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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **PRESS PANEL LUNCHEON:**

Date: Tuesday, February 4th, 2014

Luncheon Served 12:00 - 1:00

Press Conference Panel begins promptly at 1:15 PM

777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10027

(1st Ave @ 44th Street Entrance)

[RSVP Requested](#)

### **CONTACT PERSON & EVENT COORDINATOR:**

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### **TAKING IT HOME:**

A Commons Approach to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals OWG 8: Oceans, Forests, Bio-Diversity, Inequality, Governance, and the Rule of Law Creating the Future We Want:

*Respecting Planetary Boundaries while Recognizing Our Common Heritage Rights to the Earth*

You are cordially invited to a Press Panel Luncheon "**Taking It Home**" on Tuesday, *February 4th*, 2014 from 12:00PM - 3:00PM at the Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, 10th Floor. Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 and the Press Conference Panel will begin promptly at 1:15 PM. The event is being held as a part of a series of United Nations Meetings and Conferences as the UN's Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) moves from discussing general themes to designing an overall framework, along with more specific targets, indicators and goals, that will help us create a sustainable world by the year 2030. The luncheon and press panel are being organized and sponsored by the Commons Cluster of ECOSOC Accredited organizations, Commons Action for the United Nations, and the Association of World Citizens.

The international community has been discussing how to best initiate a global strategy to assist in sustaining life on Earth and help all people and nature to prosper. So we ask, what can we each do personally, and what can we all do collectively together, to ensure the well-being of the people and our planet home.

The Co-Chairs of this series of meetings have stressed the needs to shift whole systems and to involve 7 billion people in the process. The press panel luncheon, Taking it Home, will focus on diverse practices



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and success stories that can contribute to our understanding of how this can be brought about and how individual initiatives and commons approaches may be made relevant to the larger context and contribute to the global transformation. Panelists will include representatives of Governments, the United Nations Secretariat and Agencies, Civil Society and Indigenous People's Community that will provide insight and perspective on:

*1. Oceans; 2. Forests and Biodiversity; 3. Climate Change; 4. Sustainable Consumption and Production; and 5. the development of an SDG framework and systems whereby all people can individually become accountable for their impact on the Earth System and at the same time benefit from good stewardship.*

The Press Panel Luncheon will begin with lunch served from 12 noon to 1 pm. Then there will be two panel presentations, the first beginning promptly at 1:15. The floor will open for a question and answer period for the members of the press and stakeholders after the completion of Panel 1 and Panel 2. Press questions will be reviewed for focus and accuracy that embodies the focus of the panel discussion. The Association of World Citizens is a founding member of the Commons Cluster which consists of many United Nations ECOSOC Accredited Organizations and other stakeholders. These organizations are active participants in the Major Group process for the UN's Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals which is meeting from February 3-7, 2014 at the United Nations. This session, OWG 8, will focus on the themes of Oceans, Forests, Bio Diversity, Inequality, Conflict Prevention, Governance, and the Rule of Law. See:

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1549> for more information on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1680> for more details on OWG 8. Please contact our event coordinator, for more information on the Press Panel and Luncheon and to confirm your participation Email Akiwa Gizzel: [humanaffect@gmail.com](mailto:humanaffect@gmail.com) or **Mobile:** 1-646-504-8873 or Fax: 1-206-337-9932. For more Information on the Commons Cluster and Commons Action for the United Nations please visit:

[www.commonSACTIONfortheunitednations.org](http://www.commonSACTIONfortheunitednations.org) We very much welcome your presence!

Please find Press Registration form LINK below, for your convenience.

## [Press Registration](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there!