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Mr. Shadi Martini, Senior Syria Advisor to the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees a Project of the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding in Cooperation with JDC. As it has with so many other victims of this crisis, the Syrian war turned businessman Mr. Martini into a refugee, an activist, and an unlikely advocate for greater cooperation across faith and cultural lines. Now, this remarkable man visits the United States and countries abroad to share his experiences with government officials, civil society leaders, the media, and various secular, faith, and interfaith gatherings. When the current regime cracked down in March 2011, Mr. Martini and his comrades secretly started aiding wounded and ill civilians. This covert network was eventually discovered in mid-2012, forcing Mr. Martini to flee his country. Afterward, he went to a neighboring country to organize assistance for Syrian refugees. While his work in the Middle East continues, Mr. Martini is also coordinating a major relief effort

on behalf of Syrian refugees flooding into Europe. For some years, he has also partnered with organizations in the U.S. and abroad, which got him involved in multifaith efforts to help Syrian refugees. His work has been published in the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*.



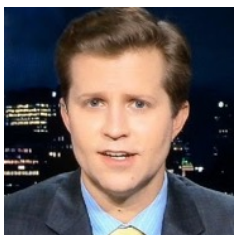
H.E. Mr. Carlos Garcia, Former Ambassador of El Salvador to the United Nations, Founder of United Nations to Change a Life. Mr. Garcia has been a career diplomat from El Salvador that served his country in the United Nations from July 1996 to June 2014, in different positions and ranks, being his last one as Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations. He is also Founder & CEO of CG Global Consultant, as well as an active member of several other companies and Non-Governmental Organizations. During his long post at the United Nations, Ambassador Garcia was elected as President of the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly (Special Political and Decolonization) 2013; Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) 2013; Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) 2014; Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development 2013-2014; and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women in the period 2014-2015 (He

also served 2012-2013); Vice-President of the Executive Board of UNDP-UNFPA UNOPS in 2011; Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee during the 64th session of the General Assembly; Vice-Chairman of the Third Committee during the 56th and 59th sessions of the General Assembly; Vice-Chairman of the former Executive Board of INSTRAW 2004-2006 and as Rapporteur of the Joint Executive Boards field visits to Azerbaijan (2005) and Guatemala (2004). Prior to working at the United Nations, he was Director of Multilateral Affairs (1996) and Chief of the Caribbean Affairs (1991-1995) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador. He holds a Special Course's degree in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Madrid (Spain) and a bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of El Salvador.



Ms. Ayla Bakkalli, USA Representative of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues since 2007 to present and Adviser to the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations on Indigenous Matters who is also currently serving her second term as an **Executive Member of the World Congress of Crimean Tatars.** Ms. Bakkalli continues to make intervention statements at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on human rights, preservation of language and culture among other thematic issues. As the USA Representative of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis, she is working as a staunch advocate on House Resolution 5241 of the Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act introduced since the illegal annexation of Crimea in February of 2014. Ms. Bakkalli was a panelist at the National Democratic Institute in Washington DC on assessing the state of the Crimean Tatar community since the annexation. Along the same topic she spoke at the US

Ukraine Working Group Summit in Washington DC and, at New York University and, Wesley College. She is also member of the American European Solidarity Council that informs members of the U.S. Senate and Congress on the state of the region since Russia's military incursions into Eastern Ukraine. Ms. Bakkalli is an integral participant within the indigenous Crimean Tatar community in advocating for indigenous human rights, to that end has prepared a manual on “How to Conduct Advocacy at the United Nations for Indigenous Peoples”, conducts presentations on complaint mechanisms and filing procedural methods for indigenous Crimean Tatars. Ms. Bakkalli successfully hosted her own live radio program for five (5) years known as Ayla Bakkalli's Democracy Hour – Evolving Democracy in Crimea, Ukraine and, the Former Soviet Union Turkic States. Ms. Bakkalli is a graduate of New York University and under its consortium program attended Princeton and Columbia University with a Master of Arts Degree in Turkic History. Ms. Bakkalli is actively working within the Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar community, Congress, Senate, the United Nations and the media in unifying activities and vision of Ukrainian American, American Crimean Tatars and, Turkish Americans on promoting the territorial integrity of Crimea, Ukraine.



Mr. Andrij Dobriansky, Executive Board, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America & United Nations Representative, Ukrainian World Congress. Mr. Dobriansky has devoted his life's work to empowering the worldwide Ukrainian Diaspora. Serving a multitude of functions, principally as a community organizer and chief advocate, as well as a decorated artist and a cultural historian, he represents his community chiefly through the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (www.ucca.org), the largest representative body serving the needs of approximately 1.5 million Americans claiming Ukrainian descent, as well as the Ukrainian World Congress (www.ukrainianworldcongress.org), the international assembly of all Ukrainian public organizations in the worldwide Ukrainian diaspora of nearly 25 million people. A dynamic political and media personality, he remains the most visible public face of Ukrainians in the United States with over 50 televised appearances in 2014 alone, representing his

community throughout the media landscape, on outlets such as The Daily Show, Al Jazeera, MSNBC, Voice of America, BBC, PRI and others. Mr. Dobriansky also helps organize and lead numerous political demonstrations throughout the United States, has lead numerous International Election Observer Missions (EOM) to Ukraine, and actively connects the Ukrainian diaspora with that of the Baltic nations, Poland and Georgia, as well as Syrian and Jewish communities. He is regarded for his expertise in speaking on issues surrounding Ukraine, Russia, Eastern European culture and identity, Catholic and Orthodox religious practices, and leadership and activism in a global world.



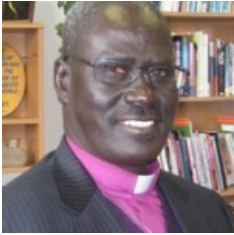
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Reverend Gabriel Garang Atem Garang, Deacon of the Sudanese Dinka-language Congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, Utah. He is one of the Lost Boys of the Sudan. Rev. Garang was born on Christmas Day 1978 in Boma at Kiir, Lith Payam, Sudan. Following the South-North Sudan Civil War, he left Sudan for Ethiopia to save his life. He started elementary school in the Pinyudu Refugee camp and stay there until the Ethiopia Civil War broke out in 1991. He was actually interested in becoming a pastor for the Episcopal Church as a teenager before coming to the United States. Prior to his commitment to become a spiritual leader, he earned a well-established reputation for working hard and preaching the word of God at the refugee camp in Dinka. This ministry led him to become a leading teacher who taught some hymns, singing spiritual songs and Choirs dancing at Church in the Refugee camp in Kenya. Definitely, he went back to Sudan, after fleeing another Civil War, which erupted in Ethiopia in May 1991. He proceeded to Kenya for safety. He sustained a status of refugee at the Kakuma camp, Kenya. In 2001, he arrived in Richmond, Virginia after he was granted the opportunity to settle in the United States of America. In February 2004, he moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. On June 9, 2005, he started at Salt Lake Community College, and obtained an Associate of Arts. He worked, organized, and led the Sudanese Youth Group in Salt Lake as a team leader at All Saints Episcopal Church. Additionally, he was also committed and worked tirelessly in Adhiok Community Development Foundation where he served as Vice President in 2007. He also served as Secretary for Culture, Information, and Communication for Adhiok Community Development Foundation. He received a noble Certificate of honorable in the Sudanese community and he became a U.S. citizen in 2007. In 2006, he went back home to South Sudan for a visit, where he met Ms. Mary Alek Kuir Akuoch at the Church conference and they married on July 14, 2006. They are blessed with twin boys, Atem and Kuir, born on March 6th 2014. In Salt Lake City the South Sudanese Congregation at All Saints Episcopal Church submitted his name to the Office for the Program of Ordination to become a priest. On Saturday, December 5th, 2015, he was ordained as Deacon in the Episcopal Church at the Cathedral Church of Saint Mark of Salt Lake City.



Ms. Manizha Naderi, Executive Director of Women for Afghan Women. Ms. Naderi was born in Kabul and raised in New York. She joined WAW in 2002 as a volunteer. She soon became their second staff person, and helped launch their Queens Community Outreach Program in New York. In 2006, she moved to Kabul to launch WAW's work in Afghanistan. Since 2006, under Ms. Naderi's leadership, WAW has opened 13 Family Guidance Centers, 13 women's shelters, 4 transitional houses and 4 Children's Support Centers. Six hundred fifty local Afghan women and men staff these facilities. Ms. Naderi has also built a massive women's rights awareness-raising training program that has reached over 280,000 Afghans. Ms. Naderi's goal is to have FGCs and shelters in every province in Afghanistan. Ms. Naderi has a BA in English Language Arts from Hunter College.



Ms. Tilottama Puri, International & Human Rights Lawyer; Consultant for UN-Habitat & the International Labour Organization ('ILO'). For UN-Habitat, Ms. Puri is conducting the first global study on youth law and legislative framework affecting the urban youth in the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. For the ILO, she is drafting a research publication on the incorporation of labour clauses in international trade agreements. She worked in the Environmental & International Law Unit of the World Bank's Legal Vice-Presidency. In addition, she has gained professional experience in the International Organization for Migration, the ILO, the International Court of Justice, and the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Ms. Puri is passionate about the Sustainable Development Project and interested in building her career around the intersection of international law, relations and public policy, including in the three dimensions of economic, social and environmental sustainability. She holds Law LLB Honours (University of Warwick), Bar Vocational Course (BPP Law School, London) and LLM (Masters of Law) in Human Rights Law (University College London). She is a Barrister-at-Law, Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. She is Indian with an international background and currently lives in New York. Besides the United States and the United Kingdom, she also lived in India, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Hungary, Brazil and the Netherlands. She is fluent in English, French and Hindi. She is an Indian classical dancer (Kuchipudi) and enjoys traveling and exploring different cultures and cuisines.



Mr. Narayan S. Subramanian, Climate Policy Officer for Independent Diplomat. Mr. Subramanian is a member of the climate change team at Independent Diplomat (ID) – a non-profit diplomatic advisory group – which has advised the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) on UN climate change negotiations since 2009. Most recently, at the Paris climate change conference (COP21) in December 2015, Mr. Subramanian and the ID climate team supported RMI Foreign Minister H.E. Tony de Brum in his efforts to build and lead the “High Ambition Coalition” – an economically and geographically diverse grouping of progressive countries committed to an ambitious global climate change agreement. The High Ambition Coalition has been heralded as the strongest diplomatic force at COP21 and played an instrumental role in securing an agreement that provides a hope for survival for the world's most vulnerable countries. Prior to joining Independent Diplomat, Mr. Subramanian was a Research Associate at the Environmental Law Institute, where in addition to supporting the Institute's various educational events and programs, he carried out research on extractive industries and community rights in western Africa. Mr. Subramanian graduated from Columbia University in 2013 with a B.S. in Environmental Engineering and a minor in Political Science. Outside his professional capacity, he has been trained by former Vice President Al Gore as a Climate Reality Leader and has spoken to over 2,000 high school and college students. He is currently a guest lecturer on environmental health for a public health seminar at UC Berkeley.