOV in Bosnia Herzegovina (1997-1998). A French national, he holds a master degree in law from the University of Brest, France, and

a master from the Institute of Political Studies in Paris (Sciences-po).



Ms. Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo, Chief of the Civil Society Unit within the Civil Society, Advocacy and Special Events Section of the United Nations Department of Global Communications. Hawa began her United Nations career in 1986 with the UN Department of Public Information (now Department of Global Communications) in New York, where she worked in various public information capacities. From 1992 to 1994, she served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia, respectively. In 1994, She joined the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General until moving the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer. She later served as a Partners and Youth Programme Officer until moving to UN-Habitat's New York Liaison Office in 2010. Currently, she is Chief of the Civil

Society Unit within the Civil Society, Advocacy and Special Events Section of the Department of Global Communications, where she manages United Nations and civil society partnerships activities. She has extensive experience in designing and implementing United Nations communications and outreach programmes to foster civil society partnerships, with an emphasis on youth and women's organizations. Hawa is a national of Sierra Leone and the United States of America.



Mr. Simon Littlewood, Founder & CEO of SDG Global Group, an investment group focused on building and investing in businesses globally which improve quality of life and sustainability. With over three decades' experience of founding, investing in, raising and structuring capital for a wide range of listed and private businesses, Simon has market-leading expertise in both developed and emerging markets. Recognized as an expert in the sector, Simon has been investing since the 1980s in sustainable businesses, with a current focus on agriculture, food, health, education and fintech. He is building a number of funds and platforms, with transparent, international standard reporting and governance, using both traditional and digital finance tools. These provide entrepreneurs, businesses and projects access to capital, technology, expertise and markets; and opportunities for investors,

funders and technology providers. Simon's international business adventures started in Africa in the 1980s. For the last 35 years, he has been working across emerging markets including the Middle East, Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Greater China. Simon is currently serving as board member and advisor to a number of companies, funds, NGOs and other organizations. He was previously with HSBC London (structured finance), PwC (UK, Africa), BDO (UK, Europe) and several specialist funds and investment banks. Simon is a UK qualified chartered accountant (CPA equivalent) with a law degree from Oxford University.



Ms. Genevieve Leveille, CEO and Principal Founder of AgriLedger, Vice-Chair of techUK. Distributed Ledger Technologies Working Group. Genevieve led AgriLedger's collaboration with Haiti's Ministry of Commerce and Industry to deliver a Distributed Ledger Technology pilot sponsored by the World Bank. The project went live in May 2020 allowing Haitian fruit farmers, customers and families to reap the benefits of fairer prices and improved food security. Genevieve was nominated by the Financial Times to the top 100 BAME in UK technology in 2019 and was a named a winner of the Computer Weekly 2020 Women in Software and one of the top five finalist for Quesnay's Female Founders in FinTech 2019. She is vice-chair of techUK's Distributed Ledger Technologies Working Group, which provides strategic direction for all UK activities related to DLT, and is an

inaugural member of the Advisory Group for the Estonian Government's eResidency initiative. She has spoken on emerging technologies at numerous high-profile conferences around the world. She a Resurgence, Advisory Board Member and she is an e-Connect, Senior Advisor. Genevieve was nominated by the Financial Times to the top 100 BAME in UK technology in 2019 and was a named a winner of the ComputerWeekly 2020 Women in Software and one of the top five finalist for Quesnay's Female Founders in FinTech 2019. She is vice-chair of techUK's Distributed Ledger Technologies Working Group, which provides strategic direction for all UK activities related to DLT, and is an inaugural member of the Advisory Group for the Estonian Government's eResidency initiative. She has spoken on emerging technologies at numerous high-profile conferences around the world.



Mr. Kristaps Cirulis, Founder of Now Next Design, Co-founder of Terrawaste Recycling and Founding Partner of Collective High Tech. After spending more than a decade in the biggest network creative agencies (McCann Worldwide, J. Walter Thompson Baltics and Not-Perfect Y&R) driving consumption he shifted focus fully on advising companies and design systems around sustainable development, adopting circular economy practices, and communicating their efforts without greenwashing. Five years ago he heavily went into scientific-based innovations by helping with market research and brand designs to help fast forward science commercialization through mentoring in incubators, accelerators, EIT initiatives, and Collective Tech Hub. Kristaps passionately supports initiatives that are spreading the word about the SDGs, Circular economy, and design

education for the next generations. He is an active voice on environmental, waste reaching, and sustainable design topics. Most recently in the last 2 years, he invested and become a part of Techno Farmers (AI-based crop disease prevention), DetectQ (THz camera tech for product quality control and sorting), Minimall (Next-generation online grocery store with a waste take-back system), &loop (Blockchain-based food SMEs ESG rating system). All of the ventures are guided by a deep connection to a more sustainable future and are technologies that aim to make the future more equitable and thriving for everyone. Active member and supporter of Sustainable Good Life platform, SDG Impact Awards Community, Design.Science.SDGs, Youth Voice, and a few Art Director Clubs around the globe. Founding partner of Addicted agency and Kadagi Piens Functional food and drink company. Wear society co-founder with the aim to bring to life future-proofed casual fashion powered by material science innovations. Creative director of LAIKAFORMA - Baltic contemporary art and design archive and foundation. Founder of Nekā Lieka non-profit movement to raise awareness about inclusiveness, minimalist lifestyle, and true unity in modern society.



Dr. Nina Smart, Founder of Servicing Wild Flowers International, Coordinator of the SIPA's Migration Project in Romania (Soroptimist International President's Appeal) in partnership with AIDRom. Dr. Smart is the Author of Wild Flower - The True Story of a Romanian Girl in Africa, and a Human Rights Activist. As Coordinator of the SIPA's Migration Project in Romania in partnership with AIDRom she is Educating and Empowering Migrant Women in Romania. Dr. Smart is a non-violent human rights activist, sociologist, and author who educates people about female genital mutilation (FGM) and works to eradicate the practice in Sierra Leone, West Africa and in California. In 2004, Dr. Smart founded Servicing Wild Flowers –SWF International, a Los Angeles based non-profit NGO that raises awareness about FGM through lectures and

presentations for students, immigrants and socially conscious groups. She works directly in rural areas of Sierra Leone, together with SWF partners, who facilitate community meetings addressing FGM and with international organizations that hold consultative status with the United Nations. She contributed towards the first FGM Summit in the US, participates in the End FGM network and has recently launched the FGM Taskforce in Los Angeles. A proud Soroptimist and enthusiastic volunteer in both African and Romanian communities, Dr. Nina Smart was chosen as 2016 'Woman of the Year' for her non-profit work by Senator Mendoza of California and honored by the United States Congress. She proudly represents SI Downey at the region and federation level highlighting the contributions made by Downey Soroptimists in their community. In her role as Camino Real Region Chair of International Advocacy, Dr. Smart uses her expertise in world polity transmission to shares information about the role SI plays in shaping international laws affecting the lives of women and girls through the United Nations. A repeat SI delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women, Nina is also passionate to raise awareness about SI President's Appeal for 2019-2021 – The Road to Equality. She donates 50% of her book proceeds towards projects supported by SI President's Appeal.



Ms. Zoë Pappis Schultz, Founder and Executive Director of When We Band Together. Zoë's consistent, details-oriented leadership is what fuels WWBT. Her degree in community health has made WWBT an organization that always has inclusivity top of mind - ensuring the refugee community has a say in the programs they need and an opportunity to lead whenever possible. As a yoga teacher for 8+ years, she has a deep understanding of the need to provide resources that serve the mind, body, and spirit. WWBT is a nonprofit that serves refugee women and children on the island of Lesbos, Greece. The organization has been on the island since the beginning of its refugee crisis. They currently have a community center that serves as a safe space for women and children away from the camp, where they offer programming that

supports the growth and wellbeing of their community. They are an incredibly important organization, as they are one of the few remaining NGO's on the island following a multi-year government effort to expel international NGO's. They've been able to navigate these choppy waters and continue their operations by forming a Greek NGO, hiring local leadership, and having programs run by locals and members of the refugee community.



Mr. Erastus B. Mong'are, HSC is the Founder and Executive Director for StartUpAfrica, Inc., a Diaspora international non-profit organization that supports African youth in the building of business skills and in endeavors that foster financial independence, create jobs, and grow African economies. As Executive Director, he mobilizes people and resources to support development projects in Africa including initiating partnerships for entrepreneurship initiatives, working on a model youth entrepreneurship program to address unemployment problems among the youth in Africa, and supporting startups among others. His vision is to work with others to impact the lives of 1 million youth through entrepreneurship with the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 to "Leave No One Behind." He is a supporter of the SDG

Impact Awards Community and the recipient of numerous awards including Kenya's Presidential Head of State Commendation (HSC) Award, Delaware's Governor's Proclamation, Public Allies Delaware Changemaker Award, Tomorrow Leaders Today Award for Community Service, Toastmasters Division Governor of the Year, Distinguished Toastmasters (DTC) Award, and, Finalist: Philadelphia Eagles Community Quarterback Award for Community Service. For more information about StartUpAfrica, visit www.startupafrica.org.



Ms. Julia Sora Wykoff, Founder and CEO of Zeal Cares. Julia is a 16-year-old Social Entrepreneur and advocate for the Pediatric Oncology community from Houston, Texas. When she was 9, she attended a Youth for a Better World/Montessori Model UN Conference at the United Nations in New York City. At that conference, her eyes were opened to real-world problems, and she decided she wanted to give back to her own community. She heard about the struggles a close family friend was facing with dry skin during chemotherapy treatment, and she focused her efforts on supporting children going through similar experiences. Zeal Cares makes and sells all-natural lip balm, and for every lip balm that is purchased,

another is gifted to a child or young adult with cancer to help alleviate their dry skin during chemotherapy treatment. Zeal Cares currently partners with more than 30 hospitals and organizations in 18 states. Julia is passionate about supporting and improving the lives of the pediatric and AYA (adolescent and young adult) oncology community. She strives to make their treatment more comfortable by providing them with high-quality and effective body products and she is working towards her goal of being a significant source of funding for pediatric cancer research. In addition to being an Honorary Advisor for the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, she is a Youth Ambassador for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.



Ms. Nudhara Yusuf, Global Youth Coordinator at the Coalition for the UN We Need and Global Governance Innovation Network (GGIN) Facilitator at The Stimson Center. Nudhara is founder and leader of several grassroots NGOs and CSOs in India and the U.K., focusing primarily on skills-based empowerment of young people and ensuring youth voices are taken seriously in increasingly inter-generational forums. She is also an Honorary Advisor of NGOCS-D-NY. Having built and fostered large action-oriented communities through her various experiences across UNDP's Policy Support Bureau, Crisis management Bureau, and the larger UN system, she hopes to continue to explore the intersection between an

empowered youth and a policy-environment that enables their mobilisation.



Mr. Steven Aiello, Founder and Director of Debate for Peace in Israel. Dedicated to Building Cultures of Peace - Steven, is an educator and conflict resolution specialist based in Tel Aviv. Steven has been leading Jewish-Arab MUN programs since 2011. He founded Debate for Peace in 2016 and has run over 20 MUN conferences and led 10 international delegations, engaging more than 2,000 students from nearly 100 cities and towns. Steven is an Honorary Advisor of the NGOCS-D-NY, Project Officer and Dialogue Expert at Asfar, Head of the Model UN Program at the Academy for Young Diplomats (Petah Tiqva, Israel). He was founding co-Editor of the WIIS Israel Middle East Review, and the first Middle East

Desk chief for Wikistrat. Steven has been a panelist at the UN, European Parliament, and Almedalen Week as a guest of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. His writing has appeared in the Iran Human Rights Review, Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, the Center for Islamic Pluralism, and Jurist.org, the Jerusalem Post, Diplomacy.co.il, and the Times of Israel. Steven has a BA in Economics (NYU), MA in Diplomacy and Conflict Studies (IDC). He has also spent years studying Judaic and Islamic studies and co-founded the Jewish-Muslim study group at Tel Aviv University. Some of his work is available on the SSRN, where he ranks among the top 10% of authors. Jewish and Italian-American, Steven is originally from Brooklyn. He speaks English, Hebrew and Arabic.



Mr. Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need and Together First. 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. She is Co-Founder & CSO of the SDG Impact Awards Community, Director of UN Relations for Global Family. Margo is a Coalition Partner of the Coalition for the UN We Need and she is Chair of the Board of Advisors for Youth for a Better World/Montessori Model UN, Youth Impact! Forum and she represents the Huairou Commission at the UN. She is proud to be a Charter Board member of the Soroptimist International Metro New York - SIMNY Chapter and a Climate Reality Project Leader. She is the Convener of the NGO Major Group Urban Thematic Cluster, as well as a member of the Women’s Major Group for the UN High Level Political Forum. Margo is a Designer and Artist with a career in Film, Theatre &

TV production. In addition, she is an activist dedicated to supporting the causes related to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. She has worked within the UN Community as a Chief Developer of meetings, conferences and Special Events with over thirty years of experience at the United Nations. She collaborates with all stakeholders in developing inclusive and impactful programs and projects. The NGOCSD-NY was proud to be a Partner of the UN Secretary General’s UN75 Anniversary Dialogues and the UN Friends of World Oceans Day/Month initiatives. Margo is mainly focused on connecting all areas of the 17 UN SDGs. She passionately champions SDG 17 on Building Partnerships and 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, so we “Leave No One Behind.”.

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