



H.E. Ms. Penelope Beckles, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations. Ambassador Beckles has been a practicing attorney since 1988, she has held a number of ministerial portfolios in Trinidad and Tobago, including Minister for Public Utilities and the Environment, from 2003 to 2007, and Minister for Culture and Tourism from 2002 to 2003. From 2001 to 2002, she was concurrently Minister for Social Development, Minister for Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs and Minister for Health. Having first entered Parliament in 1995 as an Opposition Senator, she served as Leader of Opposition Business in Trinidad and Tobago's Senate from 2010 to 2013 and its first female Deputy Speaker of the Parliament from 2007 to 2010. A past student of St Joseph's Convent, San Fernando, Ambassador Beckles attended the University of the West Indies, at both the St. Augustine, Trinidad

and Cave Hill, Barbados, campuses where she graduated with honours. She then graduated from the Hugh Wooding Law School. As a resident of her local hometown of Arima, Ambassador Beckles is deeply involved in a number of community and national organizations, including the Arima Foundation for the Advancement of Women and Children and the Rape Crisis Centre of Trinidad and Tobago, where she served as President. Ambassador Beckles is also a member of the UNICEF Board in Trinidad, as well as the Commonwealth Institute for Women in Leadership. On 22 August 2016, she presented her credentials to then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon as the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations. Special interests include issue relating to women and children, health, and the environment. Born on 12 September 1961, she is married and has four step-children.



Ms. Natalie Samarasinghe, Deputy to the Special Adviser on Preparations for the Commemoration for the UN's 75th Anniversary. Ms. Samarasinghe served as Chief Speechwriter for the President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly. She has been the Executive Director of the United Nations Association – UK (UNA-UK) working with United Nations Association, since 2006. She is currently on leave of absence from UNA-UK, As the first woman to head the United Nations Association-UK, she has had overall responsibility for UNA-UK's programmes, with particular focus on advocacy, strategic communications, human rights, peace and security, and UN reform, including the Together First campaign on the Organization's 75th anniversary in 2020. Ms. Samarasinghe is a regular commentator on UN issues, and has edited or contributed to publications including the SAGE Major Work on the UN, The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations and the

"Global Goals" and "Climate 2020" series. She has advised or served as a trustee for organizations including the Association of Citizenship Teaching, Sri Lanka Campaign and the Doc Society film foundation. In 2013, she co-founded the 1 for 7 Billion campaign for a more transparent and inclusive process to select the UN Secretary-General. In 2018, she was awarded a prize by the Global Challenges Foundation for a proposal to open up UN decision-making and delivery to external stakeholders.



Mr. Isaac Reshad, Managing Director of Global Access Partner, LLC; Co-Founder and President of SDG Relief Fund. Global Access Partner specializes in connecting the private and public sectors with a broad array of advisory services relating to foreign direct investment, project acquisition and management, and global business development. Mr. Reshad has over 20 years of experience in matters related to domestic and international Public-Private Partnerships for infrastructure and other sectors. Mr. Reshad is also Chairman of Replabuild, a green infrastructure company dedicated to removing waste and plastic pollution from the ocean and using their technology to convert waste into sustainable building materials. He co-founded SDG Relief Fund with a focus to provide long-term rehabilitation and relief to regions that have been impacted by disasters and are facing economic instability, social and environmental vulnerability. SDG Relief Fund is also working with a broad array of groups including

Family Offices, local and national authorities, to support United Nations programs such as the 17 SDGs for the UN 2030 Agenda. Along with serving on the boards of several professional and charitable organizations, Mr. Reshad has supported several global projects, and he is regularly invited to speak at the UN on their behalf. Prior to founding Global Access Partner and Replabuild, he worked as a business consultant, specializing in strategic business development including capital raising for SMEs and start-ups, working with Private Equity and Venture Capital partners. Many of his successful concepts were concentrated in emerging markets infrastructure, real estate, and fashion industries.



Mr. Ravi Tripptap is the Executive Director of Malteser International Americas. Mr. Tripptap is an experienced director, manager and administrator in the field of humanitarian aid and development cooperation in Latin America, the Caribbean, South Asia and Southeast Asia. Over the past 18 years, he has worked for Malteser International coordinating multiple emergency relief and development projects in 14 countries worldwide, including the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar, Cambodia, India, Colombia, the Bahamas, and the USA, as well as at Malteser International's European Headquarters in Germany. As Executive Director, Mr. Tripptap spearheaded the launch of Malteser International Americas in the United States. He is currently responsible for the strategic planning, vision and guidance of the organization in the Western Hemisphere. In 2013, Mr. Tripptap received the Silver Medal of Merit and in 2016 the Cross pro Merito Melitensi from the Sovereign Order of Malta for his

outstanding service to Malteser International. He has a Master of Geography and Anthropology from the University of Cologne. Before joining Malteser International, Mr. Tripptap worked on projects for Foundations and European Union, and performed community service for the German Caritas. He currently lives with his wife and two children in Greenwich, Connecticut.



Ms. Paige Propper-Sanborn, Founder of r-Thread and Intellination an App focused on Disaster Relief and Co-Founder of the Zariki Nursery and Primary School in Tanzania. Paige is a child psychologist who previously worked with families at both the Harvard and Stanford Hospital systems and maintained a private practice while raising her children and taking care of her extended family. Paige has written and received grants and awards for her work with pediatric radiation oncology patients and spoken globally about programs that she has developed. Recently, Paige founded a health and wellness tech-company called r-Thread and the non-profit App Intellination which focuses on disaster relief efforts and the coordination needed to assure that resources are getting to the most vulnerable populations. In addition, Paige co-founded Zariki Nursery and Primary School in Tanzania with her father that presently has 364 students and she has spoken at the UN and other international venues about her work in Tanzania and her numerous global initiatives.



Mr. David Homan, is the Nexus NYC Ambassador and Vice President of Moonstruck Productions. Moonstruck Productions is within the Dalio Family Office and focuses on the intersection of feature film and impact/philanthropy. David is a composer/pianist and impact focused activist focusing on the relationships at the intersection of wealth, community, and philanthropy. Through his platform Orchestrated Connecting, he writes, lectures, and hosts a Podcast focused on Relational Value, alongside maintaining a community of influencers whose platforms span major conferences, communities, and sectors with a focus on diversity, inclusion, and action. As a composer, he has 8 CDs, and his music is played on the radio worldwide, as well as part of shows in Discovery Channel, etc.



Ms. Marya Ghazipura, PhD(c), MS, Epidemiologist and Biostatistician at New York University Langone Health. Marya is an epidemiologist and biostatistician with nearly 10 years of experience in consulting, evidence analytics, guideline creation and evaluation, developing implementation frameworks, and working with other strategists to sustain improvements in complex health systems. She has worked with and consulted for scores of industries internationally, including leading large teams to develop clinical guidelines for Canadian government and medical societies; serving as a key consultant for Gilead Sciences; collaborating with NASA scientists to utilize their modelled satellite data on air pollution to assess health outcomes; acting as the primary scientific advisor for the NYDG Foundation; consulting for a group of physicians on disaster preparedness pathways and protocols, which have now been published

and widely used for training purposes. As a results-driven professional, she has extensive experience leading teams of major stakeholders -- including government, pharmaceutical, and medical -- to guide government policy and budgetary decision-making, clinical decision-making and practice guideline development. She is passionate about translating research into practice and providing decision support.



Mr. Kunal Sood, is the Founder of NOVUS. Kunal is an internationally renowned social entrepreneur, exponential leader and curator of the future. He is focused on positively disrupting the human experience by designing transformational experiences that creates network of networks that he describes as a league of extraordinary citizens that make the impossible possible on earth. He is a TED Resident and recipient of numerous awards including the World Innovation Award, the Metcalfe Prize as a Tribeca Disruptor Foundation Honoree and Fellow. Kunal is an avid public speaker having spoken at the United Nations, TED, SXSW, Aspen Institute, Forbes and the White House. He serves on the advisory boards of Edcast and Lottery.com. He has convened high level meetings and extraordinary experiences including SDG Innovation, NOVUS Summit and TEDx at the United Nations and recently launched SDG Moonshots an initiative

celebrating the 50th anniversary of man landing on the Moon at the UN. He serves as the New York Chapter Ambassador at Singularity University and a Global Ambassador for Open ExO and the Nonviolence Project.



Ms. Lirone Glikman, Founder and President of The Human Factor. Ms. Glikman leads her global business development consultancy firm and she is a highly regarded global keynote speaker based in Israel. Ms. Glikman work is socially - oriented, through her projects she drives startups, businesses and young entrepreneurs from all around the world to build sustainable startups and businesses they love and that support their communities through leadership, innovative resources and technology. Relationships and community building are key components in her work. Ms. Glikman has been working with some of the best Israeli innovative companies, some of which are life-saving and disaster relief oriented. She has worked with Google, Microsoft, Civil Society, Universities, City Councils, Embassies, corporations and entrepreneurs, in 4 continents. In this committee, Ms. Glikman will discuss the Startup-nations' disaster-life saving

technologies. She will examine how a small country with poor natural resources and ongoing need for development in changing conditions, turned into the "Startup Nation" - a world-leading inventor of innovation as a whole, and specifically around life sciences and disaster life-saving technologies. In addition, Lirone initiated programs and events that support humanitarian causes. She is proud to be an Honorary Adviser of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and a board member at the non-profit SDG Relief Fund. Ms. Glikman shared her values as a contributor for award-winning media outlets, including "The Huffington Post," and "Business Banter" (UK), "The Times of Israel" and Calcalist" publications. www.thehumanfactor.network



Ms. Aline Rutily CEO and Founder of A Bridge. Ms. Rutily founded A Bridge, in 2009, an international strategic advisory company for CEOs of innovative and impact driven projects. She operates mostly in Europe, Africa and Asia and also in South America. She has references in such sectors as: construction, fintech, sustainable fashion, impact design and architecture after natural disasters. Ms. Rutily started her early career in KPMG, PwC, TF1, the leading Commercial TV group in Europe at that time, in charge of partnerships with telcos. She joined BSConseil as Senior Consultant in 2004 then became Deputy CEO in 2006, operating for CEOs / CSOs and CMOs of leading large telco and media corporations over the world References include Vivendi (the largest telco & media group at that time), Korea Telecom (now KT), Orange Money. She is a graduate

Alumna of ESSEC (France/Singapour) and Harvard Business School (USA). She is a regular lecturer at ESSEC (Global MBA).



Ms. Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, the Director of UN Relations for Global Family, the 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. Margo is Co-Founder/CSO of the SDG Impact Awards & Annual Celebration. She serves as a Coordinating Partner of UN2020 and the Convener of the NGO Major Group Urban Cluster. She has over thirty years of experience at the United Nations working in the UN Community as a Chief Developer of meetings, conferences and Special Events with all stakeholders developing impactful programs and projects that include the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Margo is mainly focused on connecting the 17 SDGs with communities globally. She champions SDG 17 on Partnerships and she believes in the NGOCSD-

NY motto: "Turn Your Passions into Actions for Change." She has recently initiated bringing entrepreneurs of all ages and the private sector into United Nations discourse to foster support for Cultures of Peace and the success of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, to "Leave No One Behind." The NGOCSD-NY Executive Board is proud to be a Partner with the UN Friends of World Ocean Day and a Partner of the Commemoration for the UN's 75th Anniversary initiating Dialogues for the UN We Need.