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Arelys Bellorini is currently United Nations Representative (Child Rights and Sustainable Development) for World Vision in New York. Most recently, she led World Vision NY-engagement on the post-2015 development agenda. In addition, she manages the organization's relations and partnerships with key UN agencies, in particular UNICEF as well as the inter-governmental relations and civil society partnerships. Arelys Bellorini is a sociologist graduated from Columbia University in New York and holds Graduate degrees from New York University and the Nicaraguan National Autonomous University. She has led national programmes and strategies on the promotion and full realization of children rights in Nicaragua and at sub-regional and regional level in Latin America. She has worked in Plan International, the Swedish Agency for Development Cooperation in Nicaragua, the Norwegian Agency for Cooperation Development, the Nicaragua Foreign Affairs Ministry, among others. She has managed national and local NGOs and has been a Professor on advocacy and multilateral organizations in her home country. Arelys Bellorini has also managed humanitarian programs and disaster risk reduction strategies at municipal and community level. reporting for the SDGs.



Gomer Padong is the Director of the Philippine Social Enterprise Network's (PhilSEN) development cooperation and advocacy unit. He represents the Network in the United Nations Civil Society Advisory Committee, a 15-seat civil society platform to engage the Philippine UN country team on policy and strategy. He is also the focal person of the Social and Community Enterprises constituency of the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism, also a civil society platform for engagement across the UN system. He served in the Beyond 2015 Executive Committee and was head of secretariat of Beyond

2015-Philippines. His competencies include training and facilitation, policy support and lobby, campaign management and advocacy, communications and partnership-building.



Rosina Pobee works in the Global Advocacy team in Sightsavers, with a specific focus on disability rights. She works with colleagues in Sightsavers' country offices and Disabled People's Organisations to support input to the accountability process for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Rosina also works closely with Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, who is a member of the Committee of Experts for the UNCRPD, providing accessibility support and research to assist her role on the Committee. In addition, Rosina has worked on campaigns to ensure the representation of women with disabilities on UN human rights committees, and has a focus on the implementation of SDG 10.



Annisa Triyanti has five years of engagement as a stakeholder group, youth, and young scientist representative on the intergovernmental level, including the HLPF. She holds a doctorate degree from the University of Amsterdam in Human Geography, researching about inclusive governance systems in communities at risk of facing natural hazard-induced disasters and climate change impact in Indonesia and India. Annisa has an extensive understanding of both technical and scientific aspect of the DRR policy process and interlinkages with the climate change process, including the last COP 24 in Katowice. She has been appointed as the young scientist representative from the Youth Science Policy-Interface, UN Major Group for Children and Youth for the UNDRR Global Science and Technology Advisory Group (2017-2019). She was representing the HLPF Major Group and Other Stakeholder at the Climate and SDGs Synergy conference organized by UNDESA and UNFCCC in April 2019.



John Romano is the Coordinator of the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network, where he guides a network of over 300 CSOs working around SDG16 and accountability for the 2030 Agenda. John has worked to coordinate wide-ranging civil society and global advocacy campaigns around the 2030 Agenda and UN Climate Change negotiations, and has helped develop several advocacy resources guides for civil society – including the TAP Network's Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit and Access to Justice Toolkit. He has previously worked with the UN Secretariat UNDESA's Division for Sustainable Development, where he helped facilitate the engagement of civil society in the Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development and coordinated all social media outreach for the conference.



Javier Surasky is the Coordinator of Cepei's Governance for Development Research and Chair of the International Cooperation Department of the International Relations Institute at La Plata National University, Argentina. He is a senior researcher) primarily oriented to Development Studies, particularly in the fields of South-South Cooperation and the 2030 Agenda implementation and follow-up processes. He is a member of Together 2030 Core Group. He is also a PhD

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Margie Simo is a Dominican- American professional with experience at national and global levels in sustainable development and humanitarian affairs. Most recently, she supported World Vision's UN representation in its engagement with Agenda 2030 and Child Rights in New York. Margie has worked with UN Agencies such as UNHCR, UNDP, WFP and UNESCO, and has relevant programmatic and monitoring experience working for various organizations in the US, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Peru. Margie holds a master's degree in Development and International Cooperation from Universidad del Pais Vasco.

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