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H.E. Mr. Sabarullah Khan, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York. Ambassador Khan was born in Sainthamaruthu in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. He received his school education from Kalmunai Zahira College and graduated from the Eastern University of Sri Lanka with B Sc. Degree in Biology. Later he obtained his Master’s Degree in International Relations from the Annamalai University in India. His wide experience in the Sri Lanka Government Service includes teaching Zoology for High School students, working as an Assistant Soil Chemist in the Department of Irrigation and later in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service. In 1991 he was recruited to the Sri Lanka Scientific Service through an open competitive examination to work on remote sensing and geographical information systems for the land use and policy planning works. Later, in 1994 he joined the Sri Lanka Foreign Service through a limited competitive examination which was held to absorb young executive officers from other disciplines into the Foreign Service. After joining the Sri Lanka Foreign Service, he had served at the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka as Assistant Director of Consular Affairs, Additional Chief of Protocol and Director General of Economic Affairs. His notable foreign assignments in the Sri Lanka Missions abroad include Charge de Affaires in Amman, Minister Counsellor in Bangkok, Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi, Deputy Chief of Mission & Charge de Affaires in Riyadh, Consul General in Jeddah and Ambassador & Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai, prior to being appointed as the Ambassador & Deputy Permanent Representative in New York. He was a member of Sri Lanka delegations to numerous bilateral and multilateral meetings and negotiations relating to regional organizations and bilateral agreements including South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), Colombo Plan, India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA) etc. He had also served as the Sri Lanka’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the UNESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and Pacific) in Bangkok.

Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director of UNESCO Liaison Office New York. Ms. Roudil previously was Head of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Brussels and the UNESCO Representative to the European Union having been appointed to that position in October 2010. Marie Paule Roudil began her career in 1986 as a lawyer at the Cour de Paris (Paris Court). She then joined UNESCO in 1990, as a consultant in the Social and Human Sciences Sector. In this capacity, she participated in, and contributed to the design and launching of, the joint UN programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). As part of her responsibilities, she acted as UNESCO’s AIDS focal point, promoting a UNESCO interdisciplinary approach, ensuring cooperation with UNAIDS and developing joint activities with Professor Luc Montagnier’s, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, Fondation Mondiale Recherche et Prévention Sida. In April 2001, she joined the International Standards Section of the Culture Sector, assisting in the final stages of the negotiations that led up to the adoption of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. From January 2003 to September 2010, Ms Roudil has been Head of the Culture Section in the UNESCO Office in Venice, where she was responsible for developing and implementing a culture strategy for South-East Europe. She worked on UNESCO’s contribution to the reconstruction of the Old Bridge of Mostar, the rehabilitation of the Cultural Heritage in Kosovo, and the establishment of annual Ministerial Conferences on Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe. She then joined UNESCO in 1990, as a consultant in the Social and Human Sciences Sector. In this capacity, she participated in, and contributed to the design and launching of, the joint UN programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). As part of her responsibilities, she acted as UNESCO’s AIDS focal point, promoting a UNESCO interdisciplinary approach, ensuring cooperation with UNAIDS and developing joint activities with Professor Luc Montagnier’s, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, Fondation Mondiale Recherche et Prévention Sida. In April 2001, she joined the International Standards Section of the Culture Sector, assisting in the final stages of the negotiations that led up to the adoption of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. From January 2003 to September 2010, Ms Roudil has been Head of the Culture Section in the UNESCO Office in Venice, where she was responsible for developing and implementing a culture strategy for South-East Europe. She worked on UNESCO’s contribution to the reconstruction of the Old Bridge of Mostar, the rehabilitation of the Cultural Heritage in Kosovo, and the establishment of annual Ministerial Conferences on Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe. Ms Roudil holds a “Licence en Droit public international”, a "Maîtrise de Droit privé", and a "Diplôme d’études approfondies (DEA) de Droit des affaires et Droit économique”.

Mr. Narinder Kakar, Permanent Observer of the University for Peace to the United Nations. Mr. Kakar is currently accredited to the United Nations as the Permanent Observer of the University for Peace (UPEACE), an institution established pursuant to a General Assembly decision. Until recently, he also served as the Permanent Observer of the world’s largest and oldest environmental network viz. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Prior to serving UPEACE and IUCN, Mr. Kakar served the UN Development Programme (UNDP) for over 30 years in countries like Yemen, Guyana, Turkey, China and Maldives in addition to serving in senior positions at UNDP Headquarters. During his career with UNDP, his responsibilities included development and management of programmes in human development and the broader aspect of sustainable development. Mr. Kakar lectures extensively on issues related to the United Nations in general and in particular on matters related to peace and conflict, as well as on sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He has had prominent roles in discussions related to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and in the Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development, followed by discussions related to the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He has served on a number of Boards and is currently on the Board of Trustees of the Elisabeth Haub Foundation, dedicated to promoting the cause of environmental conservation, as also on the Board of the Canadian Foundation for International Training. He has written a number of articles and papers on socio-economic matters and has edited curriculum and training manuals on different aspects of education for peace.

Ms. La Neice Collins, Communications Officer for United Nations Academic Impact. Ms. Collins is a communications officer for the United Nations in New York where she works on issues related to youth engagement and activism, sustainable development, the rule of law, protection of civilians, women’s rights and conflict and humanitarian crises. She has also worked for the United Nations in Geneva and Bangkok, focusing on multilingual and cross cultural communication on issues of international human rights law, climate change, economic development and social inclusion. Prior to joining the UN, she was an award winning television producer in New York, Washington, DC, Los Angeles, Berlin, Turkey and Iraq. Ma Neice Collins, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and received her Master of Science degree from Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism.
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Ms. J. Paige Propper-Sanborn, Co-Founder & President of the Zariki Nursery and Primary School in Tanzania. Ms. Sanborn is a Georgetown University graduate with a Masters in Child Development and Family Studies and a Masters in Child Psychology. She is a Child Life Specialist, and a play therapist with a passion for children, education, health and wellness. Ms. Sanborn has taught Diabetes education and developed and implemented child development and educational programs for pediatric Hematology/Oncology patients and their families at leading pediatric institutions like Harvard and Stanford. She was invited to present her findings internationally at the ECCO 9 conference in Europe and at the National Brain Tumor Association. In 2001, she began a private practice and worked with families and school districts advocating for children with special needs and emotional struggles. In 2009, she worked for Mazzerella Media to produce special needs and health based educational videos. In 2010, Ms. Sanborn and her father opened the Zariki Nursery and Primary School in Tanzania for children in the Mwaburugu region. Every year, she brings teachers and volunteers to the school to provide life skills courses and teacher trainings. In 2014, she started Going Global Educational Collaborative and traveled the world for 4 months with her daughter and son learning and filming about cultures. She developed and implemented child development programs at both Harvard and Stanford's Children's Hospitals, specializing on medical education, compliance training and bereavement. While doing research, she was invited to present her findings internationally and spoke at multiple conferences around the world. Using her 2014 experience, Ms. Sanborn is now working on a concept program for schools with an innovative broadcast lens under the name Mon Jamii. Ms. Sanborn is an Honorary Adviser of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, and an active participant in both NEXUS Youth Summit and Cavendish Global impact investment group.

Ms. Lirone Glikman, Founder and Innovator at Global Impact Alliances Project. Ms. Glikman is a leadership and business relationship mentor, social oriented entrepreneur and a keynote speaker. Through her project, she educates women, men, students and youth from all around the world to build sustainable businesses they love and that support their communities through leadership, innovative resources and technology, mindset and relationship building credible methods she developed. Ms. Glikman’s programs are being delivered through face to face meetings and innovative online platforms to impact as many people globally. She has worked with Google, Microsoft, Civil Society, universities, city councils, embassies, corporations and individuals globally, from more than ten countries including; USA, United Kingdom, South Africa, Spain, Greece, Israel, Portugal, France and Australia. She is the founder of GGN, an LGBT social-lifting network in Israel and initiated programs and events that support humanitarian causes. In addition, she is proud to be an Honorary Adviser of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY. Ms. Glikman shared her values as a contributor for award winning media outlets, including “The Huffington Post,” and “Business Banter” (UK), “The Times of Israel” & “Start Israel” publications. http://www.globalimpactalliances.com.

Mr. Iran Nazario, Director of Peacebuilders and Community Relations at COMPASS Youth Collaborative. Mr. Nazario has been working in the program management, gang prevention, youth outreach, engagement and support field for 26 years. He began his career as a volunteer on the streets of Hartford, CT where he leads a team of 16 men and women whose goal is to decrease the level of violence throughout the city of Hartford. Since the program operations began Peacebuilders has served over 4,000 youth and has a success rate of over 80%. Mr. Nazario is an expert in Gang Prevention and Mediation, a Drug and Alcohol Prevention counselor, Graduate of the National Youth Employment Coalition 2001, Certified Violence Mediator, YO! Leadership Institute Graduate 2001, Graduate of City of Hartford’s the Youth Development Practitioners Academy 2008 and Middle Management Institute in 2009. He has trained and presented for youth service agencies, court support services, schools, and many others on a local and national level. Acknowledged as “The Hartford Advocates Good Egg in 1997” awarded to a collection of men and women who serve their communities well. He is a recipient of the CATCH (Committed Adult to Children in Hartford) award from the City of Hartford Human Services Department in 2001, recipient of the “EL AWARD” THE DIARIO / LA PRENSA, award dedicated to “a select group of Latinos who always faced challenges, but never lost sight of their goals” in 2012 and a recipient of the 2013 “100 Men of Color Award” honoring programs that pioneer educators, service men, politicians, entrepreneurs and tastemakers have made in their professions, and the invaluable contribution these men have given to our communities. Mr. Nazario’s dedication to gang prevention, mediating youth violence and to leading teams of men and women who are fulfilling his lives’ mission of building peace in communities received the attention of the New York City Peace Museum and in 2014 was awarded the first ever “Meet the Peacemaker” award. This award honors individuals across the planet dedicating themselves to Peace efforts. In 2015, he received the Latinos United for Professional Advancement (LUPA) “50 Most Influential Latinos Award” in recognition of his influence in the State of Connecticut Latino community. In June of 2015, he was “Badged” by the Hartford Connecticut Police Department to serve as a community/ law enforcement partner. In this role Iran is to serve as an intermediary in city wide crisis situations under President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper Initiative.

Ms. Sonali Samarasinghe, Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN. Ms. Samarasinghe has a Masters in International Affairs from the Australian National University, Canberra, and a Law Degree from the University of London. Enrolled as an Attorney at Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in 1992, she worked for several years in the Attorney General’s Department in Sri Lanka. She has been an Edward R. Murrow Fellow in the US, a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and an International Journalist in Residence at the Graduate School of Journalism, City University of New York. Ms. Samarasinghe has been a lecturer at Ithaca College where she taught in the Legal, Honors and Communications Departments. She was also a visiting scholar at Cornell University. She has been an award-winning lawyer, investigative journalist and editor. Among her many international awards include the Hellmann Hammett Award, the Images and Voices of Hope Award for Print and Digital Journalism 2011 in New York, Pen International’s Oxfam Novib/PEN Award for Freedom of Expression in 2009 and the Global Shining Light Award for Investigative Journalism by the Global Investigative Journalism Conference, in Norway, in 2008.