

**“NGOs & Indigenous Leaders are Key Stakeholders
in Partnership Building for the post-2015 Development Agenda”**

Members of Civil Society are creating positive foundations for change by working together with Indigenous Leaders, Academic Institutions, and the Private Sector, along with local, state and national governments. These stakeholders are actively supporting communities while building partnerships around core areas of the sustainable development challenge, including human rights, education, economic stability and growth, and climate change and environment. Through the combined efforts of all Stakeholders there are solutions that are already strengthening alliances and clarifying our focus for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Partnerships offer a unique opportunity to engage the stakeholders who are investing their resources within these communities in every aspect of the developing solutions while maintaining traditional cultures and values.

Partnerships with all stakeholders strengthen communities while preserving cultural traditions

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Moderator: Ms. Claire Bulger, Director of Special Projects and Special Assistant to Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute: Academia’s role in partnership building for the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Speakers:

Sachem (Chief) Robert Hawkstorm Bergin, UN/NGO Representative of Tribal Link: Building partnerships while preserving traditional cultures.

Dr. Christine K. Durbak, Founder & Chair of the World Information Transfer: Working with Governments on Sustainable Energy Solution for Eastern Europe.

Ms. Jennifer Kushell, President & Co-Founder of YSN (Your Success Network): Development of the first professionally focused network dedicated to supporting emerging adults globally.

Ms. Neha Misra, Chief Collaboration Officer, Solar Sister: Work with a social enterprise bringing clean energy to communities in Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania & Uganda.

Ms. Suzanne Freaney, President, Gift of Life International, Rotary International (GOLI): Creating sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery centers in partnership governments and communities in Uganda, Jamaica & El Salvador to help children with congenital heart disease.

Participants will deepen their understanding of ways to build innovative partnerships to address key interdisciplinary sustainable development challenges.



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Sachem (Chief) Robert Hawkstorm Bergin, UN/NGO Representative of Tribal Link is the hereditary Sachem of the Schaghticoke People and Grand Sachem of the Algonquin Confederacy. He traces his lineage back to Wasanegin Massasoit the great Wampanoag Chief who was the father of King Phillip. According to English sources, Massasoit prevented the failure of Plymouth Colony and the almost certain starvation that the Pilgrims faced during the earliest years of the colony's establishment. Sachem Hawkstorm is an advocate for the rights of his peoples as well as other indigenous peoples from his region and beyond. The Schaghticoke are a Native American tribe of the Eastern Woodlands, indigenous to what is now New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The remnant tribes amalgamated in the area near the Connecticut-New York border after many losses. There is a town by the name of "Schaghticoke" in New York State, so named because of the confluence of Hoosic and Hudson Rivers.



Dr. Christine K. Durbak, Founder & CEO of the World Information Transfer and is currently employed at DeSilva & Phillips, LLC in the position of Senior Advisor. Dr. Durbak is a psychologist skilled in negotiations and the interpersonal aspects of business transactions. Her counsel, drawing on more than 25 years of experience in counseling psychology, is an important facilitator of merger and acquisition negotiations and corporate cultural integrations. Dr. Durbak is president of Executive Stress Management, Inc., which has been serving publishing industry clients during the last 20 years. She is acting president of the World Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis, a fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, and a member of the American Psychological Association and the World Federation of Mental Health. Dr. Durbak earned her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Fordham University, her M.A. from Seton Hall University and her B.S. from New York University. She received her Psychoanalytic Certification from the Center for Modern Psychoanalysis. World Information Transfer, Inc., (WIT) is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization in General Consultative Status with the United Nations, promoting environmental health and literacy. In 1987, inspired by the Chernobyl nuclear tragedy, WIT was formed in recognition of the pressing need to provide accurate actionable information about our deteriorating global environment and its effect on human health.



Ms. Jennifer Kushell- President & Co-Founder of YSN (Your Success Network)
At 35, Jennifer Kushell, has lead a movement inspiring young people to pursue their professional dreams for more than a decade. As the president and co-founder of [YSN.com \(Your Success Network\)](http://YSN.com), she spearheaded development of the first professionally focused network dedicated to supporting emerging adults (Gen X and Millennials) as they transition from home and school into the real world. In working with young people from over 100 countries, YSN's mission is to ensure that no young person lacks access to opportunity to realize their full potential. [YSN](http://YSN.com) enables the next generation workforce in exploring their passions, building their professional identities and pursuing opportunities across the globe. As co-author of the New York Times Bestseller, "[Secrets of the Young & Successful](#)," author of *The Young Entrepreneur's Edge* and *Solo Para Emprendedores*, Kushell is a leading professional speaker, corporate strategist, and generational expert whose greatest experience comes from having worked internationally with over ten thousand young people.



Neha Misra is the Chief Collaboration Officer of Solar Sister- an award winning social enterprise combining the breakthrough potential of clean energy technologies with a deliberately women-centered direct sales network bringing light, hope and opportunity to even the most remote communities in rural Africa. As a key member of Solar Sister's founding team, Neha has played a pivotal role in Solar Sister's expansion in Uganda, Nigeria and Tanzania. Neha is also a Solar Suitcase Ambassador for We Care Solar, which is bringing solar power to remote maternal health clinics around the world. She has earlier worked as an Energy Economist with The Energy and Resources Institute in India and the U.S. She served as the North America focal point for the Lighting a Billion Lives Campaign, a commitment with the Clinton Global Initiative to address acute energy poverty by replacing kerosene and paraffin lanterns with solar lighting devices. When not advocating for women in clean tech, Neha is a poet and a folk artist, and strongly champions connecting the dots between creativity and social innovation for building a sustainable society. Neha holds a Masters of Business Economics Degree from the University of Delhi and a Bachelor of Science (honors) Physics degree from St. Stephens College, India. She has a certificate in design of solar energy systems from Solar Energy International in Carbondale, Colorado



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