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Panelist Bios

Opening Segment



Maryse Gautier, Co-Chair of the Habitat III Preparatory Committee and Auditor General, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs and Ministry of Housing and Sustainable Habitat of France



Maria de los Ángeles Duarte, Co-Chair of the Habitat III Preparatory Committee and Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador





Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations

On 2 March 2012, Jan Eliasson was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. He took office as Deputy Secretary-General on 1 July 2012. Mr. Eliasson was from 2007-2008 the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Darfur. Prior to this, Jan Eliasson served as President of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly. He was Sweden's Ambassador to the US from September 2000 until July 2005. In March 2006, Mr. Eliasson was appointed Foreign Minister of Sweden and served in this capacity until the elections in the fall of 2006. Mr. Eliasson served from 1994 to 2000 as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, a key position in formulating and implementing Swedish foreign policy. He was Sweden's Ambassador to the UN in New York 1988-92, and also served as the Secretary-General's Personal Representative for Iran/Iraq. Mr. Eliasson was the first UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and was involved in operations in Africa and the Balkans. He took initiatives on landmines, conflict prevention and humanitarian action. 1980-1986, Mr. Eliasson was part of the UN mediation missions in the war between Iran and Iraq, headed by former Prime Minister Olof Palme. In 1993-94 Mr. Eliasson served as mediator in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). He has been a Visiting Professor at Uppsala University and Gothenburg University in Sweden, lecturing on mediation, conflict resolution and UN reform. Mr. Eliasson has had diplomatic postings in New York (twice) Paris, Bonn, Washington (twice) and Harare, where he opened the first Swedish Embassy in 1980. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Secretary-General, Jan Eliasson also served as Chair of Water Aid/Sweden and a member of the UN Secretary-General's Advocacy Group of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary General of Habitat III Secretariat

Dr. Joan Clos is the Secretary-General of the Habitat III Conference. He is also the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, at the level of Under Secretary General by the United Nations since October 2010. Born in Barcelona on 29 June 1949, he is a medical doctor with a distinguished career in public service and diplomacy. He is a medicine graduate from the Universidad Aut3noma de Barcelona (UAB), and specialized in Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) that joining the Barcelona Municipal Government as the Director of Public Health in 1979. Dr. Joan Clos was twice elected Mayor of Barcelona, serving two terms from 1997 until 2006 after being city councilor between 1983 and 1987 and the Deputy Mayor in charge of finance and budgeting, playing a key role in preparations for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. Dr. Clos received a number of awards, including a gold medal from the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1999 for transforming Barcelona and in 2002, he won the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award for encouraging global cooperation between local authorities and the United Nations. At the international level, in 1998 Dr. Clos was elected President of Metropolis, the international network of cities. Two years later, he was elected President of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities (WACLAC). Between 2000 and 2007, he served as the Chairman of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA). And between 1997 and 2003, he was member of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR). Prior to joining the United Nations, Dr. Joan Clos was Minister of Industry, Tourism, and Trade of Spain between 2006 and 2008 and served as the Spanish Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan.



Eugenie L. Birch, President of the General Assembly of Partners

Eugenie L. Birch FAICP, RTPI (hon), is the Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, founding co-director of the Penn Institute for Urban Research, and co-editor of Penn Press's *The City in the 21st Century* series. Birch's most recent publication is *Slums: How Informal Real Estate Markets Work* (2016), co-edited with Susan Wachter and Shohana Chattaraj. Birch has been editor, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, chair, *Planning Accreditation Board*, president, *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning*, *Society for American City and Regional Planning History*, and *International Planning History Society*. She has served as a member of the *New York City Planning Commission* and on the jury to select the designers for the *World Trade Center* site. She is currently chair, *UN-HABITAT's World Urban Campaign* and president, *General Assembly of Partners* toward the *Habitat III Conference*. Dr. Birch, who lives in *New York City*, holds a *PhD* and *Master in Urban Planning* from *Columbia University* and an *A.B. cum laude* in *History and Latin American Studies* from *Bryn Mawr College*.



Shirpa Narang Suri Vice-President of the General Assembly of Partners

Dr. Shirpa Narang Suri is an urban planner with a *Ph.D. in Post-War Recovery Studies* from the *University of York, UK*. She is a *Vice-President of the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)*, responsible in particular for technical cooperation and projects. Shirpa has a keen interest and extensive experience in issues of urban planning and management, good urban governance and indicators, livability and sustainability of cities, urban safety, as well as post-conflict/ post-disaster recovery. She is also the co-Chair of the *World Urban Campaign*, a platform that brings together a large array of global organisations to advocate for sustainable urbanisation. Shirpa has worked with the *United Nations*, specifically, *UN-HABITAT*, *UNDP*, and *UNESCO*, for over sixteen years, and is currently based in *Delhi*. She has recently concluded a year-long assignment in *Yangon, Myanmar (Burma)* where she led a country-wide project on local governance for *UNDP Myanmar*. She has worked in *Asia, Africa, South Eastern Europe and the Middle-East*. She is an *Associate (Visiting Fellow)* at the *Department of Politics, University of York (U.K.)*, and has also lectured at several universities in *India, Europe and the US*. She is an *Editor of the international journal 'CITY'*, and a member of a global think tank on '*Livable Cities*' set up by *Philips*. Shirpa has been involved in the development and execution of a variety of development, research and training projects and programmes, is a regular public speaker at national and international fora, and has several publications to her credit.

Panel 1: Key Recommendations by Co-Chairs of the General Assembly of Partners

Moderators: Eugenie L. Birch, University of Pennsylvania (United States), Shirpa Narang Suri, International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) (India)



Business and Industries: Bert Smolders, Arcadis (Netherlands)

Bert Smolders is senior consultant urban development and program manager, specialized in climate change adaptation and urban flood protection. As program manager of the Shelter program, the partnership of UN-HABITAT with ARCADIS consultants, he organized over 50 projects, seminars and workshops in cooperation with UN-Habitat in Asia, Africa and Middle America. Many of these projects for UN-HABITAT are part of the Cities and Climate Change Program. Graduated from Delft Technical University in urban planning Bert Smolders has been consultant for urban development projects in Europe, the Middle East, Thailand and Indonesia. In China he is the advisor to the municipality of Wuhan and was awarded the Yellow Crane Tower Friendship Award.



Women: Katia Araujo, Huairou Commission (Brazil)

Katia holds a MA in International Affairs with a concentration in Governance and Human Rights from The New School, NYC. As the Director of Programs at the Huairou Commission (HC) in NYC (USA), she leads strategic planning processes with international grass roots women's organizations and partners, collaboratively developing programs based that respond to women's identified priorities on issues related to secure rights to land and assets, disaster risk reduction and democratic governance. She leads HC's Program overseeing its Resilience and Land & Housing campaigns leading to the implementation of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Katia co-chairs the Council of the International Land Coalition- a global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organizations working together to put people at the centre of land governance. A staff member of the Huairou Commission since 2008, Katia has supported multi-stakeholder regional platforms in the global south that promote gender justice, policy innovation and operational accountability. A native Brazilian, she is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish. Prior to joining HC, Katia conducted research on specific women's issues and implemented projects for various NGOs, including the, NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault, Women's Right Division of Human Rights Watch, International Rescue Committee, and African Services Committee.



Civil Society: Jane Katz, Habitat for Humanity (United States)

Jane Katz is Director of International Affairs and Programs in Habitat for Humanity International's Washington D.C. Office of Government Relations and Advocacy, where she provides program and policy support on a variety of housing finance, housing policy, urban, and related issues and works to develop innovative housing collaborations with organizations engaged in international development activities. She joined HFHI in 2002, after spending a year as an Executive-on-Loan from Fannie Mae consulting on housing and finance issues. She has over thirty years of public and private sector achievements in housing finance, policy, marketing, and business/program development. Prior to coming to Habitat, she spent fourteen years at Fannie Mae in various management positions, and spent 15 years in the U.S. public sector working in mortgage finance, regulatory oversight, and housing policy at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. She received a M.A. degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland and a B.A. degree in Foreign Affairs from the University of Cincinnati, and has attended the Boulder Institute of Microfinance and the International Housing Finance program at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. She is a delegate to the UN-HABITAT World Urban Campaign; co-chairs the Society for International Development Urban Working group; a Board Member of Global Urban Development; co-chairs the InterAction Disaster Risk Reduction Work Group; and a member of the management committee of the International Housing Coalition.



Farmers: Mildred Crawford, Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers (Jamaica)

Mildred Crawford was instrumental in the formalisation of the Jamaica Pig Farmers Association. Crawford became a member of the Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers (JNRWP) 10 years ago. She served as Public Relations Officer before assuming office of President in 2007. In this role, she advocates for the socio-economic improvement in the quality of life of marginalised rural women. She has represented these vulnerable groups at civil society meetings of the British Commonwealth in St. Lucia. She was also selected to serve as a member of the Bureau of Women's Affairs CEDAW Technical Working Committee during the preparation of the Sixth and Seventh Periodic Reports to the United Nations on the Project Advisory Committee on "The Way Out Project" which is still ongoing and focuses on Women's Economic and Political leadership. She is currently a Member of the United Nations Women Civil Society Regional Advisory Group for Latin America and the Caribbean where she is the representative of English speaking rural women, providing strategic advice and intelligence to UN women and its national and regional programming. She was selected as an Expert for the UN CSW56 and presented on "Rural Women's Role in Agriculture" which focused on rural women and food security in CARICOM countries. To ensure that rural women understand the importance of standards, Crawford was instrumental in organising several entrepreneurial programs and tours. She has trained as a transformational leader with an intent to contribute to change in mindset of our people through a project entitled "Transformational Leadership for Gender Justice in the Caribbean" for the Caribbean Institute for Women and Leadership (CIWIL) and Institute for Gender and Development Studies, Mona, Jamaica.



Parliamentarians: Jerko Rošin, Global Parliamentarians on Habitat and Croatian Parliament (via video) (Croatia)

In a professional career spanning over 40 years Jerko Rošin has designed over 700 titles, within a vast range of different architectural tasks, including tourist and residential pieces, various industrial plants, health care buildings, theatres, concert and exhibition halls, libraries, casinos, and other public and welfare buildings. He is also the author of a great number of urban plans of various planning levels, as well as of project programmes. He has been professionally engaged as the Secretary of the Split Association of Architects, as President of Town-planning of Split district and the Chairman of the Council for Urban Planning of the Government of the Republic of Croatia from 2004 to 2008. In 2006, he was elected senior lecturer at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Split. His political career started in 2007 when he was elected to the Croatian parliament and took the chair of Parliamentary Board for urban planning and construction. In addition to numerous professional awards, he has been recognised for his architectonic tribute to Croatian culture (1978), with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Croatia and he received the Order of Merit to the Croatian people (1997). He trained in Development of French Mediterranean tourism in 1972 and completed a postgraduate study of Protection and revitalization of building heritage in 1976/77.



Trade Unions and Workers: Rosa Pavanelli, Public Services International (Italy)

Rosa Pavanelli is General Secretary of the global union federation Public Services International (PSI). She was elected at PSI's World Congress in November 2012. She is a member of the United Nations High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters and a member of the Cornell University International Labour Relations Worker Institute Advisory Council. Rosa was elected to the FP-CGIL National Secretariat in 2002, and led the European and International Department from 2005 to 2012. Prior to that she was responsible for the municipal and healthcare sector and was FP-CGIL General Secretary of the Lombardy region. In these roles she led successful campaigns against water and health privatisation and led the first European project on the role of public services for an inclusive policy for migrants and asylum seekers. She is a former member of the scientific board of public administration quarterly "Quale Stato", and the governing body of the "Fondazione Luoghi Comuni" and has served as Vice President of the European Public Service Union Federation in 2009, and PSI Vice President for the European Region. Rosa holds a degree in biology from the State University of Milan. She started her trade union activity in 1978 while working with the Ministry of Labour in Brescia. Public Services International, established in 1907, is a global trade union federation representing 20 million working women and men who deliver vital public services in more than 160 countries. PSI champions human rights, advocates for social justice and promotes universal access to

quality public services. PSI works with the United Nations system and in partnership with labour, civil society and other organisations.



Media: Nicholas You, Citiscope (China)

Nicholas You is a veteran urban specialist and thought leader. Prior to his retirement he was the Senior Policy and Planning Advisor to UN-Habitat and Manager of the Habitat II Conference held in Istanbul in 1996. He is the Founder and Honorary Chairman of the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign Steering Committee, immediate former Chairman of the Assurance Group for Urban Infrastructure of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, and is currently the Chair of the Urban Strategy and Innovation Council for ENGIE (formerly GDF-Suez). He also serves as a member of the board at Citiscope, the Huairou Commission, and the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities, and is a Fellow of the Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation, China and an Adjunct to the Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore. He regularly advises central and local governments, technology companies and civil society organisations on urban sustainability and urban innovation, including the nexus between water, waste, transport and energy. He also works as a strategic planning and governance advisor to metropolitan authorities and real estate developers worldwide.



Foundations and Philanthropies: Ana Marie Argilagos, Ford Foundation (United States)

Ana Marie Argilagos is part of the Equitable Development team. Her work has focused on urban development strategies to reduce poverty, expand economic opportunity, and advance sustainability in cities and regions across the world. Before becoming a senior adviser at the foundation in 2014, she served as deputy chief of staff and deputy assistant secretary at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While there, she created the Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation (IPI) to deepen and scale collaboration between public and philanthropic sectors. The IPI model of sourcing innovation and leveraging partnerships from broad global networks is now being successfully replicated at other federal cabinet agencies and in cities across the US. Previous to rejoining HUD she spent eight years as a senior program officer at the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, where she spearheaded the foundation's work in rural areas, indigenous communities, and the US-Mexico border region.

Ana Marie is currently an adjunct professor of international urban planning at New York University's Wagner School of Public Service. She has a successful track record working within both the public and the nonprofit sectors in a range of capacities—from educational programs manager at the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, to the director of the New Workplace for Women Project at the National Council of La Raza, to the deputy director of Ayuda, a community-based legal clinic serving immigrants in Washington, DC—and has proved herself to be an entrepreneurial thinker bridging diverse agendas and achieving results. Ana Marie received her master's degree in public administration from Harvard University and her bachelor's degree in international relations from American University.



Grassroots: Rose Molokoane, Slum/ Shack Dwellers International (SDI) (South Africa)

Ms. Rose Molokoane is National Chairperson of the 80,000-member South African Homeless People's Federation, their national savings coordinator, and a Board Member of Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI). A South African veteran of the anti-apartheid struggle, she is one of the most internationally recognized grassroots activists involved in land tenure and housing issues. The South African Homeless People's Federation has helped more than 150,000 squatters, the vast majority women, pool their savings. This has won them sufficient standing to negotiate with the government for a progressive housing policy that has already produced 15,000 new homes and secured more than 1,000 hectares of government land for development. SDI is a network of squatter groups on three continents. From her modest squatter home in Western Pretoria, Rose Molokoane has travelled to Cambodia, Thailand and the Philippines as well as many African nations to share SDI's methods. She was awarded the Habitat Scroll of Honour in 2005 for her tireless struggle to bring land and homes to the poor.



Indigenous People: Ndinini Sabaya Kimesera, Maasai Women Development Organization (MWEDO) (Tanzania)



Local Authorities: Emilia Saiz, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) (Spain)
Deputy Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments based in Barcelona, Spain.

Older Persons: Sion Jones, HelpAge International (United Kingdom)

Co-chair of the Older Persons Partner Constituent Group and Urbanisation Policy Officer, Sion works for HelpAge International, a global network of organisations focused on protecting and promoting the rights of older people in low and middle income countries.



Professionals: Ishtiaque Zahir, International Union of Architects (UIA) (Bangladesh)



Research and Academia: Enrique Silva, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (Chile)

Dr. Silva is an expert in comparative urbanization, metropolitan governance, and the institutionalization of planning practices in North and South America. He is also actively involved in efforts to promote the development of urban growth management and planning institutions in post-earthquake Haiti. Dr. Silva is currently the Senior Research Associate for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Cambridge-based Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. He is responsible for overseeing the Lincoln Institute's research portfolio on urban development and land use planning for Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to joining the Lincoln Institute, Dr. Silva was Assistant Professor of City Planning at Boston University. Dr. Silva has also worked as a planner and environmental development consultant in the Greater Boston Area and was the Program Assistant for the Democratic Governance Program for the Ford Foundation's Santiago, Chile Office.



Children and Youth: Joyati Das, World Vision International (WVI) (Australia)

Joyati Das is Senior Director for Urban Programs at World Vision International, to which she brings more than 20 years of diverse work experience in corporate, government and local non-government organisations in India, the Middle East and Australia. She has also served in senior management and advisory roles in the Indigenous Programs team, Asian Tsunami Response and Urban Programs division at World Vision International. Her current work focuses on child-friendly cities in places such as Brazil, Lebanon and South Africa. Joyati has Masters degrees in Sociology (majoring in Urban Sociology) and Communications. She is passionate about human rights and development issues, seeking innovative approaches and partnerships to address issues of urban poverty and sustainable development.

Panel 2: Vision: Quito Declaration

Moderator: Christopher Dekki, Pax Romana (United States)



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Christopher Dekki is a native New Yorker, a scholar, an advocate for youth, and an educator. Primarily, he is the United Nations representative for the International Movement of Catholic Students – Pax Romana, one of the oldest and most respected youth NGOs at the UN. As the main representative, he leads a team of young people that lobbies UN member states on behalf of the poor and marginalized.



Sunil Dubey, Metropolis (Australia)

Sunil Dubey is a senior advisor and coordinator on urban capacity building programs, public real estate asset programs, cities cooperation and urban development. He works with government and non-government organisations in Australia, South Asia, Middle East and Europe. He is currently advising METROPOLIS, World Association of the Major Metropolis as regional director, where he is coordinating international capacity building programs between Metropolis, Multilateral, Government of India and National Institute of Urban Affairs of India. His current programs include strategic urban training programs, applied research programs and capacity building funding criteria among BRICS nations. He is an associate on the global reference panel of circles of sustainability and is a founding member of Geneva foundation for governance and public policy. Sunil was technical director and board member for not-for-profit registered community housing provider, Common Equity NSW (Australia), which supports social and affordable rental cooperative housing and managing over 500 housing properties in state of NSW, Australia. He lives in Sydney, Australia, where he lectures at the University of Sydney.



Bachir Kanoute, Executive Director, Enda ECOPOP

Bachir KANOUTE is a town planner and the Executive Director of the organization Enda ECOPOP (www.endaecopop.org), focused on urban issues, supporting decentralization processes, local governance, urban development, capacity building of local authorities and local decision-makers in the civil society and community support in Africa and the Caribbean. This enormous mission makes him to travel around Africa to support central and local governments of several African countries, and consolidate fragile decentralization processes. Expert of several international institutions including the World Bank, United Nations Program for Human Settlements (UN HABITAT), State University of New York Center for International Development, GIZ, etc., Mr. KANOUTE has led several high-level missions in different countries of Africa and Caribbean (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mauritania, Madagascar, Mali, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Senegal and Haiti). Capitalizing on this rich experience, Mr. Kanoute has developed several guides and manuals to train and build the capacity of local decision-makers and grass-roots communities: Governance and Local Leadership, Decentralization, social and community mobilization for local development in Africa, Servicing and maintenance of equipment, infrastructure and basic social services, and Participatory budgeting in French speaking Africa. This last manual, edited in collaboration with the United Nations program for human Settlements (UN HABITAT), aims to promote participatory and transparent governance approaches in managing the public affairs of local authorities in Africa. Mr. KANOUTE is the Focal Point for Africa of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy, launched in December 07, 2012 in Dakar, in the presence of thirteen (13) African countries. Last but not the least, he is a part-time lecturer in the University Cheikh Anta DIOP of Dakar - Senegal (Master degree: "Land-use Planning, Decentralization and Local Development") and in the Institute Development and Human and Peoples' Right (Post graduate degree: citizenship, human rights, Humanitarian Action).



Victor Pineda, World Enabled (Venezuela/ United States)

Dr. Victor Pineda is the President of World ENABLED, Chancellor's Research Fellow, and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California at Berkeley. He is a leading global expert on disability rights, policy, planning and design and has worked closely with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, World Bank, United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF, and cabinet level officials in the UAE, Qatar, Venezuela, and Serbia among others to develop policies and programs that include persons with disabilities as equal stakeholders in development. Dr. Pineda is the recipient of a National Science Foundation (NSF) innovative research grant, a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship, the Thomas Jefferson Award, the Tom Clausen Fellowship for Business and Policy, and the Paul G. Hearne Award. Dr. Pineda holds a Ph.D. from the Luskin School for Public Affairs at the University of California at Los Angeles and a Master's in City and Regional Planning, a B.A. in Political Economy, and a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley.



Daniela Carrera Marquis, Inter American Development Bank (IADB)

A Venezuelan national joined the Bank in 2002. She currently manages the financial markets group of the Structured and Corporate Finance Department, which is responsible for capital markets development, trade finance and financial institutions. Previously, she served as senior investment officer focusing in capital markets transactions, being housing finance one of the primary targeted areas. Daniela Carrera-Marquis has over 14 years of experience in the banking industry. Prior to joining the IDB she worked at ING Bank London, UK, as Director - Latin American product specialist. Previously in Venezuela, she was Head of financial markets in charge of financial markets activities in ING Venezuela. Prior to joining ING Bank in 1994, she worked at the capital markets unit in Confimerca (local brokerage house) and as relationship manager in Citibank in Venezuela. Mrs. Daniela Carrera-Marquis holds a Bachelor degree in Political Science from the Universidad Central de Venezuela and a Masters degree in International Relations and Economics from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Mrs. Daniela Carrera-Marquis is a Fulbright scholar.



Betsy Campbell, European Foundation Center (USA)

Betsy Campbell is the vice president for programs at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, providing leadership to the Fund's program and grantmaking activities in the United States and internationally. Her responsibilities also include oversight of grants management and communications activities that support the Fund's overall mission and program goals. Ms. Campbell began her career at Save the Children working with small enterprise and credit programs in Latin America and Africa. She served for 12 years at the Ford Foundation, as a program officer in the Rural Poverty and Resources program, as director of Community and Resource Development, and as senior director and deputy to the vice president for Asset Building and Community Development.

Prior to joining the RBF in 2007, Ms. Campbell lived and worked in La Paz, Bolivia, where she provided consulting services to emerging foundations and a variety of environmental and community development organizations. She currently chairs the board of Winrock International and serves on the boards of the European Foundation Centre and the Center for Rural Strategies. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Ms. Campbell holds a Master of Arts in international relations from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

Panel 3: Transformative Commitments for Sustainable Urban Development

Moderator: Juan Carlos Franco Villegas, Mario Santo Domingo Foundation



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Juan Carlos Franco Villegas is CEO of the Mario Santo Domingo Foundation, where he leads a team that is developing a model of social innovation called Integral Development of Sustainable Communities (DINCS). He studied civil engineering at Universidad de los Andes, and also has a Master in Business Administration from INALDE Business School. Juan Carlos has dedicated 21 years to environmental management and social engineering.



Gabriela Suarez Buitron, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) (Ecuador)

Gabriela is a geographer from the Pontifica Universidad Católica del Ecuador. She has a degree from FLACSO Argentina in Local Development and Social Economics, and a Master degree in the Internationalization of Local Development from the University of Bologna in Italy. During the last 12 years, she has worked on themes related to territorial, urban, and regional planning, local governments, decentralization, and local development, and non-governmental, public, and private agencies.



Kathryn Travers, Women and Cities International (Canada)

Kathryn Travers has been working for Women in Cities International since 2008. She is the Director of Programmes and leads the development, management and coordination of international programmes and projects administrated by WICI. In this role, she is responsible for providing technical feedback and support throughout all phases of programme/project administration, including acting as the link between donors, implementation partners, expert consultants and other relevant parties. Kathryn represents WICI in various international conferences, workshops and expert group meetings on topics related to the safety of women and girls, and gender equality and inclusion in urban environments. In addition to coordinating projects, she has contributed to the development of research reports published by WICI, including the production of the reports Gender and Essential Services in Low-Income Communities (2011), Together for Women's Safety (2010), and Women's Safety Audits: What Works and Where? (2008). She was also a co-organizer of the Third International Conference on Women's Safety. Before joining WICI, Kathryn worked as Analyst and Project Officer for the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) where she contributed to the elaboration of a Compendium of Practices and Policies on Women's Safety (2008) and a Compendium of Promising Strategies and Programmes from around the World on Urban Crime Prevention and Youth at Risk (2005). She pursued her MA in International Peace Studies with a Specialization in Conflict Resolution from the University for Peace and has an honors BA in Criminology and Sociology from the University of Ottawa.



Gia Gaspard Taylor, Network of Rural Women Producers (Trinidad)

Gia Gaspard Taylor is a national of Trinidad and Tobago, who continues to devote herself tirelessly to national service particularly working with young people, women and the disadvantaged. She holds a BSc in Social Work from the School of Continuing Studies University of the West Indies; and has had many years of experience in working in both the public and private sector in Trinidad and Tobago, regionally, as well as within the diplomatic corps. Gia's wealth of experience in the areas of education, entrepreneurship, the advancement of women, opportunities for youth development and climate change, bring to bear fruitfully on the numerous committees and associations on which she serves. Unique about her is the fact that she was born in the rural community of Penal, and grew up in the rural community of Sangre Grande, move into the capital city of Port of Spain married the City Mayor, to become city first lady (or Mayoress) during the years walk among Kings and Queens, Prince and Princesses, Presidents, Governors, Prime Ministers and more but never lost the common touch.



Patrick Brett, Citigroup International (United States)

Patrick Brett is a Managing Director in Citi's US Municipal Securities Division, currently based in New York. Patrick is a member of the Operating Committee of Citi for Cities, a newly launched global initiative driving the firm's engagement with 25 of the world's largest city governments. In this role, Patrick is working with city leaders, external partners, and across Citi to develop solutions to urban challenges: including sustainability, infrastructure modernization and efficiency reforms. Additionally, Patrick has responsibility for Citi's global distribution of municipal investments, working with hedge funds, sovereign funds, central banks, and asset managers around the world. Prior to assuming his current role in New York, Patrick was based in Hong Kong in 2007-2008, where he significantly expanded Asian investor participation in the US municipal asset class. Prior to his role in Asia, Patrick established Citi's European Municipal Sales and Structuring effort in London from 2006-2007. From 2003-2006, Patrick launched Citi's market-leading Municipal Derivative Sales and Marketing franchise in New York. Patrick began his career with Salomon Smith Barney (Citi) in the summer of 2000, and has been with the firm full-time since 2002. Patrick has a B.S.E., magna cum laude, in Finance from the Wharton School, and a B.A., magna cum laude, with honors in Anthropology from Univ. of Pennsylvania's College of Arts & Sciences. Patrick also holds a Masters degree in South American Archaeology from the Univ. of Pennsylvania. Patrick is a member of the Penn Institute for Urban Research Advisory Board, and was recently named an honorary Ambassador for the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre (largest in the South of Brazil). Patrick speaks English, Spanish, and Portuguese.



Pilar Balbuena, WIEGO (Colombia/Canada)

Most of Pilar's career has been in the area of business development and marketing with the pharmaceutical and IT industries, both in her native Colombia and in Canada, her current place of residency. Pilar has also worked with the recycling industry, managing, designing, implementing and evaluating recycling programs and accounts, including with the Federal Government of Canada and major private companies in the Ottawa region. Pilar holds a degree in chemistry and is fully bilingual in Spanish and English; she also has a working knowledge of Portuguese and French.

Pilar was originally contracted by WIEGO as a consultant supporting the communications - and global project teams. More recently, she has been working as a member of the Urban Policies team. For the last two years she has been dedicating most of her time to monitoring, documenting, disseminating and analyzing the global media coverage of all six occupational sectors researched at WIEGO and its members and partners.

Panel 4: Effective Implementation

Moderator: Thomas Wright, President, Regional Plan Association



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Tom Wright is president of Regional Plan Association, an independent urban planning think tank focused on improving the prosperity, infrastructure, sustainability and quality of life of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut metropolitan region. Building on RPA's 90-year history of advancing innovative policy prescriptions to solve difficult problems, Tom guides the organization's work on government reform, transportation modernization, environmental challenges and the need to offer opportunity to all the region's residents. As a leading thinker on urban and regional policy, Tom is a frequent speaker, lecturer and commentator on economic growth and development, roads and transit, good governance and other public policy issues. Prior to being named RPA's president in 2015, Tom was the organization's executive director. Tom has steered many key RPA initiatives, including the historic Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks; the campaign to create a mixed-use district at Manhattan's Hudson Yards; the protection of the New Jersey Highlands; and a vision for the revitalization for the City of Newark. Tom played a key role in the creation of A Region at Risk, RPA's influential third plan for the metropolitan region published in 1996, and he is guiding the organization's development of a fourth regional plan. Before his current tenure at RPA began in 2001, Tom was deputy executive director of the New Jersey Office of State Planning, where he coordinated production of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan. In the early 1990s, he was coordinator of the award-winning Mayors' Institute on City Design, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. Tom is a visiting lecturer in public policy at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He also has taught at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Tom is a member of New York City's Sustainability Advisory Board, which helped prepare OneNYC. He serves on the boards for several nonprofits including the Open Space Institute and the Urban Design Forum, and is an advisor to the Eno Center for Transportation. Tom has a master's in urban planning from Columbia University and a bachelor's in history and a certificate in American Studies from Princeton University.

Maria Luisa Alvarado, Habitat for Humanity International (Colombia)



Marta Benavides, (El Salvador)

Marta Benavides was born and raised in El Salvador. She is working and living in El Salvador, as a biologist, theologian, educator, permaculturist, ecologist. Marta has worked all her life to manifest a culture of peace in her country and the world. She follows various UN processes under Commission of Social Development, Commission for Sustainable Development, Education for Sustainability, UNESCO Decade for Education for Culture of Peace, Decade of non Violence, Life long Learning. She has been involved with conflict transformation, resolution and mediation for about 20 years, participated in the process for political solution to the armed conflict in El Salvador 1980's to 1992. Marta Benavides works on social transformation through culture, culture of peace, long-life learning, is a member of various ecumenical and lay world processes for durable peace, she follows UN and UNESCO processes as part of the women, sustainable caucus, peace, and values caucuses. She is one of the 1000 peace women for the Nobel peace prize 2005 project, and recently has opened the center "CULTURE IS PEACE" and the "AHA" Folk Arts and Folk Cultures Museum, in Santa Ana, the second city of El Salvador, as a contribution to promote culture of peace, by educating on Global and Planetary Citizenship. During the civil war in her country she worked for a peaceful solution to the conflict and she created humanitarian, and human rights process to support those hurt by violent conflict. Marta has experienced various exiles through out her life. She is part of the leadership of various networks at the national and international levels, both in secular and religious contexts, working on culture of peace, sustainability, inclusiveness, and women rights. Marta holds many positions: International Vice President - Agricultural Missions, Peace Building Unit - AFSC-USA, Co-Chair - Third World Coalition AFSC, Education Committee - Highlander Center - USA, Peace, Women, Values - UN Caucuses, In El Salvador: WILPF, Siglo XXIII, International Institute for Cooperation Amongst Peoples Marta is the recipient of various international awards. She is a recognized writer, and has published a number of articles and chapters in a variety of journals and books She speaks Spanish and

English and creates butterfly and humming bird gardens in her country and abroad.



Daria Cibrario, Public Services International (PSI)

Daria Cibrario is Policy Officer at Public Services International (PSI), the global trade union federation representing 20 million public sector workers in 150 countries, where she is in charge of Local and Regional Government workers and Multinational Enterprises. Prior to her role at PSI, Daria has served as elected Sectoral Secretary for the Food Industry sector at the European Federation of Food, Tourism and Agriculture Trade Unions (EFFAT) in Brussels, and as International Officer for the Food and Drink sector at the International Union of Food Workers (IUF) in Geneva. She has held research positions at the International Labour Organization (ILO) and its International Training Centre in Turin. Daria holds a MSc in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics.



Ramon Cruz, ITDP (United States)

Ramón Cruz has over 15 years of experience intersecting the fields of sustainability, transportation, urban planning, environmental policy and climate change. In the past he was Senior Policy Analyst at the Living Cities Program of the Environmental Defense Fund, Vice President for Energy and Environment at the Partnership for New York City and most recently Vice President of the Environmental Quality Board (environmental regulatory agency) in Puerto Rico. He has been a consultant for the World Bank, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). Since 2009, he has worked for ITDP's Global Policy Program in different processes in the United Nations: UNFCCC, Post-2015 agenda, Commission on Sustainable Development, the Rio+20 process, Habitat III and the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport. Ramón has a B.A. in International Relations from American University in Washington D.C., and Masters in Public Policy and in Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University in New Jersey.



Clinton Moloney, PWC (Australia)

Clinton Moloney is Managing Director and leader in PwC's Sustainable Business Solutions advisory team. He has over 16 years of strategy consulting experience focused on helping clients frame and mobilize sustainability-driven business transformation in the US, UK, Australia and South East Asia. Clinton currently serves as a Vice Chair of the Board of the Coro Center for Civic Leadership in San Francisco, CA, and a National Board member of Friends of the Children based in Portland, OR. Clinton has worked with executive leadership at multiple Fortune 500 companies. He has extensive experience mobilizing entire organizational systems, including internal (e.g., C-suite & middle management) and external stakeholders (e.g., customers & suppliers), around sustainability goals to help foster innovation. In his role as a Managing Director in the Sustainable Business Solutions group, Clinton has two focus areas: The first is to help our most significant clients transform their businesses for a more sustainable future; the second is to find ways to leverage PwC's platform to transform the financial system through new approaches to measurement, valuation and materiality.

Panel 5: Implementation at the Local Level

Introduction / Moderator: Emilia Saiz, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and Global Task Force (GTF) (Spain)

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Rohit Aggarwala, Sidewalk Labs (United States)

Rohit T. "Rit" Aggarwala is an experienced executive and thought leader in sustainability, environmental, and urban issues. A member of the team building Sidewalk Labs, an urban innovation firm founded by Dan Doctoroff and Google, he is also the co-chair of the Regional Plan Association's Fourth Regional Plan for the New York metropolitan area and an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. From 2010 to 2015, Rit played several roles in creating and implementing Michael R. Bloomberg's philanthropic efforts promoting the environment and urban sustainability. His work included advising city governments around the world on sustainability policies; transforming the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group into an organization of global stature; developing a \$145 million environmental grantmaking program focused on clean energy, cities, and sustainable fishing; assisting the Government of India's 100 Smart Cities program; and coordinating former Mayor Bloomberg's appointment as UN Special Envoy on Cities and Climate Change. From 2006 to 2010, Rit served as Director of New York City's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, which was created to develop a long-term plan to ensure New York City's continued prosperity, growth, and health through the year 2030. PlaNYC: A Greener, Greater New York has been hailed as one of the world's best urban sustainability plans, and has guided New York to a 15% reduction in its overall carbon footprint since 2005, while maintaining the support of both the business and environmental communities. Responsible for both its development and its implementation, Mayor Bloomberg called Rit "the brains behind PlaNYC." Rit was previously a management consultant at McKinsey & Company, where his practice focused on transportation and telecommunications clients. He started his career at the Federal Railroad Administration in 1994. He serves as a trustee of St. Stephen's School in Rome, Italy; as a member of the board of the Regional Plan Association; and advisor to the Eno Transportation Foundation; and as a member of the strategic advisory council of New World Capital, a private equity firm. Rit currently teaches at Columbia University, and has also taught at Stanford University and at Barnard College. Rit has published articles on transportation, environmental policy, and the history of New York City and of Canada. His work has appeared in Bloomberg View, the Stanford Social Innovation Review, the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Transportation Research Review, and the Journal of Urban History, among others. Rit holds a B.A., M.B.A., and PhD from Columbia University, as well as a Master's degree from Queen's University in Ontario. He was born in New York City and lives there with his wife and daughter.



Khady Dia Sarr, Dakar Municipal Finance Project (Senegal)

Khady Dia Sarr, a multilingual economics expert, has been the Program Director for the Dakar Municipal Finance Program (DMFP) since December 2012. The DMFP, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has provided critical technical and financial assistance to the City of Dakar as it prepares to launch the region's first municipal bond. Prior to assuming this role, she was responsible for overseeing external relations for the City of Dakar (2009-2012), acting as the city's liaison for the 2012 Dakar Africities summit. She holds a BA in business from the University of Quebec and is pursuing an Executive Masters in Development Management at Sciences Po."



Marcelo Montenegro, ActionAid (Brazil)

Manager for International Safe Cities for Women Campaign at ActionAid.



Andrew Bata, International Association of Public Transport (UITP) (United States)

Alice Claeson, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (Sweden)

Alice Claeson is a member of the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth, and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA). Within the federation, she is one of the coordinators for the Task Force to the United Nations as well as the Task Force to the World Humanitarian Summit. She has in a wide variety of settings conducted workshops aimed at giving youth an opportunity to provide their input on health and other subjects to the political processes. Alice Claeson is also a medical student at the Karolinska University, Sweden and have written her master thesis on urban trauma care systems as a collaboration between the Karolinska University and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Panel 6: Follow-Up and Review

Moderator: Jessica Espey, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)



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Jessica is the Associate Director of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and head of its New York office. Jessica manages much of SDSN's engagement with UN Member States and UN technical agencies, as well as a body of research work on implementation, monitoring and accountability for the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Jessica also manages a project on subnational implementation of the SDG agenda, working in partnership with a number of cities around the world, including 3 cities in the USA. Prior to joining SDSN, Jessica served as a special adviser on the post-2015 agenda within the Office of the President of Liberia, supporting the work of The High Level Panel of Eminent Persons (of which President Sirleaf was co-chair) and the development of the Common African Position on the Post-2015 Agenda. For three years prior she was a senior researcher for Save the Children UK, who initially supported her work in Liberia on secondment. She has also worked as a researcher at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and the British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA). She has particular expertise in the study of inequality, age and gender discrimination. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Modern History from the University of Oxford and a Masters of Sciences in the Political Economy of Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Over the past 9 years she has lived and worked in the UK, US, Liberia, Kenya and Rwanda.



Maruxa Cardama, Communitas Coalition (Spain)

Maruxa is a practitioner of the territorial approach to sustainable development, passionate about social, political, economic and environmental justice in cities and regions for the much needed and possible sustainable human development. Her 14-year professional experience spans strategic policy analysis & advocacy, multi-stakeholder partnerships, multi-level governance and capacity building initiatives with multilateral institutions and with national & subnational governments from both developed and developing countries. Regular public speaker, analyst and writer, Maruxa is Founder and Executive Coordinator of Communitas; a multi-stakeholder coalition that pioneered advocacy for placing sustainable urban development at the core of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and she coordinates the input of urbanisation practitioners into United Nations intergovernmental processes. Besides, Maruxa is Associate Fellow at the Tellus Institute, in its Great Transition Initiative. Earlier Maruxa run nrg4SD, an international organisation of subnational governments that promotes sustainable communities. At the helm of nrg4SD in 2010-2012 she co-facilitated the engagement of subnational and local authorities in the UN Rio +20 Conference. In 2014 Maruxa served as Co-Chair of the Drafting Committee of the 65th Annual Conference for NGOs of the UN Department for Public Information. Previously she was Deputy Director at the Representation of the South West of England to the European Union (EU), where she led on the sustainability portfolio for a partnership of regional authorities, academia and the private sector. Maruxa started her career at the EU Representation of the Spanish region of Galicia and at the EU Committee of the Regions. Besides, Maruxa has worked as Expert on Governance and Public Administration Reform for the Government of Romania and The British Council. She has also lectured in several capacity building programmes on EU sustainability policy and funding.



Nicholas Ngatia, Kenya Model United Nations (Kenya)

Nick Ngatia is the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Focal Point for the Habitat III Working Group of the UN MGCY. Through his role in his organization, the Kenya Model United Nations, he has spent the last two years creating awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals among University Students in Kenya. With a keen interest in SDG's Goal 11 and the Habitat III process, he and other young Kenyans organized a National Urban Youth Forum in February this year which provided a formal space for regional youth to meaningfully engage in the Habitat III process by outlining their key expectations of the New Urban Agenda. In March, the UN Habitat recognized his efforts in bringing positive change to his community by awarding him with an Emerging Community Champion Badge of honor. When not advocating for young people, he utilizes his background in Computer Science by looking into how Information and Communication Technology can be used in enhancing Urban Governance, Urban Mobility, Local Economies and Service Delivery in Cities.



Ines Sanchez de Madariaga, (Spain)

Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, Arch, PhD, MSc, is the Director of the Women and Science Unit at the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Research and Innovation, Ministry of Economy, Spain, and Professor of Urban Planning at Madrid School of Architecture. She was a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University, NY, where she also obtained her MSc as a Fulbright grantee, at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and at the School of Architecture Bauhaus - Weimar University in Germany. She is the founder and director of the first Spanish research group into gender, urban planning and architecture and a member of the Board of Directors of the European Urban Research Association. She has held public office in various capacities: Deputy General Director for Architecture; Executive Advisor to the Minister of Housing; member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish Public Society for Rental Housing; member of the Cabinet of the Minister of Research and Innovation. Inés is Spain's representative at the European Commission's Helsinki Group of Gender in Research. She co-authored the White Paper on the Situation on women in Science in Spain, was Chair of the EC Expert Group on Structural Change of Research Institutions, and is a Co-Director of the EU-US Project Gendered Innovations in Science, Medicine, Engineering and Environment

Ahmed Rifal, Kota Kita (Indonesia)



Justin Edwards, Social Progress Imperative

Justin Edwards leads the development of the Social Progress Network throughout North America by fostering cross-sector partnerships between businesses, local governments, and civil society who together build collaborative strategies to improve social outcomes in their communities centered around a common language of shared metrics - the Social Progress Index. Justin has spent the past decade focused on US philanthropy, international development, and social innovation. He previously led communications at the World Wide Web Foundation, overseeing the inaugural launch of their flagship Web Index, which aims to measure the Web's contribution to social, economic and political progress around the globe. Prior to that, he led a small marketing and communications team at Exponent Philanthropy, a non-profit serving nearly 3,000 charitable foundations and individual donors across the US, and consulted with the Johnson Center for Philanthropy's Foundation Review at Grand Valley State University.

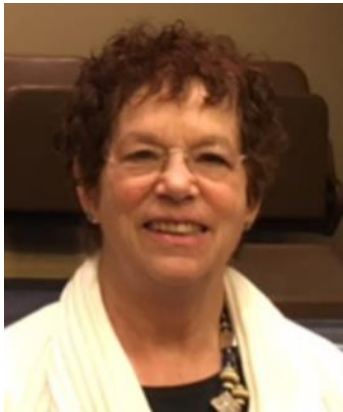




Ana Lucy Bengochea, Garifuna Emergency Committee (Honduras)

Panel 7: Partnerships for the New Urban Agenda

MODERATOR: Katherine Kline, AARP (United States)



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Katherine Kline is a former diplomat, arts administrator, ESL teacher and documentary producer and distributor, has worked for over 30 years with and for international organizations. She has been on numerous non-profit boards including UNA-NY and is on the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on Ageing, New York. Dr. Kline has served for more than five years as a United Nations Volunteer Representative for AARP's Office of International Affairs and currently is co-chair of the General Assembly of Partner's Older Persons PCG. She received a B.A. in India Areas Studies from the School of International Service, American University and a Ph.D. in Organizational Change from the Union Institute.



Sahar Attia, University of Cairo; Co-chair of Research and Academia PCG

Dr. Sahar Attia, is a Professor of Urban Planning and Design , She has been the Head of the Department of Architecture at The Faculty of Engineering, at Cairo university since August 2013. She has 35 years of experience in academia and practice. She coordinated several national projects with Egyptian authorities as well as international partners (e.g. GIZ, UN Habitat, UNDP). She is, or has been a member in 15 national and international committees and boards. She is the Co- chair of the Research and academia Constituent group in the General Assembly of Partners for Habitat III (GAP). She is also chairing the steering committee for the Universities Network Initiative (UNI), and a member in the Standing committee of the World Urban Campaign.

Her research interests include participatory approaches in Urban Development, sustainable urban strategies, Community Development, Urban Regeneration, upgrading the Informal Areas, and governance. Her activity in applied research, allows her to link academia to practice, she is able to allocate the knowledge into real practice.



Oscar Fergutz, Avina Foundation; Co-Chair, Foundations and Philanthropies PCG

Oscar was born and raised in Curitiba. In 1987, he earned a degree in Architecture and Urbanism from Universidade Federal do Paraná. After years of designing and creating more aesthetic and functional worlds and learning and teaching others to come into contact with different cultures through languages, and doing volunteer work in his local community, in 2002 he joined Fundación Avina. Since then, Oscar has worked in a wide range of issues, including conservation, education, equity, corporate social responsibility, inclusive production and urban development.



Mitchell Silver, former President APA, NYC Parks Commissioner (United States)

Mitchell J. Silver became Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation in May 2014. Commissioner Silver is also the immediate past president of the American Planning Association (APA). He is an award-winning planner with almost 30 years of experience and he is internationally recognized for his leadership in the planning profession and his contributions to contemporary planning issues. He specializes in comprehensive planning, place making and implementation strategies. As Parks Commissioner, Mitchell Silver oversees management, planning and operations of nearly 30,000 acres of parkland, which includes parks, playgrounds, beaches, marinas, recreation centers, wilderness areas and other assets. Prior to returning to his native New York City as Parks Commissioner, he served as the Chief Planning & Development Officer and Planning Director for Raleigh, NC. His career has included roles as a policy and planning director for New York City's Department of Planning, a principal of a New York City-based planning firm, a town manager in New Jersey, and deputy planning director in Washington, DC. Commissioner Silver lectures extensively throughout the United States and abroad on a variety of planning topics. He is a contributing author and editor of International City/County Management Association's (ICMA) latest edition of "Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice," which is a resource for local governments engaged in planning. Known by his colleagues as a passionate communicator, creative thinker, problem-solver and visionary leader, Mitchell Silver has been at the center of many cutting edge trends, innovative solutions and visionary plans, including Harlem on the River and Vision for Jamaica Center in New York City and the revitalization of neighborhoods in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, and Raleigh. As president of APA, he led an international effort to elevate the value and rebirth of planning in the 21st century. In 2012, the Urban Times named him one of the top international thought leaders of the built environment today. In 2013, UBM Future Cities named Mitchell Silver as one of the top 100 City Innovators in the world and the Royal Town Planning Institute made him an honorary lifetime member. In 2014, he was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Planning Association. In 2015, the Planning Institute of Australia named him an honorary fellow. When Mayor Bill de Blasio named Mitchell Silver as New York City's Parks Commissioner, he called him "a visionary." The Mayor went on to say: "He has a passion for fairness and equality, and he brings it to the work of government, and understands that we have to ensure that parks and open spaces are available in every community, and are well-maintained in every community in this city." As planning director in Raleigh, he led the comprehensive plan update process and a rewriting of the development code to create a vibrant 21st century city. Mr. Silver served in Raleigh from 2005 until taking his job at Parks. He was an outspoken advocate for Raleigh and helped transform it into a world-class city with great streets, great places and great neighborhoods. His work has been featured in Time Magazine, The New York Times, The Guardian (U.K.), Philadelphia Inquirer, Huffington Post, Associated Press, Atlantic Cities, the Urban Times, Planning Magazine, the News & Observer, the Charlotte Observer, the Triangle Business Journal, Crain's Business Journal, BBC World News and National Public Radio (NPR). Commissioner Silver has taught graduate planning courses at Hunter College, Brooklyn College, Pratt Institute and North Carolina State University. He is the

	Dunlop Lecturer in Housing and Urbanization at Harvard University. Mitchell Silver was born in Brooklyn and grew up near Prospect Park. He attended Midwood High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from Pratt Institute and a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Hunter College. He is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a licensed Professional Planner in the State of New Jersey.
	Shipra Narang Suri, International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) (India)
	Rose Molokoane, Slum/ Shack Dwellers International (SDI) (South Africa)

