



## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL INTEGRATION MEETING

### Biographies

27-29 May, 2014

ECOSOC Chamber

29 May, 11:30 – 13:00

Imagining the cities of the future - Solutions, innovations and partnerships for sustainable urbanization



**Professor Urs P. Gauchat, Dean of College of Architecture and Design, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Founding Director, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization**

Urs P. Gauchat is a Professor of Architecture and Dean of the College of Architecture and Design at the New Jersey Institute of Technology - a position he has held since 1991. He transformed the College into an internationally recognized leader in the area of digital design and community development. His focus is on results not just theory. Professor Gauchat is particularly interested in creating a bridge between the considerable resources of a State university and the needs of communities. He is a former professor of Architecture at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard, and President of the Boston Architectural Center for four years. Prior to that, he was President, for over 20 years of Gauchat Architects, a midsize architectural firm which specialized in Urban Design, buildings for the High Tech Industry, housing and specialty buildings. He has also participated successfully in many major design competitions ranging from major urban complexes to Art Museums. Professor Gauchat has lectured internationally at universities and conferences, and for more than a dozen years, he has been associated with various U.N. initiatives both in the U.S. and internationally.



**Mr. Holger Dalkmann, Director, Embarq (Rio+20 voluntary commitment)**

Holger Dalkmann has fifteen years of experience working in the field of transport, sustainability and climate change. He joined WRI in 2011 as the Director of its EMBARQ program, which catalyzes environmentally and financially sustainable transport solutions to improve quality of life in cities. He provides strategic leadership and management for EMBARQ's global staff and partners, as well as direction for its fundraising and communication activities. Formerly, he worked as Programme Director for Sustainable Transport and Climate Change at TRL, a world renowned research and consultancy company, where he was responsible for leading the business in his chosen field with a remit for business development, strategic planning and representation at the highest level. Mr. Dalkmann established his teams as centres of excellence. The most recent success was founding the Bridging the Gap Initiative – a cooperation between different of organisations from aid agencies to the private sector – which has provided a solid source of funding for TRL, as well as high level policy advice. He is also one of the co-founders of the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCAT), where he is one of the driving forces for network development, as well as intellectual and technical input.



**Mr. Lance J. Brown, President of American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York Chapter, and Founding Director, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization**

Lance Jay Brown FAIA, DPACSA, is an architect, urban designer, educator, and author and 2014 President of AIANY. He is an ACSA Distinguished Professor in the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, CCNY, 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. He co-Directed the 2003 NEA funded Upper Manhattan Heritage Project; served as special advisor to Mostar 2004 Urban Reconstruction Workshop, Bosnia Herzegovina, and co-Directed the HUD funded "Crosstown 116:

Bringing Habitat II Home From Istanbul to Harlem". His 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 is founding co-chair of the AIA Design for Risk and Reconstruction Committee, and founding Board member of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization. He has lectured nationally and internationally.



**Ms. Rose Molokoane, National Chairperson, South African**

Ms. Molokoane is the South African Chairperson of the 80,000-member South African Homeless People's Federation, their national savings coordinator, and a Board Member of Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI). A South African veteran of the anti-apartheid struggle, she is one of the most internationally recognized grassroots activists involved in land tenure and housing issues. The South African Homeless People's Federation has helped more than 150,000 squatters, the vast majority women, pool their savings. This has won them sufficient standing to negotiate with the government for a progressive housing policy that has already produced 15,000 new homes and secured more than 1,000 hectares of government land for development. SDI is a network of squatter groups on three continents. From her modest squatter home in Western Pretoria, Rose Molokoane has travelled to Cambodia, Thailand and the Philippines as well as many African nations to share SDI's methods. She was awarded the Habitat Scroll of Honour in 2005 for her tireless struggle to bring land and homes to the poor.



**Dr. Janice Perlman, Founder & President of the Mega-Cities Project**

Janice Perlman is President of Mega-Cities, a global non-profit dedicated to "shortening the lag time between ideas and implementation in urban problem solving." Her recent book, *Favela: Four Decades of Living on the Edge in Rio de Janeiro* is based on a longitudinal panel study (1969-2009), following up on her seminal work, *The Myth of Marginality*. She has won a Guggenheim, the C. Wright Mills Award, Chester Rapkin Award and a Global Citizens Award. She served as tenured professor in City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley; Coordinator of the National Urban Policy; Director of Strategic Planning for the NYC Partnership; and Director of Science, Technology and Public Policy at the NY Academy of Sciences. She holds a BA in Anthropology from Cornell and a PhD in Political Science/Urban Studies from MIT.



**Dr. Kalpana Viswanath, Founder, Safetipin**

Kalpana Viswanath is a researcher working on issues of women's safety. She holds a PhD in Sociology and has headed JAGORI, a women's resource centre in Delhi for several years until till 2007. She spearheaded the Safe Delhi campaign since 2003, in partnership with Delhi government, UN Women and UN Habitat. She has worked on issues of women's rights since 1991 and has been involved in campaigns on violence against women for over 15 years. Dr. Viswanath was Project Director, Gender Inclusive Cities Project with Women in Cities International. She has conducted workshops on women's safety in many countries including Cambodia, Pakistan, Tanzania and others. She is the Chair of the International Advisory Board of Women and Cities International.