Cities are at the center of today’s most urgent crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic. This lively dialogue focuses on how the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals now taking place in urban places is so vitally important to the global recovery. As has been observed in the past, successful achievement of 65% of the 169 SDG targets will occur in cities, and regions -- never has this work been so critical to ensure that we ‘build back better.’ Plans for action include innovations across the world from New York City to Nairobi. Speakers are drawn from non-governmental organizations, grassroots, academia, the United Nations and professions. Globally cities are developing Plans for Action due to COVID-19 to support all people - of every age.


Welcome & Introductions:
- Margo LaZaro, President/Chair of the NGOCSD-NY, Convener of the NGO/MG Urban Cluster and Co-Founder/CSO of the SDG Impact Awards

Keynotes:
- Shipra Narang Suri, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Div., UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya
- Yunus Arikan. Director of Global Advocacy at ICLEI/LGMA Local Authorities Constituency

Dialogue Panel:
- Katherine Kline, Co-Chair, Committee on Older Persons for General Assembly of Partners
- Theodore Liebman, Principal, Perkins Eastman, VP of Consortium for Sustainable Development
- Dr. Anna Rubbo, Senior Scholar, Center for Sustainable Urban Development at the Earth Institute, Columbia University
- Aline Rahbany, Technical Director, Urban Programming of World Vision International
- Mary Muia, Soroptimist International UN Rep, Nairobi. Kenya
- Lance J. Brown, Founder of the Consortium for Sustainable Development
- David Michael Terungwa, ASPAFrique, Climate Reality, Abuja, Nigeria
- Jane Katz, Technical Advisor for Global Urban Development, Co-Chair of Civil Society for GAP
- Dr. Eugénie L. Birch, Co-Director of Penn Institute for Urban Research & President of the General Assembly of Partners

Respondents:
- Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of UN2020 & Together First
- Aaron Etra, Chair of UNA-USA Council of Organizations

Interactive Dialogue