

HLPF 2021 SDG Learning session
Integrating Recovery Planning from COVID-19,
Building Resilience and Strengthening Policy Coherence towards the SDGs

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Photos and Bio of Contributors

	<p>Mr. Gabriel Muyuy, FILAC Technical Secretary He was Vice President of the Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC) between 1990 and 1991. He was Senator of the Colombian Republic, for two legislative periods (from 1991 to 1998), he was very involved in areas of Environment where the territorial rights of indigenous peoples had an important treatment. He also was Ombudsman Delegate for Indigenous Peoples for 8 years.</p> <p>He has been an international consultant for institutions such as the Norwegian Refugee Council in Colombia, the United Nations Development Program, the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Colombia, providing expertise and technical support in intercultural justice systems and peace processes. He was also Coordinator of the Intercultural Indigenous University, a program of FILAC and oversaw several graduate programs.</p>
	<p>Dr. Milind Pimprikar, Founder & Chairman, CANEUS, is an influential network builder connecting the “haves” and “have-nots”, with a proven track record of transitioning innovative technologies-based solutions to serve humanity’s collective safety, security, and prosperity. Milind is also founder & Chairman of Centre for Large Space Structures and Systems. Canada’s first Advanced Technology Centre he created through Public-private partnership following his PhD research. Moreover in 2005, Milind created NPS (Nano-Pico-Satellites) manufacturing enterprise, which was launched with the State visit by the King & Queen of Sweden and served as its CEO till 2012. In 2017 NPS was dedicated to the UN to serve the capacity development needs of developing countries.</p> <p>Milind had represented the Government of Canada on numerous Science & Technology partnering missions on Micro Nano Technology (MNT) to countries in US, Europe, and Asia, and created a 5- and 10-years roadmap for the Government of Canada on “Nanotechnologies for space applications”.</p>



Ms. Simona Di Pippo, Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, UNOOSA

After graduating from Astrophysics and Space Physics from the University "La Sapienza" in Rome, Italy in 1984, Ms. Di Pippo joined the Italian Space Agency (ASI) in 1986.

Her responsibilities ranged from earth observation to automation & robotics, science and human spaceflight and in 2002 she took up duty as Director of the ASI's Observation of the Universe. From 2008 to 2011, she served as Director of Human Spaceflight at the European Space Agency (ESA), before returning to ASI to lead the European Space Policy Observatory at ASI-Brussels until March 2014, when she was appointed Director of UNOOSA.

In 2009, Ms. Di Pippo co-founded Women in Aerospace Europe (WIA-E). She is an Academician of the International Academy of Astronautics and since 2016 a member of WEF Global Future Council on Space Technologies, co-chairing it from 2020.






Dr. Myrna Cunningham, President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC).

As one of the best-known figures of the global indigenous movement, she is notable for her excellent merits as a university graduate, researcher, public health specialist, member of parliament, and social activist for the rights of indigenous peoples, and in particular indigenous women from Nicaragua, America, and all over the world.

She was governing minister delegate of the North Caribbean Autonomous Region in Nicaragua.

In the 1990s, she created and founded the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua (URACCAN), becoming its founding president from 1994 to 2002.

Between 2011 and 2013, she served as member of the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues, becoming chair.

	<p>Dr Shirish Ravan works for the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs in Vienna, Austria. He coordinates activities of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) in Asia and the Pacific. He holds a bachelor degree in Agricultural Science, a Master in Environmental Sciences and PhD in Forest Ecology. He has authored over 50 publications including 20 research papers in peer-reviewed journals.</p>
	<p>Dr. Lilia Yumagulova, Program Director for the Preparing Our Home</p> <p>Dr Lilia Yumagulova, MSc, PhD is a Bashkir woman who is passionate about building community resilience to climate change and disasters. Lilia brings over 15 years of experience in government, NGOs, media, Indigenous communities and supranational organizations in Europe and North America. She is the Program Director for the Preparing Our Home Program that enables Indigenous youth leadership in community resilience and Editor for HazNet, Canada’s disaster resilience magazine</p>
	<p>Prof. Ilan Kelman, University College London</p> <p>Dr Ilan Kelman http://www.ilankelman.org and Twitter/Instagram @ILANKELMAN is Professor of Disasters and Health at University College London, England and a Professor II at the University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway.</p> <p>His overall research interest is linking disasters and health, including the integration of climate change into disaster research and health research. That covers three main areas: (i) disaster diplomacy and health diplomacy http://www.disasterdiplomacy.org ; (ii) island sustainability involving safe and healthy communities in isolated locations http://www.islandvulnerability.org ; and (iii) risk education for health and disasters http://www.riskred.org</p>



Sustainable Development Officer and Environmental Engineer with over 30 years of experience in the planning and development fields with the United Nations, the public and private sectors in the Middle East, Africa, the United States and Canada.

Current responsibilities in the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) are focused on capacity development, technical cooperation and advisory services to developing and Least Developed Countries aiming at advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and its severe socio-economic impacts on most countries around the world, he started capacity building programs and projects, in partnership with UN relevant agencies and country teams, to support Governments and national stakeholders in formulating and implementing sustainable recovery plans and building back better towards the SDGs. He also championed the Division's work in conflict-affected countries, natural resource management and conflict prevention and adaptation of Results Based management (RBM) for the SDGs.

Previous responsibilities in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations focused on water management and the integration of environmental and natural resources considerations into field operations in the UN missions.

Joined the United Nations system in the year 2000 with global private and public sector work experience in project and program management, advanced university degrees in civil, water and environmental engineering and passion for peacebuilding and sustainable development for all.



Veronique Verbruggen is Senior Interregional Advisor for Governance and Institution Building and supports the UN member states (in particular LICs, SIDS and Land locked developing countries) with the implementation of SDG 16 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals framework, more in particular in the area of institutional and policy coherence and public sector reform. She was deployed as Senior Political Affairs Officer at UNSOM (Somalia) on matters of stabilization, community recovery, local governance and service delivery and peacebuilding matters.

She worked for 13 years as Senior Governance and Conflict Advisor in Kenya, Russia/ North Caucasus, Ukraine, the Western Balkans, Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey and Indonesia on behalf of the British Department for International Development (DFID). Veronique did extensive research and led public service reforms in

European countries, Afghanistan, Iraq and Russia. As Public Sector Governance Reform specialist to the European Commission's DG for Enlargement she led a public sector reform strategy in partnership with OECD that was implemented in collaboration with North Macedonia, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Turkey and Kosovo.

As Chief Program and Knowledge Management at the UNDP- hosted Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, she shaped and implemented roadmaps to give people operating in the informal economy access to justice, strengthen labor and business rights and strengthen secure tenure of land.

Before that, she worked for many years as an Advisor to the European Commission's DG on Employment and Social Affairs.

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Elena Proden, PhD, is Senior Specialist, Strategic Implementation of the 2030 Agenda Unit, at UNITAR. Elena is currently leading a team in charge of capacity development, training, research and advisory services for UN Member States in support of the holistic implementation of the SDGs, with a focus on: national strategic planning, M&E and data and statistics, including the use of new data sources. At UNITAR, she has also been carrying out research on public policies, regional and international cooperation, and sustainability issues. Her previous experience includes the reform of higher education and work with SMEs.



Shivangi Chavda is working as Senior Regional Lead (Asia & Europe) with Global Network of Civil Societies for Disaster Reduction. She has spent almost 20 years now working in this sector and have been a major contributor in the Humanitarian, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation across Asia.

As Senior Lead at GNDR, she is responsible for membership engagement, networking, capacity building and also leading the global projects. She is also managing the flagship program Views from the Frontline (VFL) 2019 across 50 countries in 5 continents. Her portfolio includes actions based research work, program implementation, networking, fund raising and advocacy.



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