



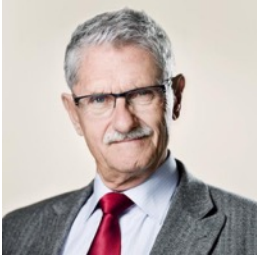
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H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the UN70th General Assembly. On 15 June 2015, the United Nations General Assembly elected Mogens Lykketoft of Denmark to serve as the President of its seventieth session, which runs from September 2015 to September 2016. At the time of his election, Mr. Lykketoft was the Speaker (President) of the Danish Parliament, a position he had held since 2011. Mr. Lykketoft is an economist by training and a veteran parliamentarian and government minister. As chairman of the Social Democratic Party from 2002 to 2005, he was also opposition leader in Parliament. Mr. Lykketoft served as Cabinet Minister for nearly eleven years – most recently as Foreign Minister, from 2000 to 2001. He was Minister for Taxation as early as 1981-82 and for nearly eight years he was Finance Minister from 1993 to 2000, when he spearheaded economic reforms that led to a rise in employment rates and a strengthened economy. During the same period, Denmark, which has traditionally been an active supporter of international development efforts, dramatically exceeded its development assistance targets. Mr. Lykketoft has been a

Member of Parliament since 1981 – during twelve consecutive general elections – the most recent on 18 June 2015. He is on leave from Parliament while serving as the President of the seventieth session of the United Nations General Assembly. Mr. Lykketoft was Vice-President of the Danish Parliament from 2009 to 2011. He also served on the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee, from 2006 to 2011, and was the foreign policy spokesman of his party, from 2005 to 2011. Over the period 1982 to 1993, when his party was in opposition, Mr. Lykketoft chaired several parliamentary committees, was the key negotiator with the centre-right government on economic policy and budgets. He was the parliament spokesperson for his party from 1991 to 1993, and again, from 2001 to 2002. Previously, from 1975 to 1981, Mr. Lykketoft headed a department of the Danish Labour Movement's Economic Council – an economic think-tank established by the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions and the Social Democratic Party. Mr. Lykketoft has – together with a Liberal former foreign minister - been a regular foreign affairs analyst and commentator with Danish TV2 News since 2010, appearing on the weekly news magazine Ellemann & Lykketoft.



H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations.

Ambassador Petersen has been the Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of SE4ALL and Co-Facilitator for the intergovernmental consultations on the organizational modalities for the Post-2015 Summit. Before taking up his current position as Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN, Ambassador Petersen served as State Secretary for Development Policy, of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, since 2009. Prior to this, he was State Secretary for Development Cooperation, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the United Nations (2007-09). Ib Petersen has held a number of senior management positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs including Under Secretary for Bilateral Development Cooperation (2004-2007), Head of Department, Policy and Planning (2001-2004) and Deputy Head of Department, Development Policy and Planning (1998-2001). From 1995 to 1998 he served as Deputy Head of the Danish Embassy in Zimbabwe and from 1988 to 1991 as Advisor to the Nordic Executive Director on the Board of the

World Bank in Washington D.C. He joined the Danish Foreign Service in 1985. He has also served on the boards of Danish International Investment Funds: The Industrialization Funds for Developing Countries and The Investment Fund for Central and Eastern Europe, and The Investment Fund for Emerging Markets. Ib Petersen is married and has two sons.



H.E. Mr. Hahn Choong-hee, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations. He was elected as Chairperson of the 47th Session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for a 1-year term from July 2014 to July 2015. Ambassador HAHN's major positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs include Director-General for Cultural Affairs (2012-2014), Sous-sherpa and Spokesman for the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit (2011-2012), Director-General for Human Resources (2010), and Deputy Director-General for North Korean Nuclear Affairs (2007-2008). Ambassador Hahn also served in the Ministry as Director for North American Affairs (2005-2007) and was Director for Policy and DPRK at the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) in New York (2002-2005). As a career diplomat, his areas of expertise include North Korean nuclear affairs, nuclear non-proliferation, regional architecture surrounding the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia, North American, European and African affairs, as well as public diplomacy. He also served at the Korean Embassy

in Washington, D.C. (1991- 1994), Lagos (1994-1996), Vienna (1999-2002), and Paris (2008-2010). Ambassador Hahn received an M.A. in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania, a B.A. in French from Seoul National University and studied at the University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne) in its training program.



Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director of UNESCO Liaison Office New York. She previously was Head of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Brussels and the UNESCO Representative to the European Union having been appointed to that position in October 2010. Marie Paule Roudil began her career in 1986 as a lawyer at the Cour de Paris (Paris Court). She then joined UNESCO in 1990, as a consultant in the Social and Human Sciences Sector. In this capacity, she participated in, and contributed to the design and launching of, the joint UN programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). As part of her responsibilities, she acted as UNESCO's AIDS focal point, promoting a UNESCO interdisciplinary approach, ensuring cooperation with UNAIDS and developing joint activities with Professor Luc Montagnier's, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, Fondation Mondiale Recherche et Prévention Sida. In April 2001, she joined the International Standards Section of the Culture Sector, assisting in the final stages of the negotiations that led up to the adoption of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. From January 2003 to September 2010, Ms Roudil

has been Head of the Culture Section in the UNESCO Office in Venice, where she was responsible for developing and implementing a culture strategy for South-East Europe. She worked on UNESCO's contribution to the reconstruction of the Old Bridge of Mostar, the rehabilitation of the Cultural Heritage in Kosovo, and the establishment of annual Ministerial Conferences on Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe. Ms Roudil

holds a "Licence en Droit public international", a "Maîtrise de Droit privé", and a "Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA) de Droit des affaires et Droit économique".

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Mr. Ravi Karkara, Strategic Adviser, Partnership to the Assistant Secretary-General & Deputy Executive Director of UN-Women & Co-Chair of the Policy Strategy Group, for the World We Want Platform. He is the lead author of the groundbreaking report “Youth 21: Building the Architecture of Youth Engagement in the UN System,” by UN-Habitat, which contributed to the creation of United Nations Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth. Ravi represented UN-HABITAT as the Co-chair of the UN Interagency Network on Youth Development. Government of Sri Lanka appointed him as the Global Advisor to the World Conference on Youth in 2014, focusing on youth perspective in developing post-2015 development agenda. He has relentlessly supported United Nations SG’s My World 2015 survey in reaching close to 5.5 million young people. Ravi has been co-chairing the Policy Strategy Group for World We Want 2015 - a UN and CSO co-led post-2015 Big Data-Curation-Visualization global conversation platform. He is serving as Strategic Adviser Partnership Beijing+20, Office of the Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director, UN-

Women. He has committed his lifetime to women’s and girls’ empowerment, strengthening human rights of/with girls, adolescent girls, young women and women, gender equality and social inclusion. He is a founding member of the MenEngage Alliance and Young Men 4 Gender Equality. He has worked with several organizations on gender mainstreaming with a specific focus on children, youth and women including UN-Women, UNICEF and Save the Children.



Mr. William Yotive, Project Manager of the United Nations Global Teaching and Learning Project within the Outreach Division of the UN Department of Public Information. He is responsible for creating educational materials for schools around the world on the United Nations and global issues on its agenda. In addition, Mr. Yotive is one of the focal points on youth for the UN Department of Public Information including the UN Cyberschoolbus Program. As part of his outreach responsibilities, Mr. Yotive is on the Speakers Bureau at UN Headquarters and gives talks to teachers and students from the primary school to university level on the history and work of the United Nations. Mr. Yotive assists in organizing global educational videoconferences for students on the International Day of Peace and the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade and conducts Model UN workshops for university students and their faculty advisors on how to properly simulate the General Assembly and Security Council. Prior to working at the UN, Mr. Yotive was a

Director of Research at Sesame Workshop which produces educational television programmes for children, such as Sesame Street. He received his B.A. (summa cum laude) from New York University in Philosophy and Psychology and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa society. Following his undergraduate degree, he studied sculpture and photography at the École supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Genève. Mr. Yotive pursued his graduate studies at Teachers College, Columbia University where he was a Ph.D. Candidate in Developmental Psychology. In addition, he was an Adjunct Faculty member at Bank Street College of Education where he taught Child Development to students enrolled in the Masters Degree program.



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 64o 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 work at the United Nation, 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.



Mr. Mark E. Fowler, Managing Director of Programs at the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding. Mr. Fowler is responsible for program development, project management and the expansion of Tanenbaum programs nationally and internationally and leads the design and implementation of all Tanenbaum trainings. He is a sought-after keynote speaker and facilitator who has addressed organizations globally on issues of equality in race, gender, sexual orientation and religion. Mr. Fowler has presented Tanenbaum’s work at the NASSCOM conference (Bangalore), the Diversity in Asia Network (DIAN) of Community Business (Hong Kong), in partnership with the Three Faiths Forum (Jerusalem) on religio-cultural competence and with the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (Warsaw). Mr. Fowler is also a skilled trainer who worked with teachers, counselors, administrators and students at the Anti-Defamation League on prejudice reduction, conflict resolution, and reducing bias and bullying. Prior to joining Tanenbaum, Mr. Fowler served as a New York City Department of Education Coordinator of Student

Affairs, and a teacher working with youth at risk of not completing their high school education. He earned a B.A. in English and Education at Duke University and was trained as a Mediation and Conflict Resolution Specialist with the NYC Department of Education. Mr. Fowler also is a graduate of the One Spirit Interfaith Seminary and is an ordained Interfaith/Interspiritual minister.

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Ms. Sarri Singer, Founder & Director of Strength to Strength, a non-profit organization which focuses on bringing together victims of terrorism around the world and assisting with long term psychological care. She was born in Lakewood, New Jersey and is the daughter of New Jersey State Senator, Robert Singer. Until 9/11, she worked two blocks away from the World Trade Center. Deeply moved by the tragedy, Ms. Singer decided to resign from her position in December 2001 and move to Israel to help victims of terrorism. While there, she volunteered with various organizations working with victims of terror and their families. On June 11, 2003, she was on Bus 14 in Jerusalem when an 18 year old Palestinian terrorist dressed as a religious Jew boarded and blew himself up. 16 people were killed, including all those seated and standing around her, and over 100 people were injured. She was hospitalized and then returned to New Jersey to be with family. Her story became high profile. She appeared on television stations such as CBS, Fox News, CNN and radio interviews. She spoke before Congressmen and Senators in Washington, D.C. and politicians in New York and New Jersey. In September 2003 she returned to work and volunteering in Israel. In June 2004, she returned to the United States. Ms. Singer has addressed audiences throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, South America and Israel and continues to share her unique insight into the ongoing struggle for victims of terrorism in Israel and around the world. (www.stosglobal.org)



Ms. Ana Saldarriaga, Global President of AIESEC International, headquarters in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Ms. Saldarriaga was born in 1988 in Medellín, Colombia and began volunteering at the age of nine. Inspired by a cousin born with brain paralysis, she studied to be a Product Design Engineer at EAFIT University to design products for disabled people. During university, she always had a sense of urgency for more and in 2009, she began volunteering for AIESEC -a leadership development organization. Motivated by AIESEC's vision of peace and fulfillment of humankind's potential, she devoted herself to making a positive impact in Colombia through the organization. After obtaining her bachelor's in engineering in 2012, Ana began working full-time at the national headquarters and was elected as President of AIESEC in Colombia for the 2013-2014 term leading an organization with +3000 members. During her tenure, AIESEC brought in over 1200 international volunteers, teachers and interns to Colombia to work on projects that support the growth and development of Colombian youth and organizations, and sent over 1500 Colombians abroad to do the same. She is the first Latin-American woman to ever held this role in the history of AIESEC, being the final responsible to lead the global strategy, the operations and the leadership body of the organization in +127 countries with +100.000 members.



Ms. Kehkashan Basu, 15-year old Founder of Green Hope, a youth organization which seeks to provide a networking platform to children and youth in the region to carry forward the Rio+20 legacy through several environmental workshops and ground level projects on biodiversity conservation, waste segregation and reversing land degradation. Ms. Basu has been spreading the message of peace and sustainability since she was only 8 years old working tirelessly to enlist the support of children and youth across geographical boundaries. In 2013 at the age of 12, she was elected for a 2 year term, as UNEP's (United Nations Environment Programme) Global Coordinator for Children & Youth and a member of its Major Groups Facilitating Committee making her *the youngest person and the first minor, ever, to be elected into this position in the history of UNEP*. Her internationally acclaimed work on sustainability has resulted in her appointment as the Youth Ambassador of World Future Council, Global Advisory Council member of Young Men 4 Gender Equality, the 2013~2014 Global President of the Children's Board for Plant-for-the-Planet, the Chairperson of the United Arab Emirates chapter of the International Youth Council and a Global Youth Ambassador for A World At School to promote the cause of global education. In her role as the voice of children and youth, she has spoken at over 45 United Nations and other international summits, traveling to over 20 countries.



Mr. Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez, Founder & Director of Earth Guardians (his first name pronounced 'Shoe-Tez-Caht'). He is a 15-year-old indigenous environmental activist, hip-hop artist and public speaker from Boulder, Colorado. He has spoken at over 100 events around the world. Earth Guardians, is a International youth based environmental non-profit organization that is committed to protecting the water, air, earth, and atmosphere. At the early age of six, he began speaking to crowds at conferences and demonstrations including the Rio+20 United Nations Summit in Rio de Janeiro to the United Nations in New York. Loc andally he has worked on successful campaigns to get pesticides out of parks, regulate coal ash and help achieve bans and moratoria on fracking in Colorado cities. He has traveled across the nation and to many parts of the world presenting in schools and colleges so his generation knows about the state of the planet they are inheriting, inspiring youth into action to protect the Earth. His work has spread to the creation of 300 Earth Guardian crews globally of youth working in their communities addressing some of the greatest issues of our times. He has won numerous awards for his work and was also the youngest of 24 change makers nationally that were chosen to serve on Obama's youth council. That same year he received the 2013 United States Community Service award from President Obama. His work has been featured on PBS, Showtime and the HBO TV series "Saving My Tomorrow."



Mr. Juan Carlos Uribe Vega, International Coordinator for Peace Boat. Before joining Peace Boat in 2010, Mr. Vega was actively involved in environmental education and social justice advocacy with local and international organizations in Japan. Traveling with the Peace Boat around the world as a volunteer interpreter helped him connect underlying issues threatening peace and security in local communities, and reflect on the situation of his own home countries of Colombia and Venezuela. Since then, he has coordinated experiential learning, cultural exchange and advocacy programs, aiming to foster global citizenship, youth leadership and international understanding. Peace Boat is an International non-governmental organization that holds both ECOSOC and DPI status at the UN and seeks to create awareness and action through the organization of global educational programs, responsible travel, cooperative projects and advocacy activities. Peace Boat carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that travels the world on peace voyages. For more information, visit www.peaceboat.org

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