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Intersections: Bringing together necessary elements for Inclusive, Sustainable Sanitation Strategies in Cities

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Judith Hermanson, IHC Global

Judith Hermanson is the President and CEO of IHC Global (formerly the International Housing Coalition). With over 30 years of international experience in housing and urban development, civic engagement and organizational management, she has held key leadership roles in two of the largest US-based non-profits working internationally (INGOs). Most recently she served as the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), where she was responsible for day to day management oversight of headquarters and field operations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean and for developing and executing PADF's five-year strategic plan with its \$350 million resource mobilization goal. Previously, Judith was the Executive Vice President of CHF International (now Global Communities) and played a key role in its growth from an annual budget \$2.5 million budget to a budget of \$400 million with impact in 30+ countries worldwide, designing and managing a diverse portfolio working at the local project and national policy levels. Judith was proud to receive the NAHRO John D. Lange International Award for the achievement of demonstrable results in international development, specifically for her work in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Between her work at CHF International and PADF, Judith was a tenured professor of public administration at Northern Illinois University, where she also was Inaugural Director of the NGOLD Center, a degree-granting, interdisciplinary center for the study of non-profits and civic engagement. Judith received her undergraduate degree with high honors from Smith College and her PhD from The George Washington University. She received an honorary doctorate from the American University of Paris in 2014 for her services to international education and development.

Cecilia Rodrigues, Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA) / GIZ

Cecilia Rodrigues is advisor at the Sustainable Sanitation Sector Programme at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, where she coordinates the activities of the SFD Promotion Initiative and works for the Secretariat of the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA). Originally from Brazil, Cecilia Rodrigues is a sociologist and specialist in public policies and holds a master's degree in Urban Management from the Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin).

Susana M. Rojas Williams, Habitat for Humanity International

Susana Rojas Williams serves as the Director of International Shelter Initiatives at Habitat for Humanity International, where she provides technical and advisory support to sustainable housing, water and sanitation, and urban development programs around the world. Susana is an urban planner and architect with extensive experience in the technical and policy aspects of urban development, housing, land, infrastructure and basic services (water, sanitation and energy) with particular focus on pro-poor and people-centered approaches specially in support of self-managed incremental housing processes.

Originally from Lima, Peru, Susana holds a Master in City Planning and International Development and a Master of Science in Architecture Studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She studied at the National University of Engineering in Peru before transferring to the University of Kansas where she obtained a Professional Degree in Architecture. Before joining Habitat for Humanity, Susana worked with the Water and Sanitation Trust Fund of UN-HABITAT, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Center for Reflective Community Practice and the Special Interest Group in Urban Settlement at MIT. She has professional experience working in Latin America and the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, South and Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa.



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Lianne Romahi, *International City/County Management Association*

Lianne Romahi is the Acting Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa region at the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). She currently oversees ICMA's role on the USAID funded Local Enterprise Support Project, working closely with nine Jordanian municipalities in local economic development and facilitating Public Private Partnerships. She specializes in developing and delivering institutional strengthening tools for local governments and civil society organizations, and has experience that spans numerous sectors including local economic development and sustainable tourism, waste management, and performance measurement and management. Lianne Romahi's geographical specialty includes Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Afghanistan, the West Bank, and Egypt. She holds a BSc from the University of Edinburgh and a Master's degree from Imperial College London in Environmental Technology, specialist option: Business and the Environment.

Roshan Shrestha, *Gates Foundation*

I am associated with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a Senior Program Officer, Global Development Division, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSH) team in Seattle, US since Nov 2012. I am co-leading the WSH program in India and also a Technical Lead for South Asia. I spent seven years with UN-Habitat as a regional technical advisor (South Asia) for water and sanitation program and settlement improvement advisor for slum upgrading program in Bangladesh before working at the Foundation.

I started my profession as a technician in a water analysis laboratory of DiSvi International Cooperation in 1988 then founded Environment & Public Health Organization (ENPHO) in 1990. I led the ENPHO for fifteen years and established the organization as one of the leading NGOs in water and sanitation sector in Nepal.

My contribution to the production of household water treatment options (Piyush and Kanchan Arsenic Filter), wastewater treatment and reuse through constructed wetlands and demonstration of the eco-home well recognized by the sector and the society.

I completed M.Sc. in TU, Nepal; a post-graduate course on Limnology and Ph.D. in Applied Natural Science (1996-1999) from University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria. I received several national and international awards, among them Mahendra Vidhay Bhushan "Class A" in 2000, the Third World Academy of Sciences Award in 2000, the Kathmandu Metropolitan City Environment Award in 2004, a team member for World Bank's Development Market Global Competition award in 2003 and Top 10 Kyoto World Water Prize in 2006.

Alberto Wilde, *Global Communities*

Mr. Wilde is a business administrator by profession and holds a Master's Degree in Corporate Finance. With more than 20 years of experience in project management, finance, and business administration. Mr. Wilde has worked for Global Communities (formerly CHF International) since 2003. He has successfully implemented a series of complex and multi-dimensional projects in the fields of economic development, governance, capacity building, water, sanitation, and hygiene as well small, medium and large infrastructure projects.

Mr. Wilde has led water and sanitation projects in urban, peri-urban as well rural areas, providing strategic direction for capacity building; developing innovative, scalable solutions for low-income communities; and linking microfinance with the WASH sector. He also provided strategic leadership for the implementation of the Youth Engagement in Service Delivery program, building capacity of public and private sector actors for value addition and employment creation for youth within selected solid waste value chains. Mr. Wilde has also directed the implementation and management of IncluCity- Improving Governance and Services for Ghana's Urban Poor-Program by building capacity of both public and civil society actors for inclusive governance, planning, budgeting and revenue generation for improved service delivery. He has overseen projects funded by USAID, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and The MasterCard Foundation. Over time he has leveraged several millions of dollars from the private sector and developed long lasting partnerships.