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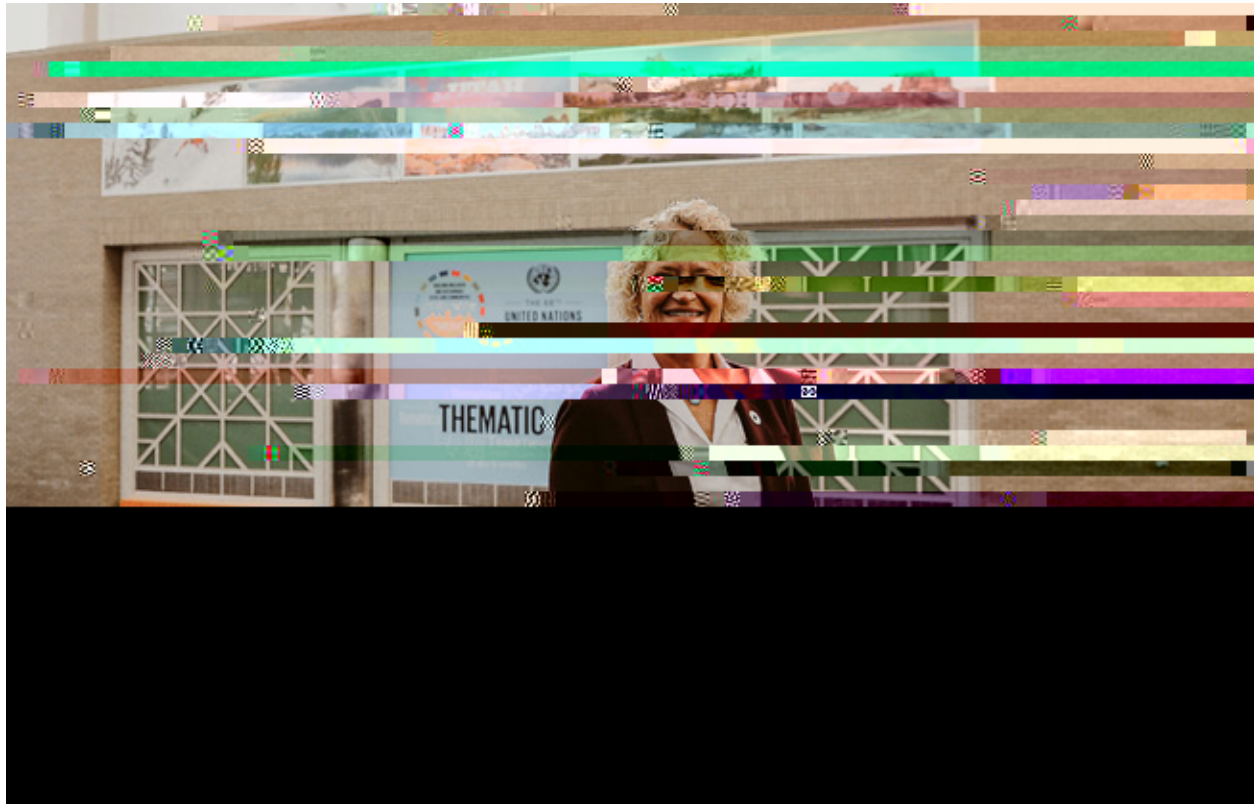
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The realities and impact of climate change present a daunting challenge no matter where we live in the world, from big cities to small towns. We are all effected and should share a collective sense of urgency about the need for action.

Solutions to any problem come through the combination of innovation, commitment and collaboration. And that's exactly what we saw here in Salt Lake City during the 68th Civil Society Conference in August; a global conversation and sharing of ideas to help communities around the world create a more inclusive and sustainable future.

As the Mayor of Salt Lake City, I remain deeply honored by the opportunity to link arms with the United Nations and civil society to participate in this critically important conversation. I am also humbled that HVá`AV` Z`8`↑n1` Vh`hZáXiZY`id`WZ`i] Z` gi`J`H`X`↑n`id`] dhi`V`b`V`dgJ`c`↑ZY`CVi`dch`Vi] ZgC`dj`ihYZ`d[° the New York headquarters.

The gathering of some 4,000 participants from more than 100 countries, almost half youth, was inspiring and energizing. The sharing of information, ideas and expertise from so many bright and deeply committed people gave me great hope for our future.

The Outcome Document and Youth Climate Compact provide an important set of benchmarks for progress. I was particularly heartened by the clear and collective understanding that cities and local

Statement of Jeffrey Brez

Co-Chair, Conference Planning Committee
Chief, NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Outreach Division,
Department of Global Communications

Together, the United Nations, Civil Society representatives and Salt Lake City had an ambitious vision to convene a global conversation about the Sustainable Development Goals in the heartland of the United States. United by a common desire to build inclusive and sustainable communities, a broad group of partners and volunteers, including a strong contingent of young people, came together and dedicated thousands of hours of their time and expertise to plan the conference, making history in the process. This I Vh'i] Z° ghi °b V_dgJ C °Xdc[ZgzcXZ°id°iV° Z°ea/XZ° outside of UN headquarters in the United States, and attracted 4,000 participants from more than 100 countries, the largest number in the conference. Salt Lake City, I was overwhelmed by the sense of welcome and "can-do" attitude. Successive visits, and the three days of the conference itself, only strengthened my appreciation of Salt Lake City as a community that values inclusion and sustainability, with a wealth of its own best practices to share with the rest of the world.

Statement of Fannie Munlin

Chair, NGO/DPI Executive Committee

Dear Participants of the United Nations 68th Civil Society Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on

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Youth Caucus: Engaging Local Governments. Youth and Community Development
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– Recovering from
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Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division,
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Alison Smale, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications
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Liberato Bautista, President of CoNGO
Vlada Yaremenko, Co-Chair, Conference Planning Youth Sub-committee
Ali Mustafa, Co-Chair, Conference Planning Youth Sub-committee
Maruxa Cardama, Chair, 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference

Cultural Performance

Nino Reyes, Native American Group Dance and Music Performance

Speakers

Jackie Biskupski, Mayor of Salt Lake City
John Price, Former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius,
Republic of Seychelles, and the Union of the Comoros
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United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
Luke Mullen, Actor, Climate Activist
Astrid Tuminez, President, Utah Valley University (UVU)
Rachel Bowen Pittman, Executive Director, UNA-USA
Hanko Kiessner, CEO, Packsize International

Closing Remarks

Maruxa Cardama, Chair, 68th

Welcoming Remarks by Alison Smale

Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications

Excellencies,
Distinguished Ambassadors,
Heads of United Nations Entities,
Ms. Maruxa Cardama, Chair of the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference,
Co-chairs of the Conference, NGO Communities,
Youth participants, Members of the Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning! My name is Alison Smale and I am the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications in the United Nations Department of Global Communications. It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 68th UN74 BDC BTF37 0 0 940. ng (en-USpdet')55tdaou

Ensuring that the world is more inclusive, sustainable, resilient and safe is critical if we are to achieve the 2030 Agenda and all 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals by their target date.

Those Goals were drafted with the direct participation and input of more than 10 million people globally over a three-year period. They were approved with the support of all 193 Member States. They are our blueprint for the future – a roadmap for tackling global challenges, including how to deal with the complexities of rapid urbanization.

Last month, United Nations Member States reported on the progress they have made towards achieving the SDGs during the High-Level Political Forum in New York. The forum recommended that increased consultation and coordinated efforts among multiple stakeholders, including government

Summary of Thematic Sessions

Thematic Session

Inclusive Cities and Communities – Leaving No One Behind

Monday, 26 August 2019; 15:00-16:30

Overview

Sustainable Development Goal 11 strives to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. The reality is that livelihoods in cities and human settlements are being experi-

Ms. Hassan highlighted the centrality of language and the connections it builds in communities. When students learn a common language, a world of opportunity is opened to them.

Creating inclusive cities and communities will be greatly enhanced by policies that support free health-care (**Hassan**), climate action, and more inclusive governments (**Parker**). Ultimately, change will be sparked through peoples' ability to listen to all voices in the conversation.

Thematic Session

Climate Change – Cities and Communities in Action

Tuesday, 27 August 2019; 15:00-16:30

Overview

As outlined in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), climate change, with its associated impacts, is increasing in scale and is already disrupting communities and livelihoods, especially for those living in poverty. However, there is a growing recognition that affordable, scalable solutions are currently available that will enable us to leapfrog to more green, clean, resilient economies in the long run.

Cities and communities, supported by strong advocacy from civil society, are acting on reducing carbon emissions and on developing resiliency. They are undertaking innovative strategies such as the decarbonization of transportation and energy systems, the development of zero emissions buildings, and the development of green spaces and parks. These actions are being supported by governments and policymakers.

At the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) meeting, this session was an opportunity to boost ambition and accelerate action to implement the Paris Agreement, with a focus on local action and the role of youth.

Summary



Panelists of the Thematic Session “Climate Change - Cities and Communities in Action.” Photo credit: Maximilian Sköries

Mr. Rego used a new “Angry Birds” Act Now promotional video to discuss the ways SONY has partnered with the UN on its SDG initiative. The video and Act Now campaign emphasize different ways that individuals can shift to more sustainable, climate-friendly practices, including meat free meals and walking. In today’s world, **Mr. Rego**’s request. She asked those in the audience to pull out their mobile phones, go to un.org/actnow, and make a pledge.

Ms. Tobón became aware of climate change, but it seemed distant. **Ms. Tobón** became aware when one day, the air in Bogotá was so polluted that the government declared a state of emergency. She created a foundation to protect Colombia’s Cloud Forest. She also adopted a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle, such as banning single use plastic bottles, reducing her intake of meat and dairy, and switching from a plastic to a bamboo toothbrush. **Ms. Tobón** uses her social media platform to promote her concern for these issues.

Mr. Mullen became a climate activist when he took his Advanced Placement Environmental Science class, which opened his eyes. He said it is the young generation who will see the worst effects unless we all act now. Being in the entertainment industry has helped him connect and tailor awareness and

messages to youth, in order to help them know what they can do. "The answer is to come together and make change," he stated.

Mr. Idowu said, "climate change is a time bomb." **Mr. Idowu** listed the main problems in Nigeria as desert encroachment, oil spillage, and waste management. He said that we can start acting when we all understand our responsibilities. "Let us start telling ourselves, our neighbors, that the issue of climate change is not about talking, but about taking action."

Ms. Leem



Thematic Session

Peaceful Societies – Recovering from Conflict and Nurturing Peace

Tuesday, 27 August 2019; 10:00-11:30

Overview

Peace is necessary for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is a specif-

Being a musician, he saw that there is segregation between prisons and society. With his voice, he tried to create a peaceful bridge between society and prison systems and to use music as a form of therapy in the prisons.

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Thematic Session

Youth-led Session: Creating Opportunities and Economic Success for Youth

Tuesday, 27 August 2019; 10:00-11:30

Overview

Half of the world's 7.6 billion people are under the age of 30. Youth unemployment stands at a near 60 million worldwide, with many more young people underemployed or in vulnerable and exploitative jobs. Youth are essential components of a strong foundation for global societies and their futures.

Addressing related concerns such as career skills mismatch with available career opportunities, working while living in poverty, and the suboptimal prospects attendant to school-to-work transition, especially in the developing world, as well as preparing for the rapidly changing future of work that is characterized by ongoing automation and technological advancement, while supporting the acceleration of a transition to green and climate friendly economies.

Provision, support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and investments in education, all of which contribute to providing the knowledge and tools needed to be well-equipped to be competitive in local and international labor markets.

Summary

This session was moderated by **Ms. Quratulain Tejani**, Director of Communications, School of Writing (Pakistan). Featured speakers included **Ms. Shabana Basij-Rasikh**, Co-Founder and President, School of Leadership Afghanistan (SOLA); **Mr. Beau Bennett**, Vice President of Marketing, Utah Valley University (UVU) Enactus; **Buddha Blaze (Mr. Moses Mbasu)**, Talent Manager, Temple Management Company; **Ms. Stephany Hemelberg**, Entrepreneur; **Mr. Macote Ambrozio**, Founder and Director, Macote Entrepreneur Center; **Mr. Saf A. Thomas**, H+ Founder and Artistic Director; **Ms. Yvonne H. Chow**, H+ Director of Operations and Education Director; and **Ms. Victoria Díaz-García**, Partnership and Advocacy Specialist, Civil Society Division, UN Women.

Ms. Tejani

Mr. Thomas asserted that his company is better for having 90% female employees, 90% whom are women of color. He stated that women must be in empowered roles, with autonomy and unilateral decision-making.

The discussion culminated with words of encouragement and advice from the panelists to youth. **Ms. Hemelberg** described her disillusionment that entrepreneurship would be easy or afford her quick wealth and time to manage her own schedule. Both she and **Mr. Ambrozio** described their businesses as mission-driven: they had employees who were now dependent upon them to feed their families. Spiritual and personal growth were recognized as important parts of entrepreneurship. **Mr. Thomas** YZhXgWZY] h°eZghdcVā_dj gZnīd`Wj ʒ`c\`] h°dg\vc`vi`dc`vcY`zcXdj g\ZY°eZdeā`id`āVg`[gdb `Wdi]° failures and successes. Many panelists also recognized the vibrant creativity of the youth they work with, in a variety of forms from visual art to dance, writing, and music.

Watch Thematic Session 'Creating Opportunities and Economic Success for Youth'

Thematic Session Infrastructure and Natural Resource Use

Monday, 26 August 2019; 15:00-16:30

Overview

Infrastructure development and inclusive and sustainable industrialization are key drivers of growth in the service of human prosperity within planetary boundaries. Investment decisions on infrastructure impact the well-being of citizens, the availability of natural resources and the preservation of ecosystem services for decades into the future, affecting the choices of future generations. Transportation infrastructure impacts water use, waste, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions in profound ways. Given that cities and communities are hubs for innovation, commerce, employment, culture, and science crucial for sustainable and inclusive economic growth and human development, optimal planning and governance are crucial to strike a balance that meets current needs without compromising future ones. With urban growth set to skyrocket between now and 2030, reaching 60% of world population living in urban areas [1], it is more important than ever to “build better”.

Summary

This session was moderated by **Ms. Gina Damasco**, UU-UNO. Featured speakers included **Mr. Satya Tripathi**, UN-UNO.

Thematic Session
Emerging Technologies and Innovation

Tuesday, 27 August 2019; 15:00-16:30

Overview

Billions of people are connected by mobile devices with unprecedented processing power, storage capacity, and information sharing—all of which foreshadows stunning global possibilities. This potential

plementation was dependent upon three important elements: Economic Development, Work Force Transition and K-12 Education. 15.5% of the global economy is now derived from technology-based solutions, and, to effectively engage governments, we must understand all implications of technology.

Ms. Crowe



Thematic Session

Impact Investing: Closing the SDG Financing Gap

Tuesday, 27 August 2019; 10:00-11:30

Overview

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Thematic Session “Impact Investing: Financing the SDGs.” Photo credit: Maximilian Skörjes

money behind the cause, while other investors seek returns, either social or capital. These different types of interests cause mixed markets. In the mixed market, great collaboration between the government, investors, philanthropists, and service providers can have an impact on humanitarian issues such as, as **Mr. Sorenson** explained, cyclical poverty. **Ms. Benardete** elaborated off her earlier remarks **Vhïd'] dl '6a'c&,] Zæh'ckZhïdgh' cYi] g'eVg'neaI [dgb hï] Vi Vg'1 dg 'c\`dc'VX] Zk'c\`i] Z&, \`ad'Wä** goals. **Mr. Yongjun** mentioned how there is growing interest in impact investing in China, especially in addressing climate change.

The panel opened questions to the audience. An audience member commented on how the US has not done enough to address poverty and asked the panelists how they see impact investing helping poverty. **Ms. Seegull** answered by pointing out that 180 US CEOs have signed a declaration to shift **i] Z'g'W h'c'Zhh' [dXj h' [gdb 'ckZhïd'gegd i'id'hiV' Z] d'Zgh' #I] 'h'h] dl h'V'c'Zl 'Xdb b 'fb Zci'id'h'Zg'c'\`** humanity. **Mr. Sorenson** talked about how impact investing enables individuals to increase their income with the aim of addressing poverty and can motivate capital to be invested in distressed areas, areas where the poverty level is 3 times the national average.

Another audience member asked about how we can build a society that supports indigenous people whom are the most impacted by climate change. **Mr. Sorenson** answered the question by telling how some areas are more vibrant for impact investors while investors are neglecting certain other communities. In the future **Mr. Sorenson** wants to focus on addressing more issues from forgotten communities.

A youth in the audience asked about how students can get involved with this kind of investing. **Mr. Yongjun** stated that the research team of 50-60 students at his foundation are hard working individuals who are making great connections through impact investing that last their adult lives, **Mr. Sorenson** states that impact investing is growing the most with new generations.

An attendee asked if wealth decolonization has hit the radar of impact investors and if investors are informed about the importance of climate migration. **Ms. Benardete** answered that she has many clients who have expressed concern over wealth decolonization, but neither **Ms. Benardete** or **Mr. Sorenson** have had clients show concern over climate migration.

The last audience question was about how we should change the normality of investing to favor impact investing. **Mr. Sorenson** and **Ms. Georgie** agree that change needs to come faster, but allimate m16o come faster



Thematic Session

Building Inclusive Communities Through Education

Monday, 26 August 2019; 15:00-16:30

Overview

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for ensuring equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including at the university level. Rapid technological changes present opportunities and challenges, but the learning environment, the capacities of teachers, and the quality of education have in many parts of the world not kept pace, and in others still need to catch up. New models in higher education are emerging, as lawmakers and higher education professionals look for ways to address declining enrollment numbers, lack of diversity and skyrocketing tuition, as well as knowledge gaps in today's rapidly evolving global workforce. Access for all to a quality education and learning opportunities – starting with children - will play a central role in increasing the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical skills, to meet local challenges.

Summary

This session was moderated by **President Astrid S. Tuminez**, Utah Valley University (UVU). Featured speakers included **Mr. Reuben Ng**, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; **Mr. Jamal Watson**, Executive Editor, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*; **Mr. Ramu Damodaran**, Chief, Academic Impact, Department of Global Communications, United Nations; and **Mr. Thomas George**, Senior Urban Advisor, The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Mr. Watson explained how we need to look at issues of inclusion and access at the post-secondary level. He addressed the question of how we can make colleges and universities in this country more inclusive.

Mr. Damodaran noted two important phrases are often used in the United Nations realm: 1. The dignity and worth of the human person. 2. Unite our strength. We begin with the individual and then Xdb WcZ`dj g`hiġc\i] `id`b V Z`ġVi`VXXdb eaĥ] b Zcih#`=dl `YdZh`ZYj XVI`dc` i`cid`i] ħ4`I] Z`JC` is rich in the use of acronyms. When he saw the word "UTAH," he said he thought it might stand for: "Unleashed Truth and Hope." Truth and hope are the two things we need today which education can

Thematic Session

Enhancing the Role of Civil Society to Monitor Implementation of SDG 11

Tuesday, 27 August 2019; 10:00-11:30

Overview

H.E. Michael Mlynar, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the UN in New York, said, “How we manage urban growth will determine how successful we are with SDG 11.” He offered six words for civil society’s monitoring: participation, partnerships, coherence (in implementing policies), coordination, localization (implementation on the local level is critical), and appropriate leadership at every level.

Ms. Eubank, Director of Latter-day Saints Charities, spoke of the preparedness and resilience of cities and communities when emergencies arise but emphasized the importance of individuals, neighborhoods, and families (micro stakeholders) being involved in not only preparing, but also providing, households and families have 72 hours’ worth of emergency supplies of food and water? (This must be tested). Communities need the capability to communicate without technology. Have we tested the plan? (Testing will reveal gaps in the plan). Have we mapped the community? Do we know where the medical personnel, temporary shelter, alternative power sources, and water supplies are? What could we do to minimize loss of life/property that we are not doing now?

Mr. Ndugwa, Chief of the Global Urban Observatory and statistician whose work supports UN Habitat, said that the most important question in monitoring is, “Are we hitting the milestones we set out?” He said that to aggregate and order/consolidate expertise, we need to work with a stream of indicators in an organized way, sharing information, rather than working in silos. Then, “We must move the data into policy.”

Ms. Katz of UN Habitat asked, "How do we engage and work with your governments?" She is looking for ways to change more land policies globally to create more affordable housing. Mapping communities with the use of drones and using the Global Housing Indicators Database can help make housing V[[dgVWZ#6á] dj \] 'i] Z`YZ c↑dc'd[° V[[dgVWZ"] dj hč\ °kVgZh°i ^YZa°**Mr. Ndugwa** suggested that it needs to be less than 30% of household income. **Ms. Katz**



currently is, and where the trends are leading the world of the future. He mentioned many current





Exhibits

A record number of organizations showcased exhibits during the 68th UN Civil Society Conference. One hundred twenty-six organizations from 15 countries manned featured exhibits. The exhibitions were based on the Conference Theme: “Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities.”

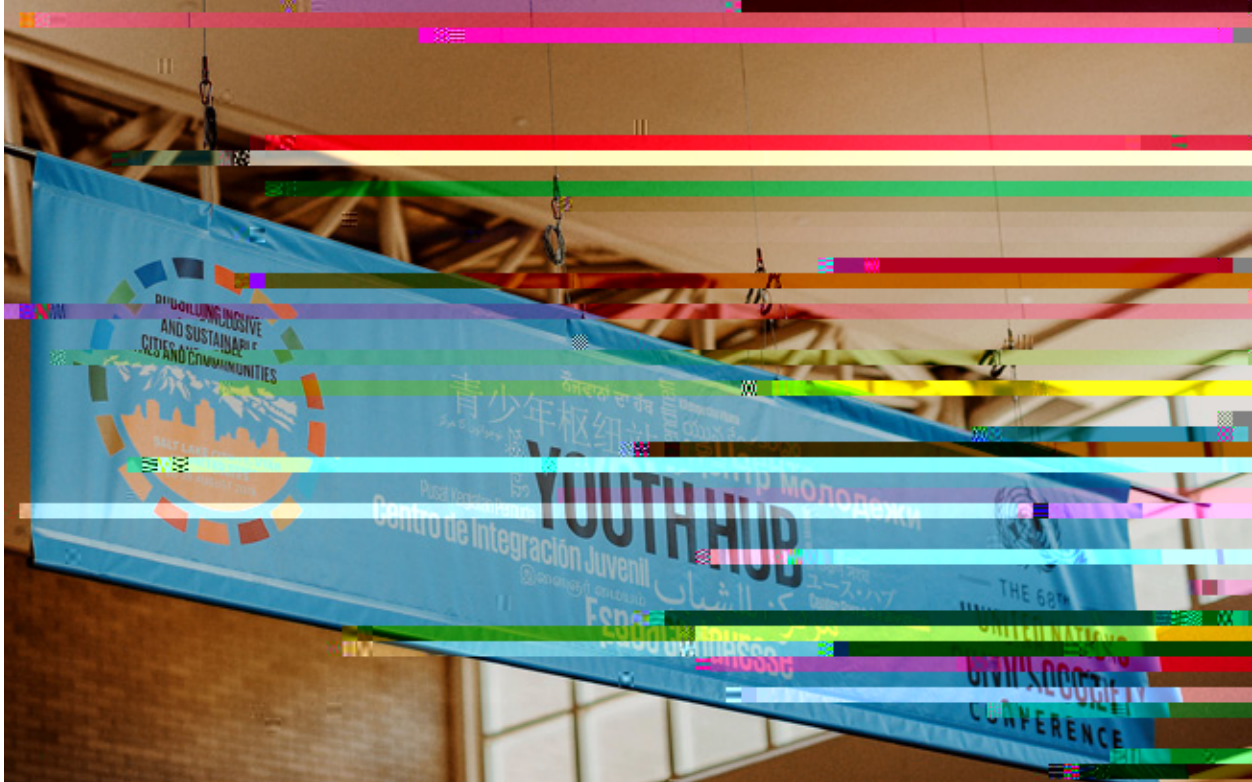
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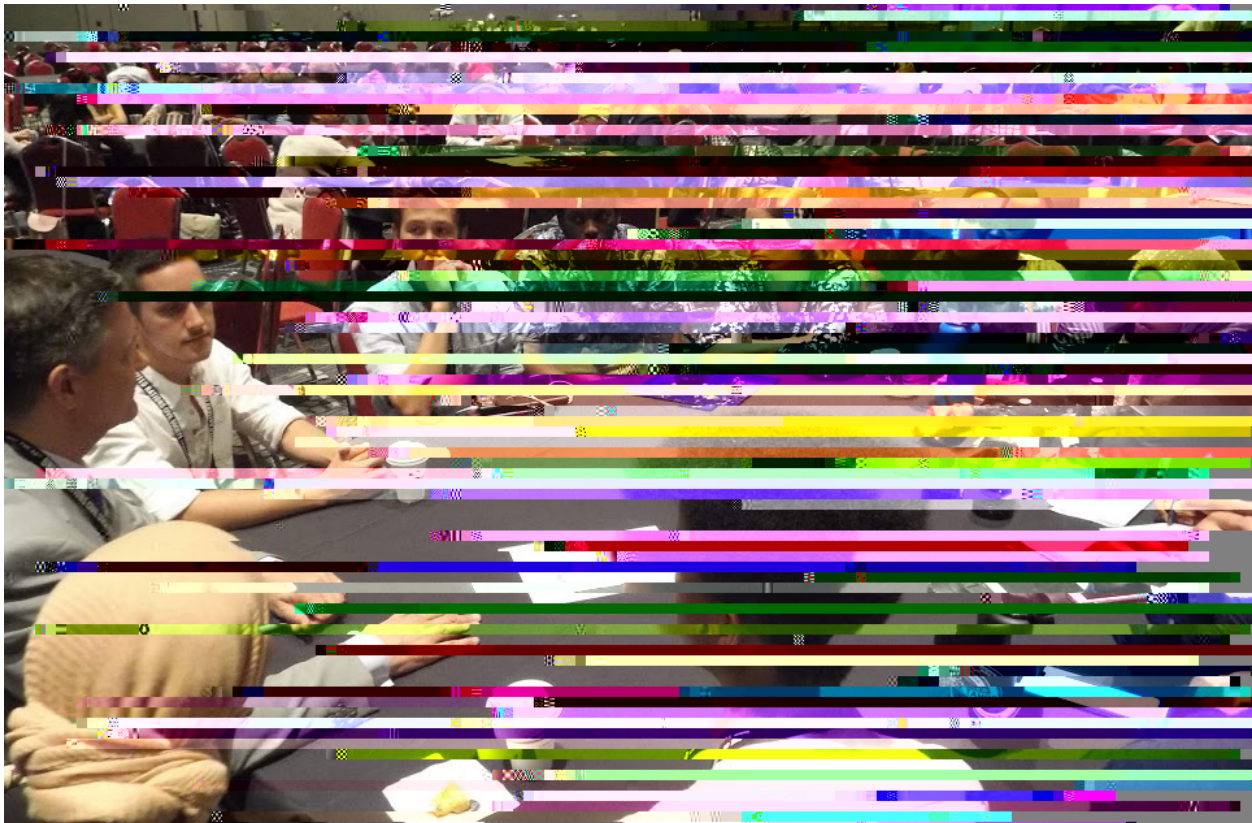
from Somalia to Colombia to China to Pakistan, leading up to the conference. The Youth Sub-committee made a tremendous effort to reach out in all regions to gather the views of young people around the world in expressing their concerns and immediate pledges to action in light of the climate crisis.

H.E. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly, d XVan°gZXZkZY°i] Z°Dj iXdb Z°9dXj b Zci°VcY°hj WnZfj Zcian°h] VgZY°!°cXj Yc°\°i] Z°Ndj i] °8ab ViZ° Compact, with the Member States of the General Assembly.

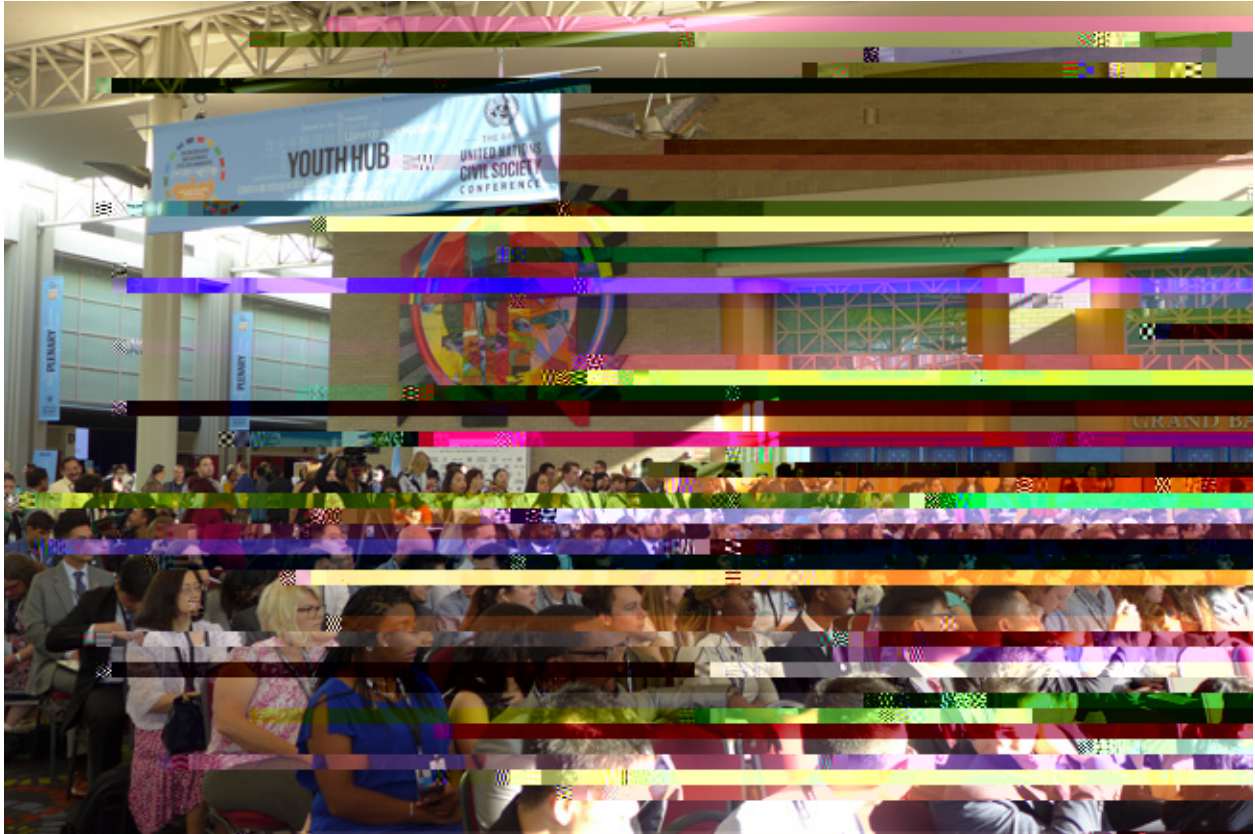
Following the conclusion of the conference, the Youth Climate Compact served as the basis for the programming of the SDG Action Zone, held on the margins of the September UN Youth Climate Summit and UN Climate Action Summit 2019. COP 25 also provided a platform to further expose young people and their constituencies the pledges of the Compact. Plans are now underway to follow up action on how the Compact is being further shared and implemented. Moving forward, it is hoped that



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Youth Leadership Circles. Photo credit: Civil Society Unit, UN DGC.



Audience at the Youth Hub of the 68th UN Civil Society Conference. Photo credit: Maximilian Skóries



Pre-Conference Activity -
Tree Planting, 24 August
Photo Credit: Vlada Yaremenko

Closing Plenary Session

On 28 August 2019, the Closing Plenary Session marked the culmination of the civil society gathering and discussions that took place in Salt Lake City over the three-day Conference programme. The key stakeholders who contributed to the organization of the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference took the stage to make remarks, including Mr. Maher Nasser, Director of the Outreach Division of the United Nations Department of Global Communications; Mr. Baldomero Lago, Chief International Relations Officer of the United Nations Development Programme; and Bishop Gérald Caussé, Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In addition, the remarks of Ms. Barbara Lee, U.S. Representative for California's 13th Congressional District; Ms. Barbara Lee, U.S. Representative for California's 13th Congressional District; and Samira Harnish, Founder and Executive Director, Women of the World also highlighted the importance of the Conference and the role of civil society in building inclusive

H. E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés said: “I encourage you to take forward the commitments outlined in this conference’s Outcome Document, which hits all the right notes on inclusivity, youth, climate action, peace, education, infrastructure, and technology, and which reflects a much-needed blend of individual action and responsibility, as well as transformative change at all levels of society.”

The highlight of the Closing Plenary was the delivery of the Outcome Document to H. E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly, by Maruxa Cardama, the Chair of the Conference. This symbolic act demonstrated that the voice of civil society

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68th United Nations Civil Society Conference Outcome

Statement

“Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities”

68th United Nations Civil Society Conference

increase disaster resilience; reduce the adverse environmental impact of cities; develop green and

Emirates. We underscore the critical importance of WUF to share practices, tools, and knowledge on how to achieve the SDGs and deliver climate change action in cities and communities.

We have only 11 years to deliver on the promises we made through the Sustainable Development Goals. We have less than 11 years to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

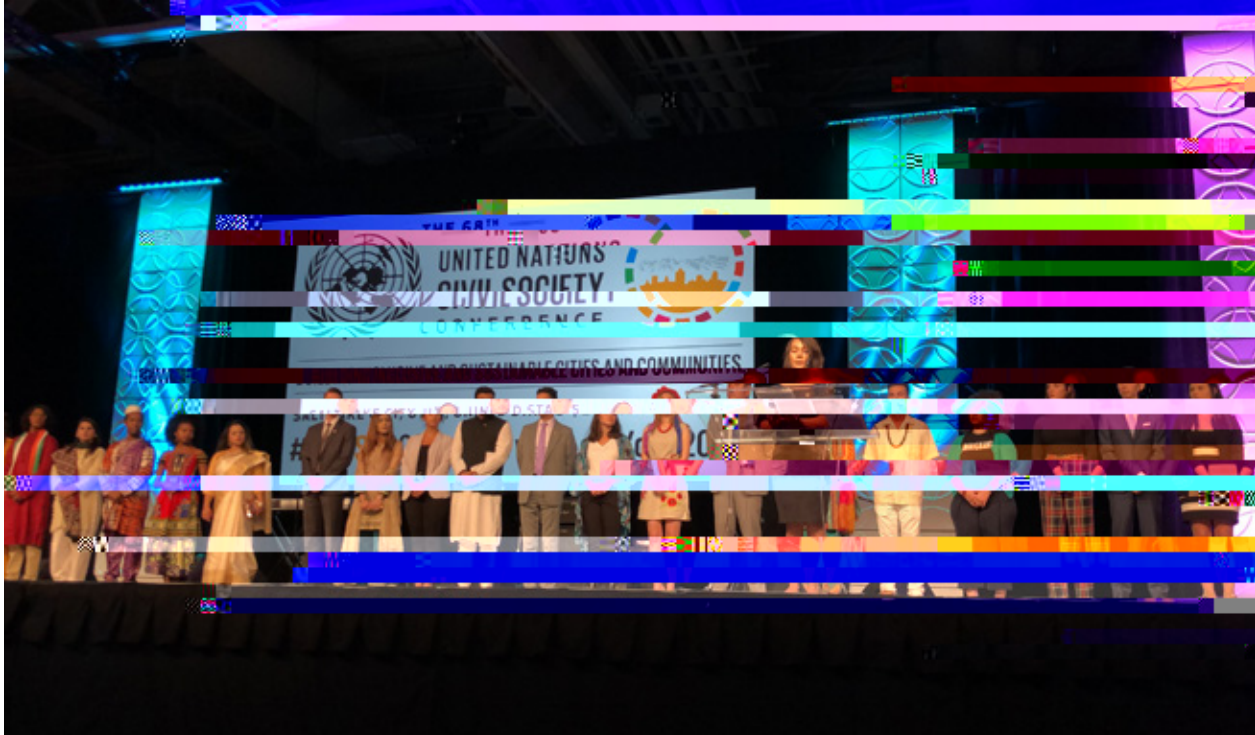
Therefore, be it resolved:

Youth Climate Compact

*Drafted in the spirit of the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference:
"Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities"*

Salt Lake City, Utah, United States of America - August 26-28, 2019

We, the youth, unite in action against the climate crisis. The Earth's climate is nearing the point-of-no-return from which life on the planet cannot recover. The cost of inaction is too immense. Threats to the climate menace every asand Communil Soc8ction our world;ieso immate s c4



Civil Society Youth Representatives Reading the Youth Climate Compact at the Closing Plenary Session of the 68th UN Civil Society Conference. Photo credit: Maximilian Skörries

3. Innovate climate-conscious solutions to local and global challenges and support scaling of sustainable products for widespread use;
4. Advance the widespread education of women and girls, understanding that doing so is a critical step in combating climate change;
5. Be mindful of the effects of our consumption, compounded in the manufacturing, transport, storage, sales, use, and disposal of products;
6. Advocate for a low-carbon future to reverse environmental degradation;
7. Use our purchasing power to encourage businesses to prioritize sustainable models and environmental practices;
8. Encourage businesses to adopt the “Avoid, Shift, and Improve” framework in their building of sustainable local mobility systems and infrastructure;
9. Properly dispose of waste, and advocate for improved waste management infrastructure;
10. Avoid single-use plastic products and packaging to reduce the accumulation of waste;
11. Shift our diets to be plant-forward and climate conscious, reducing meat consumption and demanding reforms in food production industries as appropriate;
12. Call attention to the environmental harms caused by factory farming and unsustainable agricultural practices; opt for local food and support sustainable producers;

13. Caution against the toxic composition and limit our use of certain cosmetic, personal care, cleaning, and menstrual hygiene products, thereby reducing their contribution to pollution and ozone depletion;
14. Reduce consumption of products that exacerbate deforestation and urge our governments to
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21. Actively participate in climate-related political processes, maximizing the voice of the people and nature of the climate crisis and support policies that promote the health of our planet;
22. Support and include marginalized groups; call attention to the disproportionate effects of climate emergencies on developing countries, especially the Least Developed Countries;
23. Mobilize to remedy the disproportionate effects of resource depletion, environmental degradation, and pollution on vulnerable populations, such as indigenous peoples;
24. Foster inclusion when addressing the pledges in this Compact, realizing that collaboration within and between communities is crucial in ending the climate crisis;
25. Acknowledge all forms of life on Earth, understanding that we are all interconnected in the global ecosystem.

Through this collective agreement, we strive to harness the power of the youth to build a future that is certain and free of the devastation of the climate crisis.

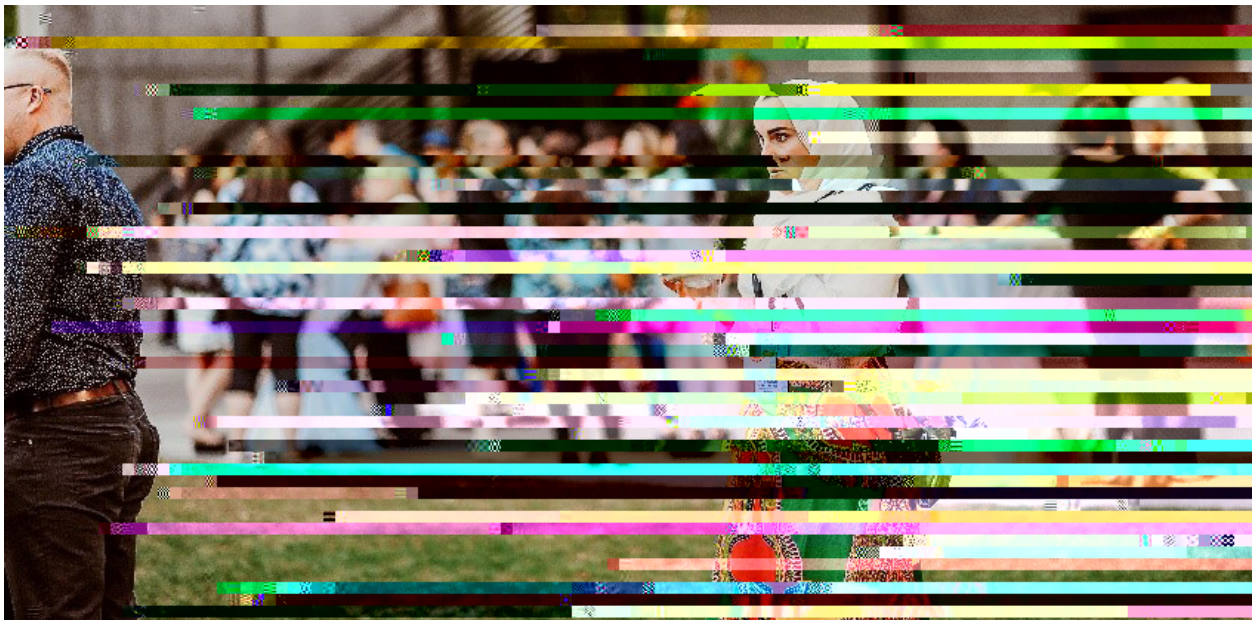
We seek cooperation and support from all generations, governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector in achieving the targets of this compact. Thus, we further our commitment to the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, leaving no one behind.

At the advent of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, we request the United Nations Depart-

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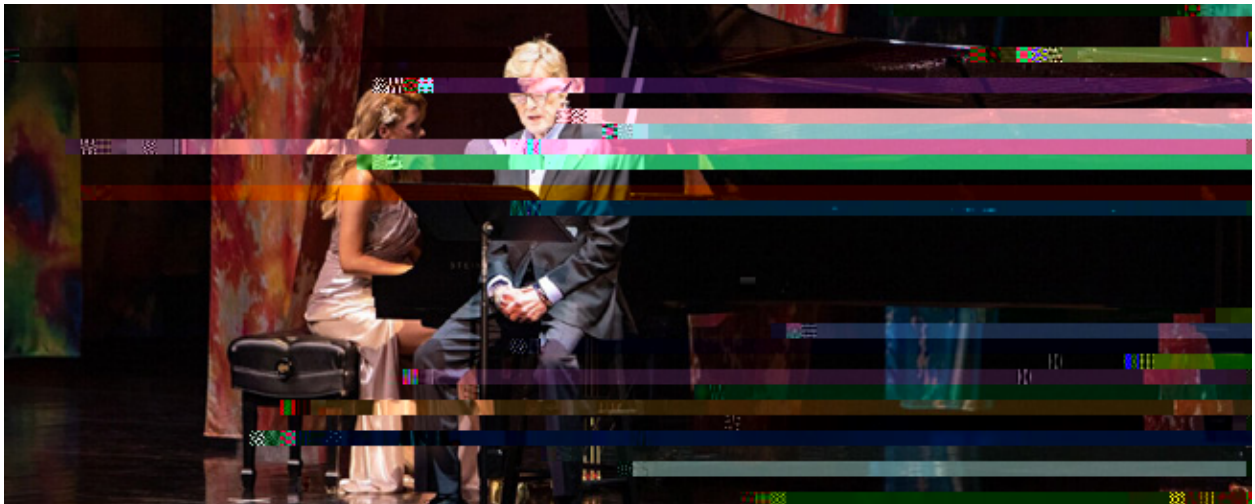
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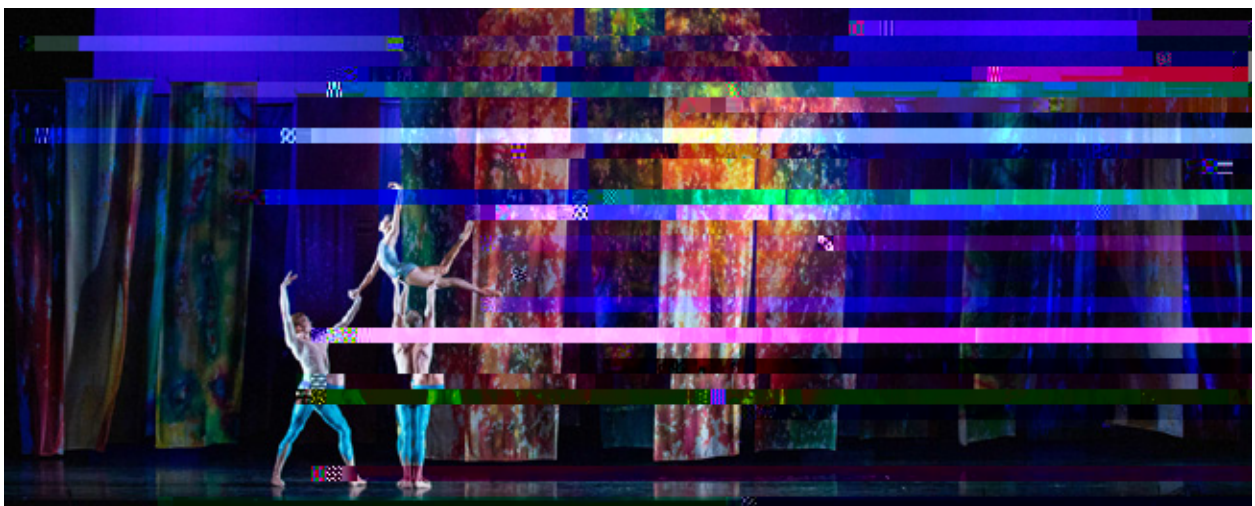
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Robert Redford's Spoken Word at The Way of the Rain performance on 26 August 2019.
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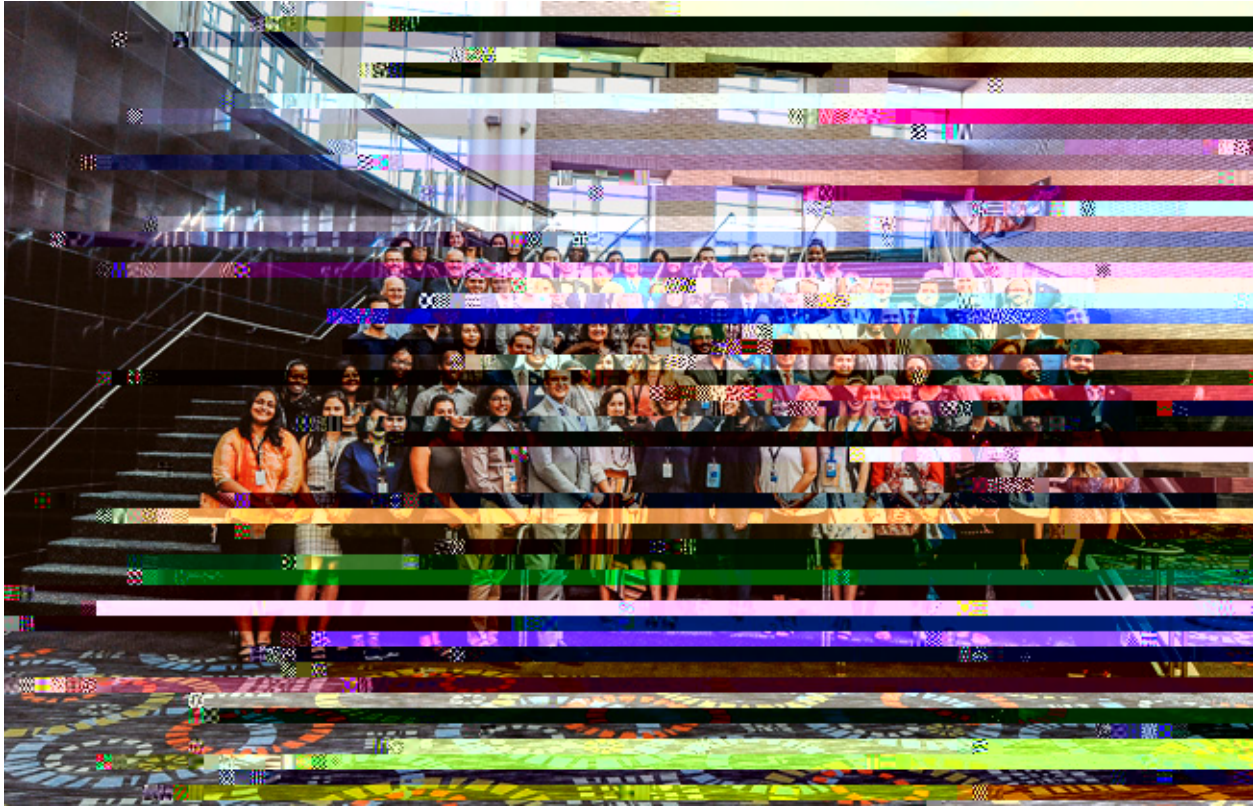
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