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## Climate Change Impacts All Cities & Communities: Together We Can & Must Make a Difference

**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-13:15**

**Room 150 G**

**Salt Palace Convention Center**

**100 S. W. Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101**

Coming from communities that are devastated by the impact of climate change, poverty, inequality and other issues that conform our social platform, priding itself in having a fighting spirit to survive, we've had the opportunity of visiting impoverished cities impacted by climate change and we can attest the need is real. It's not a situation that can be shunned. It's an urgent matter in the face of the challenges our world is currently dealing with: from hills of garbage in communities derived from lack of environmental education to hopelessness that climate change will tear them down with no mercy. People are in despair and hungry for solutions. We need to wake up and see what we have always known: the economic losses from natural disasters affect every aspect of society and is a key factor in the inferior quality and insufficient resources of the majority. It is the cause and consequence. We cannot face climate change because our infrastructure for a sustainable community is insufficient and we cannot face extreme weather with patterns that increment housing over time. Our workshop will have an inter-active dialogue on adequately, safely and affordably providing inclusive and sustainable housing and basic services, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization, strengthen the efforts to significantly the mortality caused by climate change and provide universal access to green spaces that work for the better good. We must and can do it: humanity has done it in developed countries and it's about time we make it global. We will engage in an inter-active discussion about taking on the challenges for Cities & Communities facing Climate Change and dealing with the SDGs.

### Speakers:

**Laura Serra Nova**, Represents Humanitarian Focus Foundation the Dominican Republic Branch (GoGreenToy Project), Climate Reality leader in the Caribbean region, Lawyer, Compliance and Professional Translator. She has talked with people in high positions on the current situation regarding air pollution, sea and land, global warming, implementing international standards in construction, transportation and other matters.

**David Michael Terungwa**, Founder and Executive Director of GIFSEP- Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation, based in Nigeria; Mike advocates, educates and mobilizes communities to respond to the changing climate. A highly efficient & dedicated individual with over 15 years' combined experience in project management, operations, research & administration in non-profit and social development.

**Dr. Andrise Bass**, President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique. Dr. Bass is a Transformational Strategist Coach, Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist with over 28 years of experience. She has been a community organizer for grassroots movements, author, a business entrepreneur for start-ups and business strategist for non-profits.

### Moderator:

**Amanda J. Nesheiwat**, UN Representative for the Foundation for Post Conflict Development and the Environmental Director, Town of Secaucus, New Jersey. Secaucus has received many environmental achievements including the Environmental Achievement Award with ANJEC for the town's ban on Styrofoam.