Our Updated Annual Observance & Celebration for UN World Oceans Day / Month

**Actions to Support Revitalizing Our Oceans**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 1pm – 3:30pm, EDT**

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**H.E. Mr. Odo Tevi**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations. Since May 2014, Ambassador Tevi became Vanuatu’s Permanent Representative/Ambassador to the United Nations, New York in May 2014. Apart from this role, Ambassador Tevi also assumed other international roles at the UN. He is currently the Chairman of UN Disarmament Commission, was the Chairman of the Special Committee on UN Charter and Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and also was Chairman of the Asia Pacific Group, Vice-President for the UN Pledging Conference for Development Activities and Chairman of the joint Vanuatu and UN Consultative Forum on ICPD and National Sustainable Development Plan. He was extensively involved in the negotiation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN’s Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR). From 2013-2014, he became an international consultant and did assignments for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Union and the Melanesian Spearhead Group. For the latter he investigated whether the four countries (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu) should adopt a common currency. From 2003 to 2013, Ambassador Tevi was the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu. During this period, he was also Vanuatu’s Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund. His major achievement as Governor of the central bank during his 10 year stint was that Vanuatu was able to achieve monetary and financial stability and this was translated into record high economic growth. This was achieved despite the challenges imposed by the 2008 global financial crisis. Before becoming Governor, he was Head of the Macroeconomic Policy Division at the Vanuatu Ministry of Finance and Economic Management. He has a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Papua New Guinea. He then obtained a Masters of Arts (Development Economics) from the University of Sussex, UK. He has a graduate diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and also an Advanced Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation from New York University. He did his executive training at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and also at Columbia University Business School. He and his wife Sharon have three young children and are residing in New York. He is an avid reader and loves music.

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**H.E. Ms. Ilana V. Seid**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Palau to the United Nations. Ms. Ilana Seid, presented her credentials to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on 16 September 2021 as the Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations. Before her appointment to the UN, Ambassador Seid was the Founder and CEO of the online e-commerce company Sunday Morning. Prior to launching Sunday Morning, Ambassador Seid worked as a software engineer and technology project manager in New York, and as an investment banker at Lehman Brothers and Normura Securities in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and New York. She holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Stanford University in the United States.
Amir A. Dossal is President and CEO of the Global Partnerships Forum – a not-for-profit knowledge platform providing changemakers with tools to build innovative partnerships for the SDGs. Amir is co-founder of the Pearl Initiative, and a founding Commissioner of the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development. Amir co-founded the Blockchain Commission for Sustainable Development and serves as Executive Vice Chair. He is also co-founder of the Coalition for Better Health at Lower Cost that focuses on prevention of chronic diseases. Amir serves as a Distinguished Fellow for the Future of Health and Healthcare at the World Economic Forum. Pioneering Partnerships and Global Outreach Amir works globally across the economic and social spectrum. He is an accomplished diplomat, with a deep understanding of international affairs and extensive experience in global development and humanitarian issues, including managing complex technical assistance projects in emerging markets. By nature, a social entrepreneur and innovator, his work is an endeavor to bond the power of the private sector, governments, and civil society, in order to better serve the greater good. These include initiatives on women’s empowerment, engaging media in sustainable development, and innovative use of technology for positive social change. Amir is also a champion for the UN’s Safe Ground Campaign. United Nations Service. Amir is a 25-year veteran of the United Nations and served as Executive Director of the UN Office for Partnerships until September 2010, which he established in 1998 to manage the $1 billion gift by media mogul Ted Turner. During his tenure at the UN, Amir founded several new initiatives: the Department of Peacekeeping Operations: field finance and management, the Management Policy Office: oversee reform within the United Nations, the UN Fund for International Partnerships: interface with the UN Foundation, UN Democracy Fund: strengthen institutions and governance in new or restored democracies, UN Office for Partnerships: engage public and private sectors to support the UN’s mission, Peacebuilding Support Office: help bridge development gaps in post-conflict countries. The Business Advisory Council for the Greater Tumen Region: regional cooperation among nations. Awards and Recognition: 2010 Humanitarian Award from the UN Association of New York, for his accomplishments in Partnerships to End Poverty and World Hunger, the 2010 Ambassador for Peace and Sport, Monaco, the 2015 Amir and his son, Zecki received Humanitarian Innovation Award for intergenerational partnerships, the 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award, bestowed by the ICAEW for his work in uniting public and private organizations to address the world’s economic and social challenges, the 2017 Ellis Island International Medal of Honor for contributions to the global community. Personal: Amir is a UK Chartered Accountant (FCA) and has lived and worked in five continents. He is on the board of several non-profits and regularly undertakes speaking engagements and frequently serves as moderator for high-level panels, engaging Heads of State and Ministers. Amir is married to Tas, who is Senior Advisor of the Global Partnerships Forum. They have one son, Zecki, who is a Senior Director at Henry Schein.

Sergio Fernandez de Cordova, Founder & Executive Chairman of PVBLIC Foundation and P3 Smart City Partners. Previously, Sergio was the Permanent Observer of the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America (OIJ) to the United Nations. As Executive Chairman of PVBLIC he leads the foundations engagement with Governments from the Vatican to the White House to the United Nations and multinationals; public & private, leading all multilateral engagement and partnership integration across the UN system. In all of his work public & private, he leads the global development and policy work behind structuring Public Private Partnerships (PPP) that embrace social change; making sure the next generation have a seat at the table — using media, data and technology to drive that change. Over the last thirteen years Sergio has helped launch or played an instrumental role in developing platform and initiatives to advance sustainable development and impact across the globe. From his work at the United Nations helping develop the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) of the SDG Fund at UN, to being one of the founding members of the UN Global Entrepreneurs Council (GEC), to launching through PVBLIC; the SDG Media Zone, SDG Lounge, UN Family Office for Sustainable Development, Blockchain Commission, SDG Data Hub & Alliance, to supporting President Obama on the White House’s “It’s On Us” & First Lady’s “Drink Up” initiatives to the Vatican supporting Pope Francis’ Scholas Foundation via Transforming Education Donor Fund as well as many other notable global movements with associated Donor Advised Fund structures to support the investment of development of the various multilateral initiatives.
Aissata M.B. Camara, Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Strategic Partnerships in the New York City Mayor’s Office for International Affairs. In this capacity Aissata helps to identify opportunities for engagement between City agencies and the international community, including the United Nations, and develop and guide substantive partnerships. Prior to becoming Deputy Commissioner, Aissata served as the Strategic Relationships Manager and Program Director for NYC Junior Ambassadors. Before joining the Mayor’s Office, she co-founded There Is No Limit Foundation and worked as the organization’s Vice President of Programs and Partnerships, developing and managing programs focused on empowering poor and ultra-poor people through entrepreneurship, education, water, sanitation, hygiene, and the eradication of gender-based violence. Aissata previously worked at The Rockefeller Foundation and Grameen America. She graduated from Bernard M. Baruch College (CUNY) with a B.A. in International Relations and Social Policy and went on to earn an MPA in International Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy at the New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She is originally from the Republic of Guinea and grew up in Queens, New York. A proud New Yorker, Aissata currently resides in Manhattan and enjoys volunteering and discovering new sites across the City.

Juan Pablo Celis Garcia, Programme Management Officer in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya. As part of this role, he coordinates the engagement of stakeholders in the intergovernmental negotiations for a UN Treaty on plastic pollution. Previously in UNEP, he managed the Young Champions of the Earth programme, the UN’s highest environmental honor for young people. Preceding experiences include Communications Associate for the UN Association of New York and Adviser to the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations. In addition, Juan Pablo is also a founding member of the Youth Representatives Steering Committee of the UN Department of Global Communications and served as Subcommittee Co-Chair of the 66th United Nations DPI/NGO Conference on Education for Global Citizenship. He holds a B.A. in International Studies - Public Policy, Summa Cum Laude, and a Master of international Affairs.

Alyn Ware, Program Director, World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy. Council Member, World Future Council. Alyn has worked for international peace, disarmament and environment organizations for forty years, mostly focused on United Nations processes and initiatives. He is originally from Aotearoa-New Zealand, was based in New York for over a decade and is now operating out of Prague, Czech Republic. He is co-founder of a number of coalitions and joint projects including the Abolition 2000 global network to eliminate nuclear weapons; Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign to shift nuclear weapons budgets and investments to peace and sustainable development; Legal Alternatives to War (LAW not War) focusing in enhancing the use, jurisdiction and impact of the International Court of Justice; UNFOLD ZERO focusing on United Nations processes to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament to engage legislators in nuclear risk reduction, non-proliferation and disarmament; and Mobilizing an Earth Governance Alliance (MEGA) focusing on strengthening global governance mechanisms to protect the environment and society for current and future generations. Alyn is contact point for the Earth Governance ImPACT coalition and co-convenor of the Just Institutions ImPACT coalition which were established at the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference with a focus on proposals for the UN Summit of the Future which takes place in September 2024.
Daniel Perell, Representative to the UN for the Baha’i International Community to the UN and Co-Chair of the Coalition for the UN We Need. Daniel joined the Baha’i International Community’s United Nations Office as a Representative in 2011. His areas of work include social and sustainable development, global citizenship, human rights, and the role of religion in society and defense of the Baha’i Community. He was a Global Organizing Partner of the NGO Major Group and Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development. In 2010, Daniel received a JD from the University of Virginia, School of Law. He earned an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and has been admitted to the New York State Bar.

Jeremy McKane, CEO of OCN.ai, an Artist, Explorer and Entrepreneur. Jeremy is an accomplished entrepreneur, explorer, and a highly respected underwater photographer and installation artist. Over his 30-year career in the technology industry, which began at age 16 at what is now known as NTT VERIO, he has seamlessly blended technology with his passion for ocean conservation. This convergence of interests led to the launch of the ULTRAMARINE Ocean Action Summit on Sir Richard Branson's Necker Island, a platform designed to galvanize change in ocean health and sustainability. Recognizing the urgent need for accurate, reliable data in ocean conservation, Jeremy founded OCN.ai. This revolutionary initiative, often likened to the 'Fitbit of the ocean', amalgamates cutting-edge technology and public participation to collect, analyze, and model ocean data in real-time. OCN.ai empowers local communities, provides indispensable information to stakeholders, and fosters transparency and trust in the emerging blue carbon markets. Under Jeremy's visionary leadership, OCN.ai is not only making significant strides in ocean conservation but also in the creation of a sustainable ocean economy. In its ambitious journey, OCN.ai aspires to become the gold standard for blue carbon verification, setting a new benchmark for trust and transparency in this vital sector.

Gaelin Rosenwaks, Founder of Global Ocean Exploration, Inc. Gaelin is a marine scientist, explorer, photographer and filmmaker. Always fascinated by the marine world, she began diving at 14 and has since continued exploring ocean ecosystems. She began her career at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution where she researched over-wintering patterns of Southern Ocean zooplankton. Gaelin earned her Master's Degree in Coastal Environmental Management from Duke University working with the Tag-A- Giant program and conducting research on the migratory movements of Giant Bluefin Tunas. Alarmed by the changes happening in the oceans, Gaelin founded Global Ocean Exploration Inc (GOE) to share her passion for ocean exploration, marine conservation and photography. She now participates and conducts expeditions in every ocean to alert the public not only to the challenges facing the oceans, but also to what science is doing to understand these changes. Gaelin is a US Coast Guard Licensed Captain, and a Fellow of both the Royal Geographical Society, the Explorers Club and a member of the Society of Women Geographers. She has published articles in scientific journals, newspapers and magazines and has delivered lectures at global conferences and many institutions including the Explorers Club, Patagonia, Inc, Duke University and Yale University. She has appeared as an expert on many TV programs including on The Discovery Channel, CBS News, and Business Insider, and as a presenter and angler on the National Geographic Channel Series, Fish Warrior. Her photography has been displayed in many exhibitions, including solo exhibitions at Duke University, The Maritime Aquarium, and the Patagonia Upper West Side Store in NYC. Gaelin serves as an Honorary Advisor of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and an Ambassador for Oceanic Global and is a proud partner of UN World Oceans Day. To Gaelin, there is nothing better than being in the open ocean surrounded by endless blue water and passing wildlife Gaelin’s passion for the ocean and conservation is infectious and she hopes to inspire others to care about our planet through her work.
Isaac Reshad, Co-Founder and President of SDG Relief Fund, Managing Director Global Access Partner, LLC. Global Access Partner specializes in Public Private Partnerships, foreign direct investment, impact investing and global business development. Isaac also co-founded SDG Relief Fund with a focus to provide long-term rehabilitation and relief to regions that have been impacted by disasters and are facing economic instability, social and environmental vulnerability. SDG Relief Fund is also working with a broad array of groups including Family Offices, local and national authorities to support United Nations programs such as the 17 SDGs for the UN 2030 Agenda. Along with serving on the boards of several professional and charitable organizations, Isaac has supported several global projects and he is regularly invited to speak at the UN. Prior to founding Global Access Partner, he worked as a business consultant, specializing in strategic business development including capital raising for SMEs and start-ups, working with Private Equity and Venture Capital partners. Many of his successful concepts were concentrated in emerging markets, infrastructure, real estate, sustainable and fashion related industries.

Alastair Callender, Founder of Callender Designs, an Award Winning Sustainable Yacht Designer, Yacht Charter Vacations Specialist & Philanthropist. Alastair designed Soliloquy – The Super-Green Superyacht which was inspired by his love of the World’s Oceans. He is the only Yacht Charter Vacations expert & Yacht Designer that has won International Awards for ‘Sustainability’ and for ‘Excellence in Innovation’ by The International Superyacht Society. He draws upon a career of globally distinguished success. Alastair has been featured by The New York Times, The Financial Times, CNN, The Sunday Times, The Guardian and all major yachting media. Alastair’s passions include Sustainability and Philanthropy. By harnessing his unique position of being able to “connect-the-dots” between superyacht owners, charter clients and his wider connections, Alastair loves introducing his personal network of philanthropists to each other, to help solve some of the most important global issues. Alastair is an Advisor to the United Nations Foundation, and is Exclusive Yachting Partner to Her Majesty The Queen’s Commonwealth Trust. Alastair enjoys supporting their wonderful work. Other philanthropic causes close to Alastair’s heart include Children’s Adoption and ending Human Trafficking. As a public speaker, he has given presentations at numerous global conferences and events. Alastair has been invited to speak on Philanthropy and as an authority on Sustainability in Yachting. Alastair offers a unique perspective and expertise on the global superyacht fleet. Alastair launched the Americas region for Moravia Yachting, which has been based in Monaco since 1962. Today he advises clients in booking tailor-made vacations, ownership, and sustainable yacht design projects. Moravia Yachting is part of the wider Hill Robinson Group, the global leader in the Yacht Management of the most prestigious superyachts.

Madyson Miller is the Ambassador Program Manager for Women in Ocean Science. She is a Program Analyst with Groundswell contracted to NOAA Research International Activities, where she supports the Europe portfolio and leads on International UN Ocean Decade matters. Prior to joining IA, Madyson was a John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship in 2022 in NOAA’s Coral Reef Conservation Program and the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force. She started and served as the co-chair for the Communications Working Group of the US Coral Reef Task Force from 2022-2023. Madyson has a M.S. in Marine and Environmental Science from the University of the Virgin Islands with a focus on invasive seagrass ecology and a B.S. in Marine Biology from the University of West Florida. In a voluntary capacity, Madyson is the Hub Leader for Sustainable Ocean Alliance DC and is a member of the US Early Career Ocean Professionals Steering Committee. Beyond her professional endeavors, you can find Madyson catching up on her favorite fantasy, sci-fi books & being with her cat.
Junisa Sallu Kallon, African Tourism Board Ambassador for Sierra Leone & the Founder & CEO of Juninnho Investments Company Limited specializing in investment development and management since 2012. He established the Youth Association of Sierra Leone. Junisa is a distinguished figure from Sierra Leone, known for his versatile roles as a diplomat, entrepreneur, and advocate for sustainable development, especially for youth and holds significant leadership positions across various international platforms. His Key Roles and Achievements span several sectors, including serving as a member of the African Tourism Board since 2018. He is. In 2013, Junisa founded the Youth Association of Sierra Leone, focusing on youth empowerment and sustainable development. 2020–2023, he represented Sierra Leone at the World Business Angels Investment Forum. Since 2021 Junisa has served a Global Ambassador, promoting entrepreneurship at the Commonwealth Entrepreneurs Club. Junisa's career is marked by his dedication to fostering growth and development in Sierra Leone through active involvement in global initiatives and a strong commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. His contributions in investment and youth leadership have earned him recognition on numerous international platforms. Since 2015, Junisa has served as an Associate Fellow with the Royal Commonwealth Society, supporting youth leadership across the Commonwealth. Kallon's career reflects a commitment to fostering growth and development in Sierra Leone through active participation in global initiatives and a focus on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. His investment and youth leadership work has earned him recognition on multiple international platforms. His Professional Expertise centers on Business Development and Management, Strategic Planning, diplomatic Engagement, Sustainable Development Advocacy and Event Planning and Sales. He holds a Master’s in International Relations and a Bachelor’s in Political Science from Atlantic International University.

Brett Howell, Founder and Executive Director, Howell Conservation Fund. Brett has been a conservationist since his youth growing up in coastal California. He takes an approach similar to Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax character – "speaking for the trees" so people and nature thrive. With more than 15 years of experience at the intersection of conservation and business, Brett has grown from a youth passionate about the environment into a pragmatic leader who understands what success looks like from start to finish within conservation efforts, non-profit management, and philanthropic giving. Brett founded Howell Conservation Fund to create a long-term, venture philanthropy-focused organization that will drive catalytic change in the conservation space – ensuring a future for people and nature alike on planet

Cherinet Hariffo, Temple University Graduate 2024 and an Honorary Advisor for the NGOCSD-NY Global Youth Leadership Council. Cherinet is a dedicated advocate for education and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a focus on the SDG 2030 genda. Cherinet's academic journey at Temple University, where he earned a BA in Political Science and a minor in Legal Studies, has been foundational in shaping his advocacy work. Currently, he is pursuing a Master of Public Administration at the University of Pennsylvania's Fels School of Government, with an expected graduation date in May 2025. He has served as a Youth Representative to the United Nations ECOSOC and DGC, engaging directly with multilateral organizations to advocate for equitable education access and inclusive youth engagement in decision-making processes. Additionally, he is the Youth Policy Advisor at the Permanent Mission of Djibouti to the United Nations. In his roles, Cherinet has coordinated events and conferences at the UN, advocated for African Youth Voices, and co-designed policies on refugee education and youth participation in policymaking. He is also a refugee education advocate, having been a former refugee in Kenya. His involvement in various youth policy advisory roles across North America and Europe underscores his commitment to empowering young people globally. Proficient in multiple languages, including English, Amharic, Oromo, Swahili, Tigrigna, and intermediate French, Cherinet's linguistic capabilities have supported his global advocacy efforts. His vision is for every young person to have access to quality education and the opportunity to participate meaningfully in shaping our world, and he is committed to leveraging his education, experiences, and passion for global development to make this vision a reality.
Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need. Since 2017 the civil society-led UN2020 initiative had facilitated discussions with member states, UN officials and civil society advocates on the need for a robust, well prepared 75th anniversary commemoration for the UN in 2020, one that includes a meaningful process of stocktaking, review and strengthening of the organization. In December 2020, the UN2020 campaign was renamed the Coalition for the UN We Need. Together First is a network of individuals, civil society organizations, practitioners, parliamentarians, business leaders and activists from all regions of the world committed to fair, open and inclusive solutions to improve global governance. Jeffery had previously represented CIVICUS as UN Representative (NY), where he was an organizing partner of the UN DESA NGO Major Group (2011-2016) responsible for guiding multi-stakeholder engagement of NGOs in the lead up to Rio+20 through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. He was Chair of the 65th UN DPI/NGO Conference, “2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda”, UN HQ NY, 27-29 August 2014. He was also Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee (2007-2011), helping to organize the annual UN DPI/NGO Conferences hosted abroad in Paris (2008), Mexico City (2009), Melbourne (2010) and Bonn (2011). Jeffery was previously UN Representative (NY) for the U.S. Baha’i Community (1996-2009) where he led a number of NGO initiatives as Co-Chair of the Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court (FENICC); Chair of the UN Association/USA’s New York Council of Organizations; President of the Committee of Religious NGOs; and co-founder of the Tripartite Forum on International Cooperation for Peace.

Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo is a Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Ishmael Byne Kamara Foundation (IBTK Foundation) and served as the Chief of the Civil Society Unit within the Civil Society and Advocacy Section at the UN Department of Global Communications (recently retired). She is also known as Aunty Hawa) With a rich background in United Nations operations both in the field and at headquarters, she specialized in public information outreach and fostering partnerships with civil society organizations, focusing especially on youth and women's groups. Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo embarked on her United Nations journey in 1986 within the Department of Public Information, now known as the Department of Global Communications. Over the years, she held a variety of communications and management roles within the United Nations, including a stint in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the United Nations. Additionally, she contributed to two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia from 1992 to 1994. A hallmark of her career was her dedication to mentorship, guiding young leaders through international forums and helping them amplify their voices and innovative solutions for impactful change. Beyond her contributions to the Department of Global Communications, Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo lent her expertise to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) at the organization’s headquarters in Nairobi. In her roles as an Associate Human Settlements Officer and a Partners and Youth Officer, she focused on managing strategic partnerships and leading empowerment programs tailored for communities, with a special emphasis on women and young people, particularly in informal urban settings. Currently, she serves as the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Ishmael Byne Taylor-Kamara Foundation (commonly known as IBTK Foundation) focused on quality education to build the capacity of Sierra Leoneans toward improved livelihoods and living standards. Ms. Taylor-Kamara Diallo holds dual nationality from Sierra Leone and the United States of America.

Dr. Andrise Bass, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique & Vice Chair of the NGOCSD-NY. Dr. Bass is a Transformational Strategist Coach, Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist with over 28 years of experience in the business industry. She has been a community organizer, for grassroots movements, an author, a keynote speaker, a business entrepreneur for business start-ups and a business strategist for non-profits. Her passion is helping men and women become leaders in their communities. Over the past 11 years, she has trained and mentored thousands of corporate professionals and entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds and varied industries across the globe. Every day, she looks forward to helping her clients transform their lives, so they can create wealth and have a long-lasting sustainable legacy. In 2011, she was honored as a social ambassador for her humanitarian work and her positive fight on social justice in Haiti. She has a Bachelor in criminal justice, MBA in Organizational Psychology and Ph.D. in public policy and administration. Working with Al Gore she is a Mentor/Leader at Climate Reality Project and Vice President of ASPAFrique a non-profit. As President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation she is continuously working to support education, poverty alleviation, human rights, climate action, and sustainable development. Dr. Bass’ goal is to educate women to become leaders in being of serve to their communities.
Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family and Convener of NGO Major Group Urban Cluster for the UN High Level Political Forum. Margo is proud that NGOCSD-NY is a long standing Member of the Friends of UN World Oceans Day / Month convened by the Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. In addition, Margo is a Sustainable Development Strategic Consultant connecting stakeholders from all sectors and regions with the SDGs. She is a Member of the Coalition for the UN We Need and a Co-Founder of the Habitat Civil Society Working Group. Margo is proud that NGOCSD-NY has Special Consultative Status with the UN Council of Economic and Social Affairs and Association with the UN Dept. of Global Communications. She passionately champions all of the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals especially SDG17 on Building Partnerships. She believes in the NGOCSD-NY motto: “Turn Your Passions into Actions for Change.”. Margo brings entrepreneurs of all ages and the private sector into the United Nations discourse to foster investments in innovative solutions in the SDGs. Margo is an Artist and Designer having worked behind the scenes on numerous TV, Film and Theatre productions. She actively strives to have the voices of all stakeholders globally included in the dialogues within the UN community to support the success with the UN Summit of the Future and the UN2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, to “Leave No One Behind.” Margo was honored to receive the Volunteers of America Lifetime Achievement Award from U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

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