



Permanent Mission of Trinidad and
Tobago to the United Nations

Invitation

“When Disaster Strikes”

Monday, February 24, 2020
3PM-5:30PM in Conference Room 8
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Hosted by: Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations

Co-Sponsors: NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Global Foundation for Democracy & Development, SDG Relief Fund, UN2020, Together First, UNA-USA Council of Organizations, YUNO, SDGIA, CoNGO, and the General Assembly of Partners.

Our disaster relief dialogue will focus on the important role of leading groups that bring critically needed support in areas impacted by natural disasters due to climate change whether from hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, fires, and assistance in post-conflict regions. This includes working with national and local authorities to bring resources such as distributing food, safe water, medicine, and other vital supplies including for housing to meet the immediate needs of those suffering. They often lead the beginning of the long-term recovery process, with teams to assist with clean-up and repairs through to rebuilding resilient and sustainable infrastructure. We will give an overview of projects to help boost the economy and job recovery in these impacted communities with a special focus on UN75 and the UN We Need.

Agenda:

Welcome and Keynote:

- H.E. Ms. Penelope Beckles, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations
- Ms. Natalie Samarasinghe, Deputy to the Special Adviser on Preparations for the Commemoration for the UN’s 75th Anniversary

Presentations:

- Mr. Isaac Reshad, Managing Director of Global Access Partner, LLC; Co-Founder and President of the SDG Relief Fund
- Mr. Ravi Tripptrap, Executive Director of Malteser International Americas
- 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
- Mr. David Homan, Nexus NYC Ambassador and Vice President of Moonstruck Productions
- Ms. Marya Ghazipura, PhD(c), MS, Epidemiologist and Biostatistician at NYU Langone Health
- Mr. Kunal Sood, Founder of NOVUS
- Ms. Aline Rutilly, CEO and Founder of A Bridge.
- Ms. Lirone Glikman, Founder and President of The Human Factor

Moderator:

- Margo LaZaro, President and Chair, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and Co-Founder/CSO of the SDG Impact Awards

**Seating is limited – to attend your RSVP is required if you do not have a UN Ground Pass by
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 at 5PM to: ngocsdunc@gmail.com**

- Please give us your name as it appears on your Gov. issued Photo ID.
- Be sure to bring this ID with you to pick up your Special Event Pass before going through UN Security starting at 2PM on Feb. 24th. Look for our sign “Permanent Mission of Trinidad & Tobago: *When Disaster Strikes*” at the UN Visitors Entrance located on First Avenue between 45th & 46th Street, UN Headquarters, New York. This meeting will be recorded.