Co-Moderator: Adella Indah Nurjanah
Student, Mitra Muda Network

Adella Indah is an international relations student and founder of Ruang Hidoep, an organization that focuses on climate action, especially on issues of sustainable cities. Adel advocates and campaigns for policies, lifestyles, and multi-stakeholder cooperation to overcome the climate crisis, especially at the city level. She is a member of the Mitra Muda network, which is an inclusive youth engagement network that strives for meaningful participation. Mitra Muda empowers youth to participate actively not only in their communities, but also in UNICEF Indonesia’s programmes. Adella currently works part-time as a social media officer at Lingkar Temu Kabupaten Lestari.
**Co-Moderator:** Moa Herrgård  
Epidemiologist, Karolinska Institute

Moa Herrgård supports the SEM Advisory Group in the implementation of the SEM Action Plan 2022-23. Moa is a trained epidemiologist at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and works at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin with covid-19 vaccine immunogenicity and reactogenicity research. She is also developing, implementation and assessing disaster medicine simulations for Karolinska Institute, Sweden. The simulations developed by Moa are used to train healthcare workers worldwide, with the objective to enhance the capacity to manage events when the needs exceed available resources. Most recently, these simulations technologies was used in Ukraine to enhance disaster preparedness. Moa has seven years of experience of facilitating stakeholder engagement within intergovernmental policy development, implementation, follow up and review.

**Speaker:** Jean-Baptiste Buffet  
Head, Global Policy and Advocacy, United Cities and Local Governments

Jean-Baptiste Buffet coordinates the department of Global Policy and Advocacy at United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the largest network organization of cities and regions in the world. Previously, Jean-Baptiste worked for the European Commission in the area of political affairs. He then joined the Thomas More Institute, a European think-tank, as a research fellow specialized in urban Mediterranean issues. Jean-Baptiste is a post-graduate of the College of Europe in Bruges, the Institut d’Etudes Politiques of Lille, the University of Kent and the Freie Universität Berlin. He advocates for a “positive urbanization” and has published articles in Le Monde, European Voice, Le Figaro, La Revue Parlementaire and the Moroccan press on urban innovation and governance, basic services delivery and public-private partnerships in the Mediterranean region.
**Speaker:** Hans-Peter Teufers  
Director, International Programs, UPS Foundation

Director International Programs at the UPS Foundation (logistics) & ARISE Co-Chair. Hans-Peter Teufers holds responsibility for international humanitarian programs of the UPS Foundation and works with humanitarian partners of the Foundation in Europe and Asia to deliver critical services in humanitarian situations. The UPS Foundation cooperates with non-profit organizations such as UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNOCHA, UNDRR and regional partners such as BITC and PDRF providing various resources and charitable donations for projects in different focus areas. A lot of Hans-Peter Teufers’ work relates to capacity building projects in preparedness and resilience improvement. Before resuming current responsibilities for humanitarian projects in late 2015, Teufers held responsibility for various management positions within UPS Europe including Border Policy Management, Public Affairs, Labor Relations and Human Resources with a variety of experience in different fields serving more than 30 years for UPS.

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**Speaker:** Natalia Ilieva  
Head, Secretary General’s Office, Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union

Natalia is responsible for strategic development, members, external relations and marketing. She began her career in Bulgarian National Television and has since worked in the media for more than 20 years, including ten years in the BBC World Service. Natalia holds an MBA from the University of Ottawa, Canada and the University of Kent, UK. Prior to her ABU role she worked at Thomson Foundation, the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association, Forward, and the AIBD, where she oversaw the development of Gender Guidelines for Asia-Pacific broadcasters.
Speaker: Terry Otieno  
Global Focal Point, Sendai Children and Youth Stakeholder Group

Terry Otieno is a social activist passionate about humanitarian causes. She has been an active volunteer, serving as a fast disaster responder since 2014. She has just finished serving her term as the Nairobi County Youth Secretary for the Kenya Red Cross and is currently a Global Focal Point for the Sendai Stakeholders Children and Youth Group also known as the DRR working group. With a degree background in policy, Terry stands up for causes that advocate for more recognition, inclusivity, and empowerment for the youth. She is a firm believer of one humanity being a shared responsibility.

Speaker: Violet Shivutse  
Chair, Huairou Commission

Violet currently Chairs Huairou Commission Governing Council and is an internationally recognized expert in community resilience and health, women’s access to-and-control-over-land and housing, gender responsive local public policy and governance approaches, and rural-urban linkages to stimulate equitable-inclusive local development. Violet is the Founder and Director of Shibuye Community Health Workers, a regional watchdog group in the Shinyalu constituency, Kenya that works with local authorities to enforce land and inheritance rights of women and orphans. For over 10-years she works building community resilience and combat climate change; nurturing the leadership of large numbers of grassroots women and negotiating with authorities for gender-responsive policy. Violet’s organization is a leading practitioner of the Community Resilience Fund initiative and has represented the global network in policy fora all over the world, continuously pushing for rural and grassroots women’s inclusion at higher levels of dialogue.
**Speaker:** Phoebe Wafubwa Shikuku  
DRR and Forecast based Financing Advisor, Africa Regional Office, IFRC

Phoebe is the Disaster Risk Reduction and Forecast based Financing Advisor with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Africa Office with her main role being to enhance the status of the Federation as a key player and partner in the areas of Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Resilience Agenda in collaboration with National Societies in order to build and strengthen Community Resilience in the Africa Region. This entails promoting innovative approaches such as eVCA, Roadmap to Community Resilience, Forecast based Action by the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund among others. Phoebe has worked with both Humanitarian Aid Organisation and Government Institutions in Africa including International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, German Red Cross, CARE International - Adaptation Learning Programme and National Meteorological Services.

**Speaker:** Mwanahamisi Singano  
Senior Policy Lead, WEDO

Mwanahamisi (“Mishy”) Singano is an African feminist passionate about fighting structural and intersecting inequalities while contributing to a more just, equal, fairer, and sustainable world. Over the last 15 years, she has worked with women's rights organizations, civil societies, and governments in developing strategies, building partnerships, managing programs, and engaging communities toward the promotion and protection of women’s rights and the health of the planet. At WEDO, Mwanahamisi serves as Senior Global Policy Lead.
**Speaker: Nina Birkeland**  
Senior Adviser on Disaster Displacement and Climate Change, Norwegian Refugee Council

Nina has worked on forced migration issues since the early 1990s, in academia and for NGOs. She joined the Norwegian Refugee Council in 2013 and currently is the Senior Advisor on Disaster Displacement and Climate Change. Most recently, she led the development of the new UN DRR Words into Action guidance on Disaster Displacement. From 2008-2012 she worked for NRC's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre. First as Head of Monitoring and Advocacy and from June 2011-May 2013 as Deputy Head of IDMC and Head of the Research and Policy department. Before joining IDMC in Geneva, she was NRC's Programme director in Uganda during 2006-2008. In Norway she worked as associate professor in human geography and sustainable development from 1995-2002. Nina has wide-ranging field experience from Angola, Burundi, Georgia, Lebanon, Liberia, Kenya, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Syria and Uganda.

**Speaker: Debora Comini**  
Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific, UNICEF

Debora Comini is the UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok, Thailand. She is responsible for programme coherence and advocacy for UNICEF across the region. UNICEF has 14 country offices in the East Asia and the Pacific region: Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam, Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. Ms. Comini started her UNICEF career in 1991 in UNICEF Headquarter, New York, and held several senior positions including UNICEF Representative in Indonesia, UNICEF Representative in Cambodia, UNICEF Deputy Regional Director for Latin America & Caribbean, UNICEF Representative in Nicaragua, UNICEF Representative in North Macedonia, UNICEF Representative in Venezuela, and Regional Chief of Planning for Latin America & Caribbean.
Speaker: Mr. Juan Angel de Gouveia
President, RIADIS

Juan Angel de Gouveia is a Deaf person and a Human Rights Defender. In 2007-2011, he was president of the World Federation of the Deaf, youth section. Until 2013 he was the Vice President in Charge of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities. In 2015, he won the Prize " Teapot Diplomat " of the United States Department of State. Since 2021 he is the president of RIADIS (Latin American and Caribbean Network of Persons with Disabilities and their Families.) Since 2018, it has been accredited as an expert member by civil society before the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CEDDIS) of OAS. Currently, he is a member of the board of directors of the International Disability Alliance (IDA), member of the board of directors of the World Federation Deaf dial and serves as president of the Deaf Confederation of Venezuela and director of the Vanessa Peretti Foundation.