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Moderator

Hawa Diallo, Public Information Officer, NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events,
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Presenters

J. Paige Proper-Sanborn, Co-Founder of the Zariki Nursery and Primary School in Tanzania

Brenda Smith, World Federation of Methodist and
Uniting Church Women (WFMUCW), NGO Representative to the United Nations
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Dena Mekawi, Women's National Book Association, NGO Youth Representative to the
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Mary Olushoga, Founder of African Women Power (AWP) Network

Diallo Shabazz, Executive Director, One Hundred Black Men

Wendy Foster, President and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters



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Hawa Diallo

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Ms. Hawa Diallo is the **Public Information Officer in the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section of the Department of Public Information**, where she coordinates UN and NGO partnership activities. She has extensive United Nations experience in public information outreach and fostering civil society partnerships, with a particular emphasis on youth and women’s organizations.

Ms. Diallo began her United Nations career in 1987 in the Department of Public Information and has served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia, respectively. She has also worked for the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer and as a Partners and Youth Officer.



J. Paige Propper-Sanborn

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Ms. J. Paige Propper-Sanborn is the **Co-Founder of the Zariki Nursery and Primary School in Tanzania**. Ms. Propper-Sanborn is a Georgetown University graduate with a Masters in Child Development and Family Studies and a Masters in Child Psychology. She has a passion for children, education, health and wellness. Paige is a Child Life Specialist, and a play therapist. She has taught Diabetes education and developed and implemented child development and educational programs for pediatric Hematology and Oncology patients and their families at leading pediatric institutions like Harvard and Stanford.

Ms. Propper-Sanborn is an Honorary Adviser for the NGO Committee for Sustainable Development-NY, and an active participant in both NEXUS Youth Summit and Cavendish Global impact investment group.



Brenda Smith

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Dr. Brenda L. G. Smith, Ed.D. currently serves as an **NGO Representative for the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women to the United Nations Department of Public Information**. She is a retired educator who served as teacher, principal, Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools for a total of 40 years. She has mentored hundreds of young people and is proud of her former students who continue to make a difference in her life. Dr. Smith is the recipient of more than 100 awards for her service to youth. In celebration of the UNA/USA’s 70th Anniversary, she received the 70th “Anniversary Chapter Legacy Award “in honor of the profound impact she has had on the Westchester Chapter of the UNA/USA”. She is a proud Life Legacy member of the National Council of Negro Women.



Dena Mekawi

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Ms. Dena Mekawi's is a **NGO Youth Representative to the United Nations Department of Public Information for the Women's National Book Association**. She is also the Chair for the DPI/NGO Youth Representative Programme. Her mission is to bridge the gap between oppressed cultures of all kinds.

Ms. Mekawi holds a masters in digital publishing from Pace University. She realized her passion for the arts and literacy can be used to make an impact, sending positive messages through mainstream media. Ms. Mekawi works with schools, non-profits, and celebrities in order to leverage their voices to be global citizens. She aims to drive a shift in the way media and entertainment engage with women and youth.



Mary Olushoga

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Ms. Mary Olushoga is a **Small Business Advocate and Founder of African Women Power (AWP) Network**, an online platform powering small business success for African entrepreneurs that provides business resources, educational tools and community support. This internationally recognized award-winning small business platform is dedicated to showcasing the entrepreneurial stories, business challenges and successes of African women and youth. It received honorable distinction at the 2012 World Summit Youth Award, an Apps4Africa Innovation Award and received coverage on media platforms including BBC World Have your Say, Columbia University Africa Economic Forum, W!se Institute, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations ECOSOC Youth Forum and the Rockefeller Foundation Tech Salon.



Diallo Shabazz

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Mr. Diallo Shabazz is the **Executive Director of One Hundred Black Men**, an organization in New York committed to transforming economic and social policy, and launching independent programs and organizations that serve low-income communities. He is a global education advisor and sustainability expert who has worked with government agencies and NGOs in North America, Asia, and Africa. He previously served as Senior Director of Sustainability Education at the NYC Department of Education to support the nation’s largest school system on structuring public/private partnerships to improve career and technical education. From 2011 - 2013, Mr. Shabazz was appointed as a North American Civil Society Representative for the United Nations Environment Program, which he represented at ministerial-level meetings on the Post-2015 Agenda and sustainable development goals. He has consulted early stage education technology start-ups on business development during the Angel and Series A rounds, formerly worked for the environmental organization Solar One on green workforce development, and also previously worked for the NAACP where he specialized in youth development and civil rights. An avid speaker and moderator, Mr. Shabazz has hosted numerous forums and appeared on various media outlets including the World Bank, SXSW, UN Web TV, New York Public Radio, and ABC’s 20/20.



Wendy Foster

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Ms. Wendy Foster is **President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters**. She brings more than two decades of executive leadership and a deep passion for youth development to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay. She leverages top-level for-profit management experience as well as product and technology development skills in support of the over 2,100 children currently served by the agency in professionally supported 1-to-1 mentoring relationships with adults.

Prior to her work in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Foster spent over 20 years in executive positions at America Online (AOL), Time-Life Inc., a division of Time-Warner, and she started her career in direct response advertising.

Ms. Foster is nationally recognized for her leadership and expertise within the Big Brothers Big Sisters federation, and most recently served as Vice Chair of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Nationwide Leadership Council. She co-chairs the Massachusetts state association of Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies, and is a board member of the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation, a 501(c)(3) that helps to support Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies in Massachusetts.

Ms. Foster is a Big Sister to Little Sister Shanell. They have been matched for four years. She holds an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and an M.B.A from The George Washington University.

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Did you know...?

Mentored boys are 2 times more likely to believe that school is fun and that doing well academically is important¹

Girls with a mentor are 2.5 times more likely than girls without a mentor to be confident to succeed at school²

Girls with a mentor are 4 times less likely to bully, fight, lie or express anger than girls without a mentor²

Boys with a mentor are 3 times less likely than boys without a mentor to suffer peer pressure related anxiety²

¹ Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. (2013, January 15). Youth mentoring linked to many positive effects, new study shows. *ScienceDaily*. Retrieved March 23, 2016 from www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/01/130115143850.htm

² Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area. (n.d.). Retrieved March 23, 2016, from <http://bbbscalgary.ca/ism/>



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