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## **United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)**

### **START: Skills and Technology Accelerating Rapid Transformation**

#### ***Anticipating---and Responding to ---Disasters***

**September 11, 2015; 10 am to 1 pm**

**United Nations Headquarters, Conference Building, Conference Room 6**

- ❖ **10:00 am Welcome from the United Nations**
- ❖ **10:10 am “Sustainability Averting Disasters”**  
*Address by Prof. Mukhametbetkali Burkitbayev, First Vice-Rector Al Farabi Kazakh National University*
- ❖ **10:30 am “Rebuild it Better: Construction From Recycled Plastic Bottles Proven to Sustain 9.8 Earthquake”**  
*Presentation by Patrick San Francesco of the Samarpan Foundation, India.*
- ❖ **10:45 am “More Harm Than Good? The Problem of Ineffective Aid.”**
- ❖ *Presentation by Courtland Robinson, PhD., Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Refugee and Disaster Response*
- ❖ **11:05 am “BRAC: Poverty and global health in the face of disaster. Entrepreneurship and economic resilience”**  
*Presentation by Susan Davis, President & CEO BRAC USA*
- ❖ **11:20 am “Strengthening Cities for Disaster Management” “Strengthening Cities for Disaster Management”**  
*Presentation by Martin Kropac and Hana Petrik, New York Institute of Technology*
- ❖ **12:00 pm Interactive discussion between panellists and with audience**

**UNAI is grateful to Partnerships for Change for its support and cooperation**

**Please RSVP by 5pm, Tuesday, 8 September to: [academicimpact@un.org](mailto:academicimpact@un.org)**  
with START RSVP in the subject heading.

Please arrive no later than 9:15am the day of the event at the UN Visitors' Entrance on 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to ensure adequate time to complete the security screening.

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