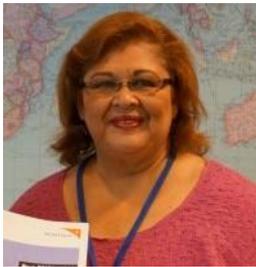


## WEBINAR

### Debrief on HLPF 2019 and Exchange on SDGs Summit

August 14, 2019 | 9:30-10:30 AM (EST time)



**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.



**Mojisola Akinsanya** is a Policy Entrepreneur with over a decade of experience working on gender issues as they intersect with good governance, peacebuilding and human security. She has analyzed the economic and social costs of the implementation of SDGs at at the household, community and sub-national level and she has developed approaches to integrate transparency and accountability considerations into education and health intervention sector at the sub-national level. She conducts research on how to integrate gender into social enterprise to enhance both social and business outcomes, and specifically works to develop measurement systems to track these social impacts. She has technical expertise in electoral processes, women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment initiatives in developing economies and post-conflict areas. She is currently the Executive Director of Women for Peace & Gender Equality Initiative (WOPEGEE) The organization particularly works among women, men, girls and children. She is also currently leading the Coalition of Civil Society on Sustainable Development Goals in Ogun State. Nonetheless, Mojisola is an International Election Observer having observed elections with African Union in Malawi, Mozambique, Egypt, Ghana, Mali and Sierra-Leonne and currently on a mission by United Nation Peace Support Operations to Papua New Guinea for Election Referendum.



**Alessandra Nilo** Co-founder and Executive Director, GESTOS Alessandra Nilo is a Journalist, with specialization in communication and health. She is co-founder and Executive Director of Gestos, an HIV and AIDS organization located in Recife, Brazil. In 2012 she became member of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) for ICPD and Beyond, and her role in the HLTF is articulate a bold strategic vision to inspire and mobilize government leaders to support the sexual and reproductive health and rights in the Post 2015 agenda. In 2003, she developed the UNGASS-AIDS Forum platform in Brazil. This was later expanded to Africa, Asia and the

Caribbean and is used throughout the world as an advocacy and research tool to support a network of women activists in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Ms. Nilo has represented civil society in the Brazilian national delegations to the High Level Meetings on HIV since 2001 and for the past six years into the, CSW, MDG and CPD delegations. Currently she is co-leading the Women Won't Wait campaign in Brazil and serves on the Board of Directors of ABONG (Brazilian Association of NGOs) and Action Aid Brazil.



**Valnora Edwin** Has over eighteen years experience in governance, public policy, human rights, a civil society activist, women's rights and a political governance analyst. She specifically has first-hand experience in peace building initiatives that includes transitional justice processes especially truth commissions and reparation program, women's rights, rights of the girl child and empowerment, gender and enhancing voice and accountability for marginalised groups. Her experiences are both national and international through serving as panelists, trainer and facilitator in various foras across the world. Amongst others she served as a member of the Independent panel on the Global Response to Ebola

coordinated by the Harvard Global Health Institute and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on a research to assess the global response and provide recommendations. (published in the LANCET. She served as the civil society representative panelist for the Mano River Union during the pledging conference in New York in 2015. She was the former Executive Director of Campaign for good Governance a post she held for twelve years. She has served as a consultant for a number of institutions including UN WOMEN, UNDP, Sierra Leone anti-Corruption Commission and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development of Sierra Leone where the assignment was to conduct VNR consultations for civil society as well as contributing to the report presented at the UN. She also served as one of the cso members participating during the HLPF. She is a member of a number of national and global networks, coalitions including Civil society coalition on Peace Building and state Building, Coalition 2030 amongst others. Currently she serves as the Country Manager for the Sierra Leone War Trust for children an indigenous charity that seeks the welfare of vulnerable groups and communities affected by conflict or disaster.



**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.



**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.

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