

# Developing the World's Youth: Innovation in Entrepreneurship and Employment

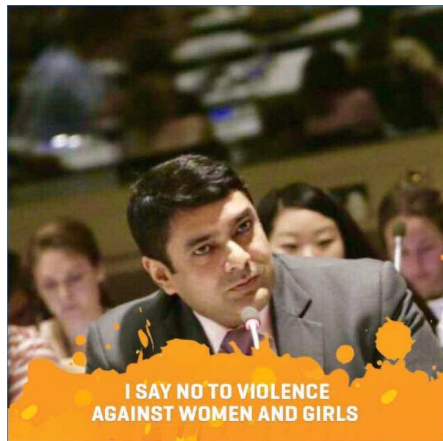


Sustainable Development Goals  
Training  
February 8, 2017: L Commons:  
2:00pm – 5:00pm (light reception  
follows)

2:00pm - 2:07pm	Andrew Ness, Dean of International	Opening Remarks
2:07pm - 2:15pm	Asha Gervan Manager, International Development Institute	Introduction of Ravi Karkara
2:15pm - 3:30pm	Ravi Karkara Senior Advisor on Strategic Partnerships and Advocacy to the UN Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women Co- chair of the UN Interagency Network on Youth Development Co-Chair (UN) Policy Strategy Group World We Want 2030	Training by UN Staff & Q&A
3:30pm - 3:35pm	Asha Gervan Manager, International Development Institute	Introduction of Steve Lee
3:35pm - 3:50pm	Steve Lee Executive Director of Foundation for Environmental Stewardship and its 3% Project	Training on youth SDGs implementation by Steve Lee
3:50pm - 4:10pm	Hira Zafar Chaudhry IDW Student Committee Volunteer	Q&A by UN staff and Steve Lee
4:10pm - 4:15pm	Hira Zafar Chaudhry IDW Student Committee Volunteer	Introduction of Reps from Eqwip Hubs and EWB
4:15pm - 4:25pm	Laveza Khan Campaign Assistant, Engineers Without Borders Canada	Presentation of local SDGs implementation opportunities by NGO
4:25pm - 4:35pm	Nadia Guerch Livelihoods, Innovation and Environmental Sustainability Lead, Eqwib Hubs	Presentation of local SDGs implementation opportunities by NGO
4:45pm - 5:00pm	Argerie Tzouras & Emily Garratt IDW Student Committee Volunteers	Closing Remarks and invite to reception

## Speakers Biographies

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### **Ravi Karkara**

**Senior Advisor on Strategic Partnerships and Advocacy to the UN Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women Co-chair of the UN Interagency Network on Youth Development Co-Chair (UN) Policy Strategy Group World We Want 2030**

Ravi Karkara is Senior Advisor on Strategic Partnerships and Advocacy to the Assistant Secretary General to the UN and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women. With over two decades of experience, Ravi is an expert in various international development-related fields, driving innovation, building strategic partnerships, and promoting advocacy and programming in the areas of human rights, gender equality, accountability and social justice. He is also the Acting Head of Private Sector for UN Women.

Ravi has been the force behind several high-value strategic partnerships, resource mobilization, and key advocacy initiatives for UN Women – including partnerships with the City of New York, MasterCard, Citi Group, Philanthropic Age, to name a few. His innovative advocacy initiatives include Ringing the Bell on Gender Equality in over 34 stock exchanges across the globe, and the Gender Equality March from the United Nations headquarters to Time Square in New York City. Ravi has been instrumental in supporting UN Women’s work on strategy development – this includes Strategy on Youth and Gender Equality, Working with Boys and Men in Gender Equality. He works with celebrity influencers as part of Planety50-50 Champions in support of UN Women. Ravi represents UN Women as the co-chair of the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth and Development and founded its Working Group on Youth and Gender Equality. He developed and led the youth outreach of the UN Secretary General's My-World Survey to deliver votes from more than 6 million youth from 193 nations. He is the UN nominated cochair of the innovative and impactful Policy Strategy Group World We Want 2030.

Ravi has been the recipient of the prestigious NOVUS Award – that unites global leaders from around the world to tackle today's big challenges via actionable change. He has been awarded the Global Officials Award for his work on youth and gender equality and the Inter-Faith Award on promoting peace and harmony. He was also appointed as Junior Chamber International Ambassador. He is listed as the Top 10 Global Diversity Experts-Consultants produced by Prestigious "Global Diversity List" by BNP Paribas and the Telegraph UK. Previously, he has also worked with the UN Millennium Campaign, UN-HABITAT, UNICEF and Save the Children and has written more than 80 publications/articles in his career spanning over two decades. He has extensive experience in training and facilitation across generations around the world and has over 1000 training days to his credit.



## **Steve Lee**

**Executive Director of FES (Foundation for Environmental Stewardship) and its 3% Project**

Steve Lee is a climate change activist, a policy advocate to the United Nations, and a global speaker. He is the Executive Director of FES (Foundation for Environmental Stewardship) and its 3% Project, which mobilizes 1,000,000 Canadian youth - that's 3% of Canada - through 5 national tours across 600 schools. It provides youth-friendly and holistic education on climate change and empowers them to take action on solving climate change in their local communities today.

A prolific global speaker, Steve has represented the Canadian youth on the issues of Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Youth Empowerment at over a dozen international forums including G8 Summit, NATO, Facebook, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, and World Bank.

Steve is a voice to the voiceless youth globally in policymaking as a member of World We Want 2030 Policy Strategy Group, UN Major Group Children and Youth, UNEP Tunza, UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, Youth Commission on the Status of Women Taskforce, and more. He has moderated and drafted policy outcome documents, lobbied diplomats and businesses, and observed negotiations with many UN officials, heads of state, and industry leaders.

Steve is personally trained by Al Gore as a Climate Reality Leader, featured on news channels, blogs, and newspapers, and a University of Toronto graduate of Physiology and Human Biology.



## **Laveza Khan**

**Campaign Assistant, Engineers Without Borders Canada**

Laveza is a graduate of Humber College's International Development program and holds a Honours BA from McMaster University in Labour Studies & Sociology. She feels strongly about gender equality and hopes to continue advocating for equal access to education and economic opportunity for women locally and globally. Laveza enjoys drinking coffee, connecting with passionate individuals and attending conferences.



## **Nadia Guerch**

### **Livelihoods, Innovation and Environmental Sustainability Lead, Eqwib Hubs**

Nadia assumes the new role of Livelihoods, Innovation and Environmental Sustainability Lead, based in the EQWIP HUBs Ottawa office. Nadia is part of the Programs Team and is responsible for the overall management of the youth livelihoods and environmental sustainability programming and activities, across the six project countries: Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, Indonesia, Peru and Bolivia. Nadia has several years of experience in international development including 10 years in the field as part of youth empowerment and community development projects. Nadia speaks four languages - English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

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