



## ***The Impacts of AI, Microplastics & Circular Economies on Climate Change & Our Communities***

**Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 1pm - 2:30pm, EDT**  
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The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and our partner organizations have invited experts from various sectors and regions to share their insights on the impacts of AI, microplastic pollution, and circular economies on climate change and our communities. We will address the challenges related to these areas of concerns and the need for the United Nations to develop a legally binding Global Plastics Treaty to protect present and future generations. Our session will include updates on the upcoming UN/CSO Conference in Nairobi to support CSO inputs for the UN Summit of the Future during the UN79th General Assembly.

### **Programme**

#### **Welcome**

- Ms. Margo LaZaro, President & Chair of the NGOCSD-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family, and Convener of the NGO/MG Urban Cluster for the UN High-Level Political Form

#### **Opening Reflections**

- Mr. Jamil Ahmad is Director, UN Environment Programme, New York Office.

#### **Keynote Reflections**

- Mr. Richard A Roehrl, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Ms. Adriana Zacarias Farah, Head and Global Coordinator, of “Global Opportunities for SDGs” (GO4SDGs), at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Economy Division in Nairobi
- Mr. Joshua Lincoln, (Phd), Senior Fellow, Centre for International Law and Governance The Fletcher School, Tufts University Dr. Linda Vakunta, Deputy Mayor of Madison Wisconsin

#### **Impacting Change**

- Mr. Francois Rogers, Executive Director of Blue Planet Alliance
- Ms. Eirin Husabø, Marine Biologist, Associate Expert, Waste and Marine Litter at GRID-Arendal.
- Ms. Lirone Glikman, Founder and CEO of The Human Factor by LG.
- Mr. Tomer Bar, Advisor for the SDG Relief Fund

#### **Updates: CSO Nairobi Conference, the UN Summit of the Future & the Pact for the Future**

- Mr. Jeffery Huffines, Senior Adviser of the Coalition for the UN We Need

#### **Co-Moderators & Overview Reflections**

- Ms. Julia Sora Wykoff, a Freshman at Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Founder of Zeal Cares, NGOCSD-NY Youth Rep to UN/DGC & -Co-Chair of the NGOCSD-NY Youth Leadership Council
- Mr. Zachary Digout, International Studies Senior, University of Saskatchewan, in Canada. NGOCSD-NY Honorary Advisor and Member of the NGOCSD-NY Youth Leadership Council

**Our Team:** NGOCSD-NY, P/VBLIC Foundation, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet, Global Partnerships Forum, Baha'i International Community, SDG Relief Fund, Coalition for the UN We Need, The Stimson Center, Blue Planet Alliance, RecycleGO, United Cities & Local Governments, IBTK Foundation, NGO/MG Urban Cluster, Global Family, Education Leadership Development Council, Soroptimist International, IAAI GloCha, Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, Global Urban Development, Huairou Commission, General Assembly of Partners, Global Family for Love & Peace, Debate for Peace, ICW, GNEC, CoNGO, UNA USA COO.

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