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Date: 22 September 2021 (Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (New York EST)

Venue: Zoom **(Click Here for Registration)**

Organizer: The Journalists and Writers Foundation, in collaboration with Global Partners

Participants: High-Level Representatives of UN Member States, the United Nations and other International Organizations, the Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations, Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, Academics, Researchers, and Practitioners

Working Language: English

UNGA Conference 2021 aims to contribute to the IEP`s Positive Peace Pillars by:

1. Creating a civil society platform to debate on the UN Global Agenda 2030 and facilitating a free flow of information with the Conference Proceedings;
2. Contributing to the well-functioning of the UN Member States for the political stability and the rule of law;
3. Sharing inclusive policies to create diverse societies by promoting formal laws and informal social and cultural norms to protect the human rights of all;
4. Promoting the right to access inclusive and equitable quality education for all in the Post-COVID19 Era to resolve the substantial setbacks of the pandemic and increase high levels of human capital through digital technologies;
5. Developing local, national, global strategies, and gender-sensitive policy recommendations to combat the crisis posed by climate change and ecological threats.

Expected Outcomes

1. Adoption of the Declaration and Proceedings of the UNGA Conference 2021;
2. Development of an action plan framework to be implemented by the Conference stakeholders;
3. Follow-up action items on quality education, climate change, global partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals;
4. Recognition of outstanding civil society leaders and organizations contributing to sustainable peace and development while promoting the culture of peace, diversity, human rights, women, and youth empowerment at the local, national, and global levels.

Background

The UNGA Conference is the flagship event of the JWF, creating a platform for diverse stakeholders to discuss the Global Agenda 2030, offer innovative solutions, strategies, and policy recommendations to advance further the culture of peace, human rights, and sustainable development. Every year, this global event gathers an interdisciplinary group of distinguished panelists and high-level speakers to discuss a particular agenda around the three subsequent panel sessions and propose a framework for action.

The successful implementation of SDG #17: Partnerships for the Goals remains at the center of the UNGA Conference 2021 as the SDGs can only be implemented with strong global partnerships and cooperation. The SDG 17 is focused on the UN rallying together strong partnerships in achieving all the Global Goals. The JWF has contributed to this goal by mobilizing its Global Partners in sharing best practices and initiating people-centered policy suggestions on the achievement of the UN Development Agenda 2030.

The action-oriented 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has encouraged all stakeholders, including UN Agencies, Member States, the private sector, civil society actors, and experts to bridge the gap between policy and knowledge while creating interlinkages between them the goals and accelerate the implementation progress of the SDGs. This year, 2021, still represents the critical turning point for our global community which has been combatting the COVID-19 Pandemic. The challenges posed by his global health crisis enabled our international community to redefine economic and social development while following new trends of methodologies and policy implementations.

Following a diligent consideration of policy outcomes from relevant sessions of UN Women, ECOSOC, UN DESA, and the Commission for Social Development, the UNGA Conference 2021 will address

(1) Progress of SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs
(2) Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
(3) Quality Education in the Post-Covid Era and Digital Technologies.

The 3 Panel Sessions will contribute to the following Sustainable Development Goals and Targets:

PARTNERSHIPS: WHY THEY MATTER

Target (4.7) Ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development;

Target (13.1) Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries;

Target (13.b) Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities;

Target (17.16) Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries;

Target (17.17) Encourage and promote effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Strong international cooperation is needed now more than ever to ensure that countries have the means to achieve the SDGs

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PROGRAM

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10:00 – 10:30 AM - OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS
10:30 – 12:00 AM PANEL 1
PROGRESS OF SDG #17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGs

- Overview of SDG #17: Importance and Current Challenges of Multi-stakeholder Partnership for the Goals
- Corporate Social Responsibility for Implementing the Global Agenda 2030
- Capacity Building for the Socio-Economic Development
- Best Practices: Contributions of the CSOs Initiatives in Achieving the SDGs

12:00 – 12:15 AM – Break

12:15 – 1:45 PM PANEL 2
CLIMATE CHANGE AND ECOLOGICAL THREATS

- The Impact of Increasing Ecological Threats on Future Levels of Conflict and Migration
- United States` Re-Commitment to Paris Climate Agreement
- Climate Crisis Calling for a Global Response
- Climate Change and Gender Equality

1:45 – 2:00 PM Break

2:00 – 3:30 PM PANEL 3
QUALITY EDUCATION IN THE POST-COVID ERA AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

- Long Term Implications of an Unequal Access to Education During COVID-19
- Remote Learning: Opportunities and Challenges
- Overview of Global Access to the Digital Technologies, Resources, and Disparities
- Girls` Education and Women's Empowerment in the Era of Digital Technologies

3:30 – 3:45 PM – Closing Remarks

PIONEERS IN SDGS AWARDS CEREMONY

- Presentation of successful local and national projects by the Global Partners
- 15 September 2021 (Wednesday) 11:AM – 12:30 PM (EST)
- **ZOOM Link**

PANEL 1 – PROGRESS OF SDG #17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGS

With less than a decade left to achieve the SDGs, partnerships at all levels are essential for implementing the Global Goals and mobilizing national commitments, efforts, resources, and technology.

The 2021 ECOSOC Forum "Partnerships as Game Changer for a Sustainable Recovery from COVID-19" underlined UN Secretary-General`s urgent call for the following efforts to accelerate the recovery processes by (i) taking coordinated actions at the global level to suppress the pandemic, including by supporting the health systems in countries that are most at risk; (ii) promoting comprehensive responses to tackle the devastating socio-economic consequences, focused on the most vulnerable countries and peoples; and (iii) building back better with a view to ensuring sustainability and resilience. Multi-stakeholder partnerships require different sectors working in collaboration by mobilizing their financial resources, assets, knowledge, and expertise. Besides the inter-governmental agencies` development policies, socially responsible corporates` and civil society`s best-practices are essential in accelerating national, regional, and sub-national partnerships for the implementation of the SDGs.

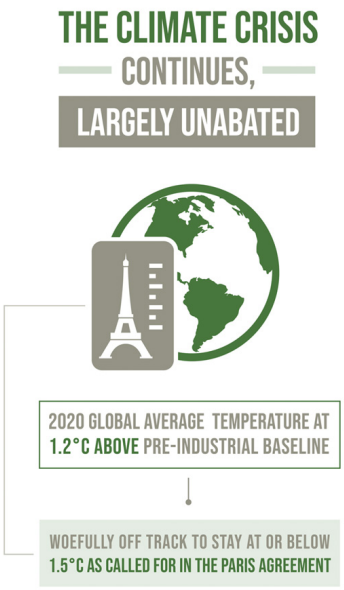
Despite the urgent need, the recent UN DESA Report on "The Impacts of COVID-19 on Stakeholder Engagement for the SDGs" indicates that "stakeholder engagement is at risk of falling away in the face of key challenges". One of the most prominent challenges highlighted in the report is that there is a missing framework of an accurate alignment between the local, national and recovery plans. The UN DESA`s studies underline that "a recovery plan that is actively aligned to a holistic, comprehensive account of the 2030 Agenda" is essential to build back better.

Panel Session 1 will address the following themes:

- Overview of SDG17: Importance and Current Challenges of Multi-stakeholder Partnership for the Goals
- Corporate Social Responsibility for Implementing the Global Agenda 2030
- Capacity Building for the Socio-Economic Development
- Best Practices: Contributions of the CSOs Initiatives in Achieving the SDGs

STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PANEL 2 - CLIMATE CHANGE AND ECOLOGICAL THREATS



The setbacks during the COVID-19 caused a reduction in the ongoing environmental damage, only in the short run. Climate change and ecological threats are still posing a great risk to the timely achievement of the SDGs. The targets of the Paris Agreement are still off track. According to the progress report of the SDG 13: taking urgent action to combat climate change, "in order to limit warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels as called for in the Paris Agreement, global efforts would need to reach net zero CO2 emissions globally around 2050".

On the other hand, the Institute for Economics and Peace`s Ecological Threat Register (ETR) underlines that ecological threats should be addressed separately. Even though it is a related area of concern with climate change, the ETR 2020 Policy Seminar Document highlights that ecological threats such as water scarcity, food security, and many types of natural disasters exist regardless of the climate change crisis. Experts indicate that "the number of ecological threats resulting in geopolitical issues will increase over the next 30 years, causing the nature of conflict to become more connected with ecological insecurity". Ecological threats inevitably impact the peacefulness of the states as mass displacement, enforced migration wave and extreme poverty causes regional conflicts.

The climate change crisis and ecological threats unequally impact women and children especially in situations of poverty and limited access to scarce resources. Women and girls are still included in the world's poorest and most vulnerable groups and they continue to face the environmental, economic, and social costs of climate change. As in all areas of socio-economic development, women`s meaningful participation in climate-related response mechanisms creates a long-lasting positive impact. Their local knowledge, sustainable resource management, community and national leadership make women great decision-makers to resolve conflicts posed by climate change and ecological threats.

Panel Session 2 will address the following themes:

- Climate Change and Gender Equality
- United States` Re-Commitment to Paris Climate Agreement
- Climate Crisis Calling for a Global Response
- Enforced Migration as a Consequence of Ecological Threats

PANEL 3 - QUALITY EDUCATION IN THE POST-COVID ERA AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

COVID-19
HAS WIPED OUT 20 YEARS OF EDUCATION GAINS

AN ADDITIONAL 101 MILLION OR 9% OF CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8 FELL BELOW MINIMUM READING PROFICIENCY LEVELS IN 2020

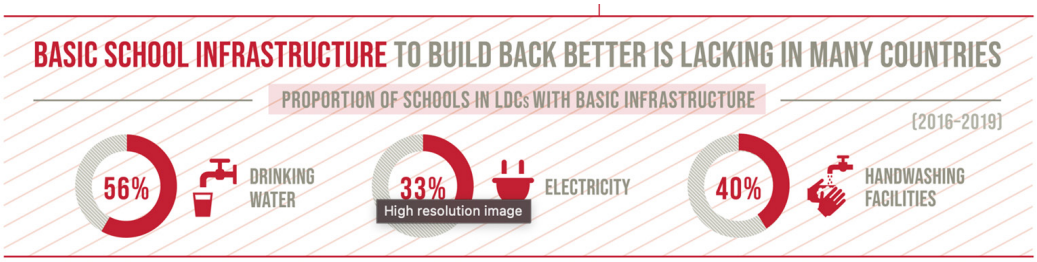
All the Global Goals are interrelated and dependent on each other. SDG4 "ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all" has a remarkable contribution to the implementation of the Global Agenda 2030. One of the critical areas that the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused a substantial setback is access to education.

The progress report of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on sustainable development identifies the long-term implications of unequal access to education during the pandemic as a "generational catastrophe". As one of the most crowded public places, schools were among the institutions that are closed for in-person access all around the world. However, this health precaution created unprecedented consequences for the social wellbeing of children and impacted their learning trends. An increased number of children may never have a chance of returning to school as they are forced into child labor or child marriage. The progress report also indicates that "an additional 101 million children and youth (from grades 1 to 9) fell below the minimum reading proficiency level due to COVID-19 in 2020, which wiped out the education gains achieved over the last 20 years".

The 59th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) highlighted "The Role of Digital Technologies on Social Development and Well-being of All". Stakeholders indicated that a global unity and collaboration facilitated using digital technologies is required as COVID-19 reversed a decade of action. To lower the disparities among the most vulnerable, the CSocD Chair Ambassador Ms. María del Carmen Squeff of Argentina underlined that there is an increased "urgency of closing the digital gender divide to ensure that women and girls benefit equally from the opportunities available online".

Panel Session 3 will address the following themes:

- Long Term Implications of an Unequal Access to Education During COVID-19
- Remote Learning: Opportunities and Challenges
- Overview of Global Access to the Digital Technologies, Resources, and Disparities
- Girls` Education and Women's Empowerment in the Era of Digital Technologies



PIONEERS IN SDGS AWARDS: CALL FOR PROJECTS

Pioneers in SDGs Awards pay tribute to outstanding individuals and organizations who contributed to sustainable peace and development while promoting and protecting the culture of peace, human rights, and sustainable development at the local, national, and global levels. The Journalists and Writers Foundation and its Global Partners recognize Pioneers in SDGs that help achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by implementing innovative and creative projects benefiting local communities. The altruism, philanthropy, dedication, and commitment of the Pioneers in SDGs are worthwhile in making our world a better place for all.

Our international jury will evaluate the projects based on four criteria: innovation, stakeholders, scope, and impact, including but not limited to community service, dedication, philanthropy, and uplifting the society. After quantitative and qualitative review of the projects, the international jury will select the first, second, and third place winners from different countries around the world. In previous years, 21 projects from 15 different countries were awarded for their outstanding contributions to their local communities. This year, Pioneers in SDGs Awards Ceremony will be held on 15 September 2021, a week before the UNGA Conference 2021.

Global Visibility & Recognition

Pioneers in SDGs participants will have the remarkable opportunity to share their best-practices and projects with an influential audience from the United Nations diplomats, academics, experts, journalists, and more. In addition, projects and videos will be promoted on the UNGA Conference website for international exposure and compiled as a booklet for distribution to relevant United Nations agencies. Pioneers and organizations will benefit from meeting and networking with international organizations and exploring opportunities for further collaboration and partnership.

Submission & Evaluation

The Selection Committee will evaluate each project considering four criteria: innovation, stakeholders, scope, and impact. The projects are expected to serve as an exemplary model that can inspire other individuals and organizations to make a positive social change and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
Projects can be submitted at the UNGA Conference website that includes project application, a three-minute video, contact information, and a description of the project. Details about the Call for Projects are available at https://unga-conference.org/call-for-projects/

The deadline is September 1, 2021.

PIONEERS IN SDGS AWARDS

Selection Criteria

1. **Innovation** refers to the project's approach to finding creative solutions to global challenges. The project will be assessed on a scale from 0 to 25 for innovative contributions to social, economic, and environmental development.
2. **Stakeholders** refers to key players involved in the decision-making processes. The project will be assessed on a scale from 0 to 25 for inclusiveness in the decision-making processes without discriminating on basis of race, ethnicity, gender, etc.
3. **Scope** refers to planning, implementation, and evaluation processes. The project will be assessed on a scale from 0 to 25 for goals, objectives, indicators, and outcomes with tangible results.
4. **Impact** refers to the contributions of the project on individuals, organizations, and the society at large. The project will be assessed on a scale from 0 to 25 for impact in society in regard to social, economic, and environmental development.

AWARDS

- **1st Place:** Pioneers in SDGs Award + $2,000 USD
- **2nd Place:** Pioneers in SDGs Award + $1,000 USD
- **3rd Place:** Pioneers in SDGs Award + $500 USD

- **Innovation Award** + $250 USD
- **Stakeholders Award** + $250 USD
- **Scope Award** + $250 USD
- **Impact Award** + $250 USD

- **Changemakers Award** + $100 USD

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PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES

10:00 – 10:30 AM **OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS**

KEYNOTE:
H.E. Ms. Célia Parnes, Head of the Secretary of Social Development of the State of São Paulo | BRAZIL

H.E. Ms. Celia Parnes is the present head of the Secretary of Social Development of the State of São Paulo, and she is an active member of the FONSEAS (Social Assistance Secretaries National Forum) and of the Regional Development Inter-Secretarial Committee of the Racial Equity Center for the State of São Paulo Social-Economic Development. Her Excellency graduated in Administration by the School of Economy, Administration, Accounts of University of São Paulo. She has been appointed as the Woman of the Year by São Paulo Municipal Chamber and "Mulher Nota 10" (Top Woman) by VEJA magazine.

H.E. Ms. Parnes started her career in Social Affairs as a volunteer of the Welfare Israelite Brazilian Union, one of the oldest organizations of the civil society which cares of children, teenagers, older people, and families. H.E. Ms. Parnes has been honored by the State of São Paulo Legislative Assembly Foreign Communities Parliamentary Council with the Military House Medal for her outstanding social services. From February 2019 to August 2020, she was the representative of Southeastern Region in the CIT, recognized as managing innovation in the politics of arrangements, articulations, and expressions from federal, state, and municipal managers requirements at the social assistance area.

KEYNOTE:
Hon. Mallam Adamu Adamu, Minister of Education Federal Republic of Nigeria | NIGERIA

Hon. Mallam Adamu Adamu was appointed Minister of Education by President Muhammadu Buhari in November 2015. Prior to his appointment as the Minister of Education, Hon. Minister Adamu had worked as the Secretary of Muhammadu Buhari's Transition Committee. Earlier in his career, Hon. Adamu was a journalist, public analyst and writer on a variety of different themes and subjects. He became Deputy Editor of the New Nigerian newspaper and chairman of the group Editorial Board.

He graduated from Ahmadu Bello University where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Accounting. Hon. Adamu also obtained a master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University's School of Journalism.

KEYNOTE:
The Hon. Verity Firth, Former NSW Minister for Education and Training | AUSTRALIA

The Hon. Verity Firth is the Executive Director of Social Justice at University of Technology Sydney. She served as NSW Minister for Education and Training and was previously NSW Minister for Women. After leaving office, Hon. Firth was the Chief Executive of the Public Education Foundation.

Hon. Firth has over fifteen years' experience at the very highest levels of government and the not-for-profit sector in Australia. Over the last ten years, she has been working in the Australian education sector, first as Minister for Education and Training in New South Wales and then as the Chief Executive of the Public Education Foundation. Hon. Firth was the Member for the state seat of Balmain from 2007 to 2011. Before her parliamentary career, Hon. Firth worked as a lawyer and was Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney.

10:30 – 12:00 PM Panel Session 1

PROGRESS of SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS for the SDGs

KEYNOTE:

H.E. Ms. Markova Concepción Jaramillo, Permanent Representative of Panama to the UN, Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations | PANAMA

Ambassador Markova Concepción presented her credentials in November 2020, as the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations. Ms. Concepción Jaramillo had been the Minister for Social Development since 2019 and presided over the National Council for Gender Parity. From 2014 to 2019, she served as Director of Social Development of the Business Association Sumarse-Pacto Global Panamá, which promotes corporate social responsibility.

She is an Economist with a MA in Gender and Development from the University of Panama. She has two postgraduate degrees in Training in Economic Research and Organization Management and in Virtual Learning Environments. Ambassador Markova Concepción was appointed as National Planning Director in the Ministry of Social Development and the Public Ministry. She served as the Coordinator of Monitoring and Evaluation of the Justice Improvement Program of the European Union in the Judicial Branch.

Ambassador Markova Concepción facilitated courses on design of public policies of the Center for Public Policies and Transparency of the University of Panama sponsored by the Development Bank of Latin America and the George Washington University, DC. She was a member of the Advisory Council of the Observatory for the Rights of Children and Adolescents of Panama (ODENA) in 2017 and 2018. She received recognition from the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Panama and the United Nations Development Program in the Results-Based Management Course. Sydney.

KEYNOTE:

Michelle Breslauer, Senior Manager, Peace and Humanitarian Affairs, UN Global Compact | USA

Michelle Breslauer leads the governance and peace portfolio at the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative that brings together nearly 13,000 companies in 163 countries and 70 local networks around the world. In this role, Ms. Breslauer manages the development of programs and engagement to advance corporate purpose and the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals in business operations and partnerships.

Previously, Ms. Breslauer spent eight years directing strategic partnerships and programs for the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), where she had a leadership role from the initial start-up phase in the operations, development, and public affairs of the organization. Michelle has significant experience managing complex communication strategies on an international scale, including a five-year tenure at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center, and with New York City's bid for the 2012 Olympic Games. She holds a master's degree in urban studies from the London School of Economics and a bachelor's degree in international affairs from the American University of Paris.

MODERATOR:
Prof. Patricia Kunrath, Knowledge Coordinator, Group of Institutes, Foundations and Enterprises | BRAZIL

Prof. Patricia Kunrath is the Knowledge Coordinator of the Group of Institutes, Foundations and Enterprises. She is the Former Executive Director of Finance For Good Brazil and is a Professor of Social Anthropology at ESPM Porto Alegre.

Prof. Kunrath received her PhD in 2017 and was a visiting scholar at the University of California Irvine in connection with the Institute for Money Technology and Financial Inclusion. She is a member of various research groups and of the Movement for a Culture of Giving Brasil (Movimento pela Cultura de Doação). Prof. Kunrath`s main research interests are philanthropy, private social investment, third sector, social justice, elites and the culture of giving.

PANELIST 1:
Sarmad Khan, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Affairs, New York University & Member of the ACUNS Board of Directors | USA & CANADA
Overview of SDG17: Importance and Current Challenges of Multi-stakeholder Partnership for the Goals

Sarmad Khan is an international affairs professional with over 20 years' experience in United Nations development cooperation, international policy and programmes and executive leadership development. Mr. Khan has held several senior positions in the United Nations, most recently as the Head of the UN RC Office in the UAE, Senior Advisor on Planning and Partnerships, and Special Advisor on the UN's engagement in Expo 2020, Dubai.

He was Head of leadership policy and programme development at the UN Development Operations Coordination Office where he led UN's work on leadership solutions and reform. He served as one of the lead authors of the UN's first Leadership Model promoting systems leadership, a member of the senior UN committee charged by the Secretary-General to develop a system-wide leadership framework, and senior manager of the UN's first high-level 'Learning Advisory Council on the 2030 Agenda'.

Earlier in his career, Sarmad worked with the United Nations System Staff College in Turin as an Instructor and Coordinator of its flagship UN Leadership Programme training senior and emerging leaders across the UN system. Sarmad is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Affairs at New York University and a Board Director for the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS). In 2020, Sarmad was recognized by the BMW Foundation Hebert Quandt as one of forty global Responsible Leaders for his contributions to the SDGs through positive change and collaborative action.

PANELIST 2:
Nancy Mahon, Senior Vice President, Global Corporate Citizenship and Sustainability, The Estée Lauder Companies | USA
Corporate Social Responsibility for Implementing the Global Agenda 2030

Nancy Mahon, Senior Vice President, Global Corporate Citizenship and Sustainability is a transformational, collaborative leader with deep global experience in enterprise-wide management as well as leading Environmental, Social and Governance strategy, operations, marketing, reporting and risk reduction. Ms. Mahon is committed to taking the long view on building sustainable and inclusive companies, teams, and communities. A senior executive at The Estée Lauder Companies who serves on the CEO's Executive Leadership Team, Ms. Mahon helms best practices, synergizing them across brands, regions, and functions, integrating ESG operations into the enterprise and ensuring compliance with all local and international laws. She oversees the enterprise-wide leadership initiative on sustainability at The Estée Lauder Companies and serves on the Inclusion and Diversity Council. Nancy is an independent director on Board of Directors of TPG Pace Beneficial Finance I and II which focus on acquisition of ESG companies. Ms. Mahon is also on the Boards of numerous non-profits including the NYU School of Law, Parsons School of Design and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

PANELIST 3:
Prof. Chol Bunnag, Director of SDG Move, Thammasat University | THAILAND
Capacity Building for the Socio-Economic Development

Prof. Chol Bunnag is the Director of The Research Coordinating Project to support sustainable development or SDG Move at the Thammasat University. He is responsible for coordinating research directions and various funding research related to the practical implementation of the SDGs and monitoring relevant international academic progress.

He is also a member of the Monitoring and Driving Subcommittee Local Government Office of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Pridi Banomyong International College and responsible for Sustainable College. Prof. Bunnag has a master's degree in Economics from the University of East Anglia, UK. After becoming a Professor on natural resources and environment economics, agricultural economics, and rural development, he conducted research on water management and policy processes to drive the Sustainable Development Goals.

PANELIST 4:
Dana Coppola, Public Relations and Media Specialist, Embrace Relief | USA
Best Practices: Contributions of the CSOs Initiatives in Achieving the SDGs

Dana Coppola is the Public Relations and Media Specialist at Embrace Relief. She is responsible for international communications, content creation, event/campaign planning and implementation, organizational development, and oversees social media platforms. Her ambition and passion drive her humanitarian work; she believes that through collaboration and education, the world can begin to transform.

During her first two-years at Embrace Relief, Ms. Coppola increased the donor database by 90%, and during the COVID-19 Pandemic, she hosted the Stronger Together Livestream Fundraiser that had over 6,000 people in attendance and raised over $105,000. Ms. Coppola is currently pursuing her master's degree in Corporate and Organizational Communication with a concentration in Cross-Cultural Communication at Northeastern University.

PANELIST 5:
Ashok Sajjanhar, Former Ambassador of India & President of Institute of Global Studies | INDIA
The role of peace and security to facilitate global partnerships for the sustainable development

Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar, a Postgraduate in Physics from Delhi University is a career diplomat and served as the Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden, and Latvia as well as the Secretary/ Principal Executive Officer of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, win the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. He has also held several significant positions in Indian Embassies in Washington, Moscow, Brussels, Geneva, Bangkok, Teheran, and Dhaka. Currently Ambassador Sajjanhar is President of the Institute of Global Studies in New Delhi. Prior to joining the Indian Foreign Service, he worked as Staff Officer and Manager in Bank of India for 3 years.

A keen proponent of Indian culture, he was the Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre in Moscow where he was instrumental in ushering in a new paradigm in cultural diplomacy. Ambassador Sajjanhar was Deputy Chief of Mission as well as Deputy Permanent Representative of India to UN-ESCAP during his assignment in Bangkok from 2000 to 2003. Ambassador Sajjanhar was Deputy Chief of Mission to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg from 2005 to 2007. The EU-India Strategic Partnership as well as negotiations for the EU-India Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement were launched during his tenure in Brussels.

12:15 – 1:45 PM Panel Session 2
CLIMATE CHANGE and ECOLOGICAL THREATS

KEYNOTE:
Hon. Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar, Minister of Environment Federal Republic of Nigeria | NIGERIA

Hon. Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar is the Minister of Environment of Nigeria. In his earlier posts, he was the Member of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, National Chairman of Buhari Support Organisation and lately as Board Chairman Universal Basic Education Board.

Hon. Dr. Abubakar was awarded a University of Arizona Departmental Scholarship with academic excellence. In his Doctoral Research Scholarship, his area of expertise included natural resource management, biological and chemical water quality assessment, environmental protection programme design and implementation as well as air quality, domestic solid waste, rural water supply management design and implementation. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Chemistry specializing in Microbiology, Master's Degree in Resources Management with specialization in Natural Resources Management from Central Washington University, and a Ph.D in Watersheds Management from the University of Arizona, Tucson.

KEYNOTE:
H.E. Ms. Vero Henintsoa Andriamiarisoa, Deputy Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the UN, Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the UN | MADAGASCAR

H.E. Ms. Vero Henintsoa Andriamiarisoa is a Career Diplomat with 11 years of experience with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic Madagascar. Ambassador Andriamiarisoa is in the 4th committee working towards special political questions and decolonization. She served in various positions in the Foreign Ministry as Human Rights Officer to the Multilateral Cooperation Department, Officer in charge of migrant workers and mobilization of diaspora to the Directorate of Diaspora, and Head of the Department in charge of Decentralized Cooperation.

She was also Head of the Department in charge of Regional Economic Cooperation to the State Secretariat to the Foreign Ministry for Cooperation and Development. Prior to joining the Foreign Ministry, she was a journalist at "La Gazette de la Grande île" and "L'Express de Madagascar". She worked with the communication team of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Madagascar for the preparation of activities regarding the celebration of the "Year of renewable energy" in 2006-2007. She won the second prize of the "Biodiversity Reporting Award" organized by Conservation International in 2003. Ambassador Andriamiarisoa holds a master's degree in diplomacy from the Malagasy National School of Administration and Political Science from the Catholic University of Madagascar.

MODERATOR:
Prof. Takahisa Taniguchi, Ehime University | JAPAN

Prof. Takahisa Taniguchi is an academic from Ehime University in Japan. He established schools in Guinea, was a consultant at a global bank, M&A, and was director of a global IT company.

In 2019, being aware of the rising climate crisis, he initiated a movement "Chikyu wo mamoro (Save the planet)" and started generating knowledge about the consequences of climate change and mobilized civil society organizations to take concrete actions. He has been invited to give lectures all over the world. Prof. Taniguchi gave lectures 515 times a year, in every prefecture. He has visited 60 countries and owns 40 certificates in diverse disciplines.

PANELIST 1:
Lauren Herzer Risi, Project Director of Environmental Change and Security, Wilson Center | USA
Impact of Increasing Ecological Threats on Future Levels of Conflict, Migration and US Perspective

Lauren Herzer Risi is the Project Director of the Environmental Change and Security Program at the Wilson Center. She works with policymakers, practitioners, donors, and researchers to generate innovative, transdisciplinary solutions to development and security challenges related to environmental change and natural resource management. Ms. Risi has authored and edited several reports, including: 21st Century Diplomacy: Foreign Policy is Climate Policy; Navigating Complexity: Climate, Migration, and Conflict in a Changing World; After the Disaster: Rebuilding Communities; Backdraft: The Conflict Potential of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation; and Our Shared Future: Environmental Pathways to Peace.

Ms. Risi is the managing editor of New Security Beat; co-producer of a series of podcasts exploring the unintended consequences of responses to climate change; and co-producer of a series on water, conflict, and peacebuilding. She served as a Crisis Corps volunteer with the Peace Corps and FEMA in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. She holds a master's degree in environmental security and peace from the UN-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica.

PANELIST 2:
Prof. Will Steffen, Climate Councillor, Climate Council of Australia & Climate Change Expert, Australian National University | AUSTRALIA
Climate Crisis Calling for a Global Response

Professor Will Steffen is a climate change expert and researcher at the Australian National University, Canberra. He was on the panel of experts supporting the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee, has served as the Science Adviser to the Australian Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, and was chair of the Antarctic Science Advisory Committee.

From 1998 to 2004, Professor Steffen served as Executive Director of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, an international network of scientists studying global environmental change. His research interests span a broad range within the fields of climate change and Earth System science, with an emphasis on sustainability, climate change, incorporation of human processes in Earth System modelling and analysis, and on sustainability and climate change. In addition, Steffen has been active on the climate change science-policy interface for three decades and has played a leading role in the development of Earth System science internationally. He is the author of numerous publications on climate science, including contributing as an author and reviewer to five IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) assessments and special reports between 2000 and 2018.

PANELIST 3:
Jonathan Sury, Project Director for Communications and Field Operations, National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), The Earth Institute | USA
Climate Change, Community Resilience and Gender Equality

Jonathan Sury is the Project Director for Communications and Field Operations at the National Center for Disaster Preparedness. He has a keen interest in Geographic Information Systems and their use in disaster preparedness and recovery. He contributes to a variety of disaster-related research at NCDP, including community resilience and child-focused preparedness, evaluating the unanticipated consequences of pandemic flu, determining racially and ethnically appropriate emergency messaging, analyzing the long-term disaster resiliency and recovery issues in the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina, and the measurement and mapping of social vulnerability and the role of place and space in disaster recovery.

Mr. Sury is currently a doctoral student in Population and Family Health at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. He holds a Master of Public Health degree in Environmental Health Sciences with a concentration in Environment and Molecular Epidemiology from the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

PANELIST 4 :
Aleandra Scafati, Founder and President of Ecomujeres Foundation | ARGENTINA
The Role of Women in Combating Climate Crisis: Best Practices

Aleandra Scafacti has specialized in sustainability, climate change and green finance, with more than 50 projects implemented, for mitigation, adaptation, and compensation. She is the Founder and President of Ecomujeres Foundation, a space for education and information to empower women to lead the change towards sustainability. Ms. Scafacti leads the development of the Argentinian National Environmental Information Data Center. She led the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency of the City of Buenos Aires.

Academically, Ms. Scafacti is a member of LEAP, a global academic network for research and education for sustainability, and of the Expert Review Committee of the International Academy of Management. She is a PRME Professor (Principles for Responsible Management Education by the United Nations). She chairs the Postgraduate Program "Environment and Sustainable Development" and the Postgraduate Program "Environmental Expertise" at the Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina. She has published 12 books and collaborated with shared editions on sustainability and finance. She participates in the Argentine chapter for ISO on sustainability, sustainable purchasing, social responsibility, compliance, and governance. Ms. Scafacti holds a master's degree in social sciences and public policy from Milano Graduate School and Environmental Law and Economics from Carlos III of Madrid. Postgraduate in finance from Harvard University and in economic journalism from New York University.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL:
Anne Eta, High School Senior, The Childville, Ogudu GRA, Cage Free Voices Ambassador Program | NIGERIA
Youth Leadership in Establishing Community Resilience and Combating Climate Change

Anne Eta is an active changemaker and Cage Free Voices Ambassador looking who hopes to use her skills and talents to change the world for the better. She is a 15-year-old high school senior, an alumna of the Yale Young African Scholars (YYAS) program, and former co-host of Leading Youth to Foster Transformation in Africa (LYFT Africa). Anne is currently the head girl of her high school, a platform she uses to take up the role of a problem solver to address issues in her school. Anne has also facilitated menstrual education for young teenage girls, while striving to remove the stigma around menstruation in her community.

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Panel Session 3
QUALITY EDUCATION IN THE POST-COVID ERA AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

MODERATOR:
Dr. Rajendran Govender, Executive Director of Mzansi Empowerment Enterprise & Social Cohesion Advocate at the Department of Arts and Culture | SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Rajendran Govender is the Executive Director of Mzansi Empowerment Enterprise, a consultancy that focuses on skills development and training, research development, diversity management, mediation and reconciliation, and project management. Dr. Govender also serves as a Social Cohesion Advocate with the Department of Arts and Culture, Republic of South Africa and have been tasked to head a Rapid Response Task Team to address issues related to racism, xenophobia, gender-based violence and other social ills that confront society.

Dr. Govender was the past Chairperson of the Ford Foundation International Alumni Association for three terms where he was responsible for developing leadership for over 450 Ford Foundation Masters and PhD graduates. He regularly features on National TV and radio as a cultural commentator and a newspaper columnist. He is the Founder Member of Prioritizing Education Now (PEN). Dr. Govender received numerous awards including the Four Outstanding Young South Africans Award, Minister's Award for the most outstanding official in the Department of Arts and Culture, the Love to Live Nelson Mandela Peace Award, the King Shaka Award and the BMW Supertech Business Award for the best Government Department in KZN in 2014 and 2015.

PANELIST 1 :
Prof. Modesto Seara Vázquez, Rector of the Oaxaca State University System & Honorary President of the Mexican Association of International Studies | MEXICO
Long Term Implications of an Unequal Access to Education During COVID-19

Prof. Seara-Vazquez studied law at the University of Madrid and took his doctorate in International Law of the Université de Paris (Sorbonne) with a pioneering thesis on the law of outer space. Modesto Seara-Vázquez has dedicated 72 years of his life to academia in UNAM and in the State University program in Oaxaca. He was also a professor at the University of Utah and El Colegio de México, and he has created and presided over numerous academic institutions and has an extensive written output, disseminated in several countries and languages. He is considered one of the founders of outer space law in the late 1950s and has contributed original ideas to the development of the disciplines of international law and international relations.

In Oaxaca, he has designed and directed a high-quality university system. Prof. Seara-Vazquez has combined his intense management work with other scholarly activities. As Rector of the Oaxaca State University System, he constantly tours the different campuses. He continues to publish scholarly works and regularly participates in national and international academic conferences, as well as lecturing in Mexico and other countries. Prof. Seara-Vazquez has published more than thirty books and pamphlets and scores of contributions in academic journals and newspapers on international issues, mainly in the fields of law, politics, history, and international relations theory, always from a global perspective.

PANELIST 2:
Vivian Heyl, Representative of the Minister of Education | CHILE
Remote Learning: Opportunities and Challenges

Vivian Heyl is Economist from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, where she also completed a Master's in Sociology with a major in Planning and Development. She holds a Master's in Education, Administration, Planning and Social Policies from the Harvard University - Graduate School of Education. Between 2006 and 2009, she was president of the National Scientific and Technological Commission, CONICYT.

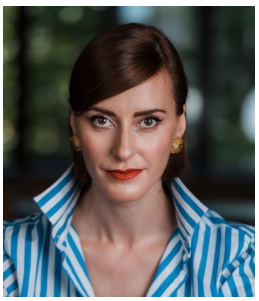
Ms. Heyl was Director of Research and Postgraduate Studies, and Vice Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences of the Central University of Chile. In recent years, she has actively participated in instances such as the Presidential Commission of Science for Development of Chile; the Executive Commission for the Creation of the New University, in the Region of Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins; and the Presidential Advisory Commission for the preparation of a Proposal for the Modernization of the Institutionalism of Science, Technology and Innovation, currently is part of the Undersecretary for Higher Education of the Ministry of Education in charge of coordinating an inclusion and equity policy in Higher Education.

PANELIST 3:
Dr. William C. Schulz, Director of Academic Outcomes Research and Founder of Center for Social Change, Walden University | USA
Overview of Global Access to the Digital Technologies, Resources, and Disparities

Dr. William Schulz is the Director of Academic Outcomes Research, and Founding Director of Walden University's Center for Social Change. He was previously an Associate Dean of Walden's School of Management, and was founding Director of the Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership at Albertus Magnus College.

Dr. Schulz is an award-winning scholar in the fields of Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship. He earned a Ph.D. in Strategic Management from The University of Georgia, and a Masters degree in Political Science & Public Policy from Indiana University. As a scholar with practical and doctoral training in both business and public policy contexts, Will has spent over two decades exploring, consulting, and teaching about how servant leaders can improve the world through entrepreneurial leadership. Will has been at Walden University for nearly 15 years, and shares its passion to help motivated scholar-practitioners across all disciplines develop the skills needed to be effective agents for social change and good in the world. Outside of academia, Will has released a film documentary, Electra! Queen of the Aleutian Islands that aviation historian Robert Serling noted as "arguably one of the finest aviation documentaries ever filmed", and is an avid ice hockey goaltender and choral singer.

PANELIST 4:
Mirabela Amarandei, Director of Strategic Orientation and Public Policies, University of Bucharest | ROMANIA
Girls` Education and Women's Empowerment in the Era of Digital Technologies



Mirabela Amarandei has considerable experience in the field of educational policies, being involved, as personal adviser of the Romanian Minister of Education and the Secretary of State for Preuniversity Education, in different projects and processes regarding the national educational and research systems.

Mirabela Amarandei coordinates the Strategic Governance, Evaluation, Monitoring and Public Policies Direction of the University of Bucharest, with responsibilities in developing strategic projects aiming to increase the inclusiveness and quality of higher education and the academic community. She is currently a doctoral researcher in Educational Sciences.

PANELIST 5:
Feyzullah Bilgin, Managing Director, Nigerian Tulip International Colleges | NIGERIA
Best Practices of Right to Education During COVID-19

Fevzullah Bilgin is the Managing Director of the Nigerian Tulip International College. He completed his teacher training education at the Anatolian Teacher Training High School in Turkey. Mr. Bilgin studied English Language at the Bogazici University in Turkey, where he was awarded a Bachelor's degree on English Language Education. Fevzullah proceeded to Westminster University to acquire the PGCE qualification.

On his arrival in Nigeria, he received his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Nassarawa University and completed his Masters of Business Administration from the Nile University of Nigeria. Mr. Bilgin started his career in Tashkent Ulugbek International School, Uzbekistan where he worked as an English Language teacher and ESL teacher. In Nigeria, he worked as the Head of the English Language Department, School Principal, Deputy Managing Director (Academics). He is currently working as Managing Director of the Nigerian Tulip International College.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL:
Rares Voicu, Board member of Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions | ROMANIA
Overview of SDG 4: Right to Access Quality Education in the Post-COVID Era

Rareş Voicu is studying Global Law at Tilburg University in the Netherlands. For the past 5 years, he has been an active advocate for school student's and children's rights, fighting for their access to quality education for all and for the right to make their voices heard in all matters that affect them directly.

Mr. Voicu has been a Vice President and President of the Romanian National School Student's Council, a position through which he has had, along with his teammates, numerous victories for Romanian school students. Rareş believes that good communication between students and teachers lies at the base of quality education. Currently, he is a Board member of OBESSU (Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions). From this position, he is working with his colleagues in advocating for school student's rights at the level of the EU institutions. His belief is that all children should have constant, unconditional access to quality education.

3:30 PM CLOSING SESSION

KEYNOTE:

Sorin Ion, Secretary of State, Pre-university Education, Ministry of Education | ROMANIA

Sorin Ion is the Secretary of States of Pre-University Education at the Ministry of Education in Romania. Since 2015, he has been the General School Inspector of IȘJ Dâmbovița and President of the National Council for Financing Pre-University Education.

Priorly, Mr. Ion has worked as the member of commissions for organizing aptitude exams, National Tests, Baccalaureate, correcting teachers for exams, local and county mathematics olympiads. He served as the Coordinator of the regional working group for establishing the educational offer for vocational education.

Dr. Swadesh Rana, Former Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch, Department of Disarmament Affairs at the United Nations | USA

Dr. Swadesh Rana is a Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute in New York and the UN Representative of the Academic Council of the UN System. Dr. Rana is the former Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch at the Department of Disarmament Affairs at the United Nations.

She designed the Gramsh Pilot Project for Albania, the UN's first ever undertaking to offer community development incentives for the recovery of wrongfully acquired weapons. During her two decades career at the United Nations, Dr. Rana directed research for the groups of inter-governmental experts appointed by the Secretary-General on issues ripening for the conventional disarmament agenda, was a member of the Executive Office of the Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali, was selected as the Senior Political Aide to the Chief of UNPROFOR to brief the army on the political aspects of the operation and served as the focal point for CASA. the mechanism instituted by Secretary General Kofi Annan for system wide coordination of activities on small arms. Dr. Rana is at the IDSA to write a policy oriented monograph on "Non-State Actors and South Asia: Developing a Regional Frame of Reference."

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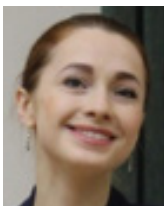

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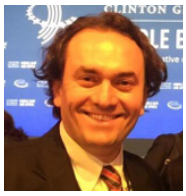

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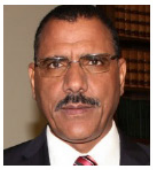

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