

Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants: Critical Challenges for Sustainable Urbanization

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Bios of Speakers

2.00 pm Opening statements

H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy-Secretary-General of the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson was appointed Deputy-Secretary-General of the United Nations by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (On 2 March 2012) . 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. From 1980 to 2000, Mr. Eliasson served many key positions, and was the first UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs.

H.E. Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe, Acting President, United Nations General Assembly; Representative of Cameroun to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe of Cameroon was elected Chair of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) on 27 August 2010. He was named his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations on 8 September 2008. Prior to that appointment, Mr. Monthe served as Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) from 2006. Before that, he was Special Adviser to the President of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly from 2004 to 2005. From 1996 until 2004, he was Inspector General in Cameroon's Ministry of External Relations, responsible for inspections of central services, diplomatic missions and consulates

abroad, as well as coordinator of all files relating to multilateral cooperation, particularly those relating to the United Nations. He holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Yaoundé, Cameroon, as well as a doctorate in international relations from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon, University of Yaoundé II.

H.E. Mr. Sven Jürgenson, Vice-President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Sven Jürgenson, is the new Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Jürgenson was his country's ambassador to France and Monaco, from 2010, during which time he also served as Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. He served as Foreign Policy Adviser to the President from 2006 to 2010, and from 2003 to 2006, as Under-Secretary for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Jürgenson holds a master's degree from Tallinn Polytechnic Institute in data processing and pursued further studies in that field at Ingenieurhochschule Dresden, in Germany.

H.E. Ms. Dina Kawar, Representative Jordan to the United Nations and co-facilitator for the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants



H.E. Ms. Dina Kawar is the new Permanent Representative of Jordan. Prior to her appointment, she was Ambassador of Jordan to France from 2001 to 2013, with concurrent accreditation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and to the Holy See, since 2002. From 2005 to 2013, she also served as Ambassador to Portugal. From 2000 to 2001, Ms. Kawar was Director of Bureau Privé de Sa Majesté le Roi Abdullah II in Paris, France, having previously headed the Paris office of the Bureau de S.A.R Prince El Hassan from 1991 to 2000. From 1985 to 1990 she served in the Bureau's Amman office. She holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree in international relations from Mills College, both in the United States.

Mr. Josep Roig, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments



Josep Roig has held the post of Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments since September 2011. He was a founding member of Metropolis, the metropolitan section of UCLG, in 1985, becoming Secretary General of the organization in 1999. Previously, Josep Roig had worked in the Barcelona Metropolitan Corporation (1983-1990, 1996-2000, 2009-2011), in different positions on economic promotion, asset management, finances and planning, first as Coordinator of Technological and Industrial Parks, then as Deputy Director and, finally, as Financial Director and Deputy Director General. Josep Roig has held the posts of lecturer in Urban and Regional Planning at the Department of Economics of the University of Barcelona (1977-1985) and Director General of the University of Barcelona (1990-1994). Graduated in economics by the University of Barcelona (1967-1972) and Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Southern California (1974-1977).

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Women, Global Migration Group Chair 2016



Ms. Lakshmi Puri is Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women. She is directly responsible for the leadership and management of the Bureau for Intergovernmental Support, UN System Coordination, and Strategic Partnerships. Ms. Puri joined UN Women in March 2011 and was the interim head of UN Women from March to August 2013. Prior to joining UN Women, she was Director of the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. She joined the United Nations in 2002 as Director of the largest division at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Division of International Trade in Goods, Services and Commodities. From 2007 to 2009, she served as UNCTAD's Acting Deputy Secretary-General. She has a Bachelor of Arts (honors) from Delhi University and a postgraduate degree from Punjab University, as well as professional diplomas.

2.30 pm Keynote for the High Level Summit on Migrants and Refugees 19 September 2016

Dr. Joan Clos, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Secretary-General of the Habitat III Conference



Dr. Joan Clos is the Executive Director and Under Secretary General of the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) since October 2010. He was twice elected Mayor of Barcelona, serving two terms from 1997 until 2006. He was Minister of Industry, Tourism, and Trade of Spain between 2006 and 2008. Prior to joining the United Nations, he served as the Spanish Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan. 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). Dr. Clos received a number of awards, including a gold medal from the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1999 for transforming Barcelona. In 2002, he won the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honor Award for encouraging global cooperation between local authorities and the United Nations. He is a medical doctor with a distinguished career in public service and diplomacy.

2.45 pm Dialogue Session I: Challenges and opportunities

Chair: H.E. Mr. Inigo Lambertini, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Inigo Lambertini was appointed Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in January 2014. From 2010, Ambassador Lambertini served four years as Principal Director for Country Promotion at the Italian Foreign Ministry in Rome. Before that he was appointed Advisor to the Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry for Economic Diplomacy (2009-10). Between 2005 and 2009 he served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the OECD in Paris. Ambassador Lambertini served as Counselor on Domestic Policy at the Embassy of Italy in Washington and subsequently First Counselor (2001-05). In the previous decade, Ambassador Lambertini served in various offices, such as Counselor of the permanent mission, Head of the Commercial Office at the Embassy of Italy, and many others. He obtained a degree in Law cum laude from Università Federico II in Naples (1983).

Moderator: Prof. Urs Gauchat, Dean of the College of Architecture and Design, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT); Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization



Urs P. Gauchat, is the Dean of the College of Architecture and Design and Professor of Architecture, New Jersey Institute of Technology. Professor Gauchat transformed the School into an internationally recognized leader in the area of CAD (Computer Aided Design) and community development. Professor Gauchat is particularly interested in creating a bridge between the considerable resources of universities and the needs of communities. As a professional and academic he has a long standing interest and expertise in the field of housing and community building worldwide. From 1978-1998, Professor Gauchat was the President of Gauchat Architects, Inc. Professor Gauchat also served as a consultant to governmental and nongovernmental agencies. Professor Gauchat holds a Master in Architecture from the Harvard Graduate school of Design.

Panel: Mr. Nicholas Hamilton, Director of Urban Policy, The American Assembly



Nicholas Hamilton, Director of Urban Policy of The American Assembly where he leads the Legacy Cities Partnership, a national coalition of practitioners, researchers and leaders working to revitalize America's legacy cities. His work focuses on economic development, urban governance, and civic engagement. Prior to joining The Assembly, he worked at the Earth Institute Center for Sustainable Urban Development at Columbia University. His architectural and urban design work for the firm Davis Brody Bond included the master planning and architectural design of US diplomatic facilities abroad to the design and construction management of

research laboratories at Columbia University. Mr. Hamilton holds a Masters of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and BA in Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley.

Panel: Mr. Floris Alkemade, Chief Government Architect, the Netherlands



Floris Alkemade is Chief Government Architect (Rijksbouwmeester) as of 1 September 2015. The Chief Government Architect protects the architectural quality of the Dutch state property and their incorporation into the urban area as a whole. He is a Dutch architect, urban designer and former partner of Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA). He gives lectures and seminars at universities in the Netherlands, Belgium and France. In August 2006, Alkemade opened his own office and is currently director of FAA and FAA/XDGA. Alkemade works on complex projects both within the Netherlands and abroad. He stands out due to his attention for infrastructure and logistics, as shown by the area development and incorporation of the TGV station in the center of the French city of Lille, as well as studies for

the A12 and other Dutch motorways. Themes such as rezoning and urban development are also an important part of his work.

Panel: Hon. Jose Torres, Mayor of Patterson, New Jersey, USA



Jose 'Joey' Torres is the 46th Mayor of the City of Paterson, re-elected for a third term in office in May, 2014. His term has been highlighted by economic growth initiatives, improving constituent services and his administration's "Investment in Human Capital" program, culminating in the "Safe City Initiative," a partnership with John Jay College of Criminal Justice. A committed civil servant, Mayor Torres was elected Mayor of the City of Paterson in 2002 and 2006 and served in the City Council since 1990. During his first two terms as Mayor he established hundreds of affordable housing units for working families, and established twenty-one (21) after-school centers. Along with Governor James E. McGreevey, he announced the designation of the Paterson Great Falls as a

State Park later being intrinsically involved in its designation as the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. He has also participated in the Mayor's Institute on City Design in South Carolina and served as a panelist in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP). Mayor Torres is a recipient of the New Jersey Planning Association's Award for Smart Growth/City of Paterson's Master Plan and serves on the Board of Directors of Preservation New Jersey.

Panel: Ms. Carol Loewenson, President of AIA NY Chapter, Partner, Mitchell, Giurgola Architects



Carol Loewenson, FAIA is a partner at Mitchell/Giurgola Architects and is the current President of AIA New York. She has served as a Board member of the Center for Arts Education, the Center for Architecture Foundation and New Yorkers for Parks. In addition, she has served on numerous local and national professional panels and juries. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Barnard College and a Master of Architecture degree from Columbia University. Ms. Loewenson was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2013.

Panel: Mr. Vinícius Carvalho Pinheiro, Special Representative to the UN and Director ILO Office for the United Nations



Vinícius Carvalho Pinheiro, is the Deputy Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations (New York) and Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Interagency Coordination Board since October 2012. Before moving to New York, Mr Pinheiro served as senior social protection adviser to the ILO Director General in Geneva. He also acted as ILO Sherpa to the G20 Development Working Group and served as Executive Secretary of the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group. Prior to joining the ILO, Mr Pinheiro was the National Secretary for Social Security of Brazil (1999 -2002) responsible for designing and implementing the Brazilian Pension reform. In 2001, Mr Pinheiro was elected Vice-President of the Inter-American Social Security Conference. Between 2002 and 2005 he worked in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in Paris and also provided consultancy services for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

and to the World Bank in projects in Africa and Latin America.

4.00 pm Dialogue Session II: Challenges and opportunities

Moderator: Mr. Frederic Vallier, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions



Frédéric Vallier is Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) since 1 February 2010. He has over twenty years of experience working with local and regional authorities, including within the city and Metropolitan Authority of Nantes (France) where, from 2004 to 2010, he held the position of Deputy-head of the Mayor's office, advisor for international and European affairs, and Head of the European Service. From 2003 to 2008, he was successively in charge of cross-border cooperation in a Department of Lorraine, Adviser in the field of "development and international relations", after which he was appointed Deputy-head of the cabinet of the mayor of Nantes, Jean-Marc Ayrault. In 1995, he was elected Deputy-Mayor of Fresnes, a municipality in the south of Paris. He holds an Executive Master's Degree in public management from Science

Po Paris. In 2012, he was elected member of the board of the European Movement International.

Panel: Mr. Don Weinreich and Ms. Eliza Montgomery, ENNEAD Lab (UNHCR-Stanford Project)



Don Weinreich is a partner at Ennead Architects, where his work on award-winning projects spans over 25 years. In addition to his project-related responsibilities, his efforts are directed toward promoting an integrated practice of design excellence supported by technical innovation and a collaborative team-based project management culture. In collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (U.N.H.C.R.) and Stanford University, Mr. Weinreich is currently leading the Ennead Lab research project

Toward a Unified approach, developing a new methodology for the planning and design of refugee settlements. Mr. Weinreich graduated from Columbia College and earned his Master of Architecture from Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. He is a LEED Accredited Professional and a member of the American Institute of Architects.



Eliza Montgomery, ENNEAD Lab, She was part of the design team that collaborated to produce a toolkit to help authorities site and design refugee settlements in a way that improves quality of life and creates beneficial connections with host communities. Additionally, she presented with Don Weinreich, *Rethinking Refugee Communities* as part of an evening's look at the refugee crisis sponsored by Arcam (The Amsterdam Centre for Architecture) and the Academy of Architecture in Amsterdam along with Hans van der Made, an Amsterdam-based architect involved with the Jordanian Al Zaatari camp. She

attained a Master in Architecture, from Columbia University.

Panel: Mr. Filiep Decorte, Deputy Director, UN-Habitat New York Office



Filiep Decorte is currently the Deputy Director of UN-Habitat's New York Liaison Office. Previously, he was the chief technical advisor and the focal point for UN-Habitat's crisis-related work in New York. He played a key role in developing an urban track towards the World Humanitarian Summit and the emerging Global Alliance for Urban Crises. During his career, Filiep has predominantly focused on urban initiatives in conflict- and crisis-affected countries, specializing in urban planning, land, and housing issues. He has worked for UN-Habitat for more than fifteen years in different capacities, including long-term assignments in Haiti, the occupied Palestinian territory,

Somalia, and Morocco. He also acted as coordinator for UN-Habitat's Global Disaster Management Program. He was trained as a civil engineer, architect, and urban and regional planner with advanced master's degrees from the Universities of Ghent and Leuven in Belgium.

Panel: Hon. Lefteris Papagiannakis, Vice Mayor of Athens, Greece



Lefteris Papagiannakis, Vice Mayor of Athens. He was born in France in 1971. Studied law in the university of Lille II and worked in the European Parliament. He is a member of the Athens municipal council and president of the Immigrant Integration Council.

Panel: Dr. Aliye Pekin Celik, President, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization



Aliye Pekin Celik, PhD, is the President of Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization. She was instrumental in establishing innovative participatory mechanisms to build alliances to influence momentum towards addressing some of the world's most pressing concerns in developing countries as the Chief of Economic and Social and Inter-organizational Cooperation Branch, UNDESA. She started the book series on the High Level Segment of Economic and Social Council, worked on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Countries Emerging from Conflicts. As the Head of New York office of UNHABITAT, she directed the preparations for the HABITAT II Conference, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey in 1996. During her career with UN-HABITAT she focused on building materials, construction technologies, and sustainable urbanization, energy and gender issues. Previously she was a principal researcher in the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey, Building Research Institute, and the Ministry of Construction and Resettlement and adviser to the State Planning Department, she worked on energy conservation and affordable adequate housing. She has degrees in architecture from Middle East Technical University, Princeton University, and a PhD from Istanbul Technical University.

5.00 pm Way forward

Chair: H.E. Dr. Nawaf Salam, Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations



Nawaf A. Salam, the new Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations (July 2007). Prior to his appointment, Mr. Salam served as Chair of the Political Studies and Public Administration Department at the American University of Beirut, taking leave as of February 2007. A Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science from 2003 to 2005, he also worked as a part-time lecturer at the institution while busy with his private law practice between 1992 and 2003. From 1989 to 1992, Mr. Salam was a foreign legal consultant at the law firm of Edwards & Angell in Boston, Massachusetts. He has been an associate researcher at the Centre d'histoire de l'Islam contemporain at the Sorbonne University in Paris and holds degrees from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, Harvard Law School, Beirut's Lebanese University and the Sorbonne University in Paris. Proficient in Arabic, English and French, Mr. Salam co-authored the draft law submitted by the Special Electoral Law Commission to the Government of Lebanon in June 2006, in addition to drafting and editing a related report of the Commission.

Moderator: Prof. Lance Jay Brown, ACSA Distinguished Professor of Architecture, Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, City College of New York; Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization



Lance Jay Brown, FAIA, DPACSA, is an architect, urban designer, educator, and author. He is an ACSA Distinguished Professor in the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, City College of New York, CUNY, served as assistant director of the Design Arts Program at the NEA and as advisor to the World Trade Center Site 9/11 International Memorial Design Competition and Boston's Logan International Airport 9/11 memorial Competition. His numerous awards include: AIA New York State President's Award for Excellence in Non-traditional Architecture and the prestigious AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion for Excellence in

Architectural Education. He served on the board of the AIANY Chapter, is founding Co-Chair of the AIA Design for Risk and Reconstruction Committee, and founding Board member of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization.

Panel: Hon. Berry Vrbanovic, Mayor of Kitchener, Canada



Berry Vrbanovic was elected as Mayor of the City of Kitchener in 2014, after serving as a City Councillor from 1994-2014. During his time as a councillor, Berry's commitment to his constituents resulted in the fire station at Ottawa Street and River Road, the Grand River-Stanley Park branch of the Kitchener Public Library and the Stanley Park Community Centre. In addition to serving on all regular standing committees of Kitchener city council and Region of Waterloo council, Berry is also an appointee and active participant on many boards and committees. He is also Treasurer of United Cities & Local Governments and is President Emeritus (2011-12) of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. In 2014, Berry ran for the elected office of mayor and with an outpouring of community support was successful. He is committed to improving the quality of life for residents in Kitchener and throughout the Region of Waterloo.

Panel: Dr. Lucy Earle, Urban Advisor, International Rescue Committee (7 min)



Lucy Earle, Ph.D. is an urban adviser for the International Rescue Committee's Urban Crises Learning and Advocacy Project and a co-lead of the Urban Expert Group for the World Humanitarian Summit. She is seconded from the Department for International Development (DFID) - UK to IRC as part of the Urban Crises Learning and Advocacy Partnership. After completing an MA in Social Development at the Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London, Lucy moved to Rio de Janeiro, where she worked in the projects department of ActionAid Brasil. She left the *cidade maravilhosa* in March 2002 to join UNRISD as a research assistant on the Civil Society and Social Movements Programme. She has conducted field research in Cuba for her MA thesis on the housing crisis in Havana and has worked and studied in Mexico and Chile.

Panel: Ms. Ninette Kelley, Director, NY Office, UNHCR (7 min)



Ninette Kelley is the Director of UNHCR's Liaison Office in New York since August 1st 2015. She joined UNHCR in 2002 and has served in several senior management positions both at Headquarters and in the field. Prior to her assignment in New York, Kelley served five years as UNHCR's Representative in Lebanon, leading one of UNHCR's most complex refugee operations. Before joining UNHCR, Kelley served for 8 years with the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) of Canada as a member of the Convention Refugee Determination Division (CRDD) and of the Immigration Appeal Division from June 1994 to June 2002. Previously she held various policy and consultative roles with international humanitarian agencies focusing on development and refugee issues. She is the author of *The Making of the Mosaic: The History of Canadian Immigration Policy*, University of Toronto Press, 2nd edition, October 2010 (with Michael Trebilcock) and has published in the areas of human rights law, citizenship, refugee protection, gender related persecution and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom. She is a lawyer by training.

Panel: Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon, Director of the Secretariat of Migrants in Countries in Crisis International Organization for Migration (7 min)



Michele Klein Solomon is Director of the Migration Policy and Research Department at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), where she has been instrumental in building the Organization's migration policy expertise and profile, including by helping to create and leading the IOM International Dialogue on Migration, and serving as a key member of the secretariat to and producing the Berne Initiative's International Agenda on Migration Management. Ms. Klein Solomon received her Juris Doctor and Masters of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) degrees, cum laude, from the Georgetown University Law Center and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, in 1988, with honors including the Landegger Honors Certificate in International Business Diplomacy. She served as the topics editor for the journal Law and Policy in International Business. Prior to joining IOM in 2000, Ms. Klein Solomon served as an Attorney Adviser with the U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser, from 1989 - 2000. She served in a number of offices (UN Affairs, Law Enforcement and Intelligence, Human Rights and Refugees, and Management) during her tenure with the State Department. Of particular relevance to her current position, Ms. Klein Solomon served as the Department's principal refugee and migration lawyer from 1991 - 1996.

Panel: Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild, Deputy to the SG's Special Advisor for the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants (7 min)



Fabrizio Hochschild is Deputy to the SG's Special Advisor for the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants. He was UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Colombia. Previously, he was Director of Human Resources Department of Support FALD UN (2010-2013); Chief of the Division of Field Operations and Technical Cooperation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Human in Geneva (2005-2009). He held several positions with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Tanzania, Belgrade, and Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. He worked also for United Nations Refugees Works Agency (UNRWA) in the West Bank (1990-1991). Between 1997 and 2000 Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild was special assistant to the Assistant Secretary-General UN, Sergio Vieira de Mello, in Geneva UNHCR, OCHA New York and peace keeping missions in Kosovo (UNMIK) and East Timor (UNTAET). He has an MA in literature and languages (Spanish and German) at Magdalen College, Oxford and MSc in forestry and Land Management St. Antony's College, also in Oxford.

5.45 pm Concluding remarks

Ms. Emilia Sáiz Carracedo, Deputy Secretary General, UCLG



Emilia Saiz is Deputy Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments based in Barcelona, Spain. In 2004 she moved to Barcelona contributing to the set up of United Cities and Local Governments where she has fulfilled several posts, Director of Statutory Affairs, Director of Statutory Issues and Institutional Relations and Chief of Staff before coming Deputy Secretary General. She joined the international municipal movement in 1997 at the International Union of Local Authorities, one founding organization of UCLG, based in The Hague, where she worked in projects dedicated to institutional capacity building of local governments associations and the promotion of gender equality in local governments, as Director of Programmes. She has a Master of Arts in European Studies with specialization in International and Dutch Law.

Mr. James Mc Cullar, FAIA, VP Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, Past President, AIANY Chapter (3 min)



James McCullar, FAIA, is Vice-President of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization and principal of James McCullar Architecture in New York City. His work in community design and affordable housing has been recognized through numerous awards, including a national AIA Honor Award in urban design for the Jamaica Market and election to the AIA College of Fellows. In 2008 he served as President of AIA New York, where he led the chapter's response to Mayor Bloomberg's initiatives for PlaNYC which included collaborations for the UN Forum on Sustainable Urbanization in the Information Age and the Greening the Iron Ribbon Conference on the Northeast Megaregion. From 2003 to 2006 in response to the Mayor's housing initiatives, he led a forum that showcased housing design at the Center for Architecture in New York. As a founding member of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, he has been engaged in developing collaborations for programs with UN Habitat on emerging issues. He has taught at Kansas State University and the New Jersey School Institute of Technology. He received a BA and BArch from Rice University, a Fulbright for urban design in Paris, France, and a Masters in Architecture from Columbia University where his thesis was on New York region.

Ms. Yamina Djacta, Director, UN-Habitat New York Office (3 min)



Yamina Djacta, Director, UN-Habitat New York Office. She has been working in the areas of policy analysis, planning, programme development, management, capacity development, as well as monitoring and evaluation for over 30 years at the national and international level. Her career with the United Nations began at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the area of public administration modernization and capacity development, with a focus on francophone Africa. She then joined UN-Habitat, serving in various positions working on urban issues within UN-Habitat, in Nairobi as well as in New York. Ms. Yamina Djacta holds a "Licence en sciences économiques" and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), with a major on International Management. She also undertook post-graduate studies in Corporate Finance.