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GLOBAL AMERICANS LAUNCHES RESEARCH PROJECT FOCUSED ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE CARIBBEAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Global Americans is proud to publicly launch a new research initiative evaluating climate change and its global effects, with a particular focus on climate change in the Caribbean. This independent project will bring together critical U.S. and Caribbean actors to produce a series of working papers and reports covering the most pressing climate change issues. In addition to the reports, Global Americans will convene a series of public and private events, designed to provide policymakers with an opportunity to engage on climate change issues, as well as build a foundation for further cooperation among government officials, civil society actors, and the private sector. At the end of this project, Global Americans will offer specific recommendations for policymakers across the hemisphere.

The fight against climate change is at a critical inflection point, and only concerted and coordinated efforts can adequately address the growing scale of the problem. As new climate-related events inevitably arise, international cooperation will be vital for disaster recovery and resilience.

Therefore, as part of this project, Global Americans is excited to announce the formation of a High-Level Working Group, comprised of seasoned policymakers, scholars, government officials, and civil society representatives. The High-Level Working Group will serve as a forum for nonpartisan and transregional discussion, providing expert analysis on a series of research-intensive reports.

In the coming months, Global Americans will present findings to policymakers and civil society leaders across the hemisphere. The reports will also be featured on the Global Americans website and across other relevant Global Americans social media and multimedia channels.

Global Americans would like to thank the Open Society Foundations for their generous support of this project. A special thanks to all of our project contributors for their commitment and dedication to this initiative. We look forward to sharing more on this project in the months ahead.

About Global Americans

Global Americans is a modern-day take on the traditional think tank. Through our website, www.theglobalamericans.org, we provide up-to-date research and analysis on key issues affecting the countries of the Americas—democracy, human rights, social inclusion, and international relations. Our goal is to provide policymakers, academics, civil society leaders, and Western Hemisphere enthusiasts with the tools needed to promote change and build more prosperous Inter-American relations.

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Verónica Arias

Executive Director of the Coalition of Capital Cities of the Americas on Climate Change (CC35) and Former Secretary of Environment of the Metropolitan District of Quito. Ms. Arias was the Representative for Ecuador at The Nature Conservancy, and in 1997 she founded the Environmental Law Center of Ecuador. She holds a J.D. from the Catholic University of Ecuador and an LL.M. in International Environmental Law from American University, Washington, D.C. She has a diploma in leadership and political science from the Instituto Líderes de Gobernar, IDE, and a diploma from Harvard Bloomberg Cities Leadership Program. Ms. Arias currently teaches at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito and is considered an environmental leader, recognized among the 100 most influential Latin American leaders globally on climate change issues in 2020 and selected as one of Ecuador's top ten women of 2020. She is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Renewables in Cities Global Status Report of REN21. Ms. Arias has dedicated her professional career to environmental conservation and sustainable development in Ecuador and internationally, with experience working in national and international organizations, public and private sectors, civil society, and academia.

Dr. Anthony T. Bryan

Non-resident Senior Fellow at CSIS and Senior Fellow with the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine. Dr. Bryan is a leading scholar on regional security issues in Central America and the Caribbean and an independent consultant on energy development (oil and natural gas), energy security, and energy geopolitics in the region. He directed the Caribbean Studies Program at the North-South Center of the University of Miami. Born in Trinidad and Tobago, Professor Bryan has been a member of several cabinet-appointed committees in Trinidad and Tobago on reviews of foreign policy and the restructuring of the diplomatic service. He has also testified on U.S.-Caribbean trade and security issues before the U.S. Congress on several occasions. He is the author/editor of 10 books and numerous articles, and his perspectives have appeared in energy publications such as *Latin-American Energy Advisor*, *Energy Caribbean*, *Petroleum World*, and *Upstream*, and in business/trade publications such as *Latin Finance*, *Latin American Monitor*, and *The Economist*.

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Dr. Georges Fauriol

Fellow at Global Americans and Co-chair of the Caribbean Policy Consortium. Dr. Fauriol is a Think Tank Haiti (TTH) Steering Group member, a partnership of Université Quisqueya (Haiti) and the Inter-American Dialogue, and he teaches at Georgetown University's Democracy and Governance Graduate Program. He retired in 2020 as Vice President, Grant Operations and Evaluation, at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and served from 2002 to 2010 as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Senior Vice President at one of NED's implementing institutes, the International Republican Institute (IRI). Prior to 2001, Dr. Fauriol held a number of positions at CSIS, notably after 1992 as director and senior fellow of the Americas Program, and previously was also the assistant to the chairman of the Center's Board of Trustees. Earlier, he worked at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia. He has extensive international and cross-regional field experience, including election-related missions in Eurasia, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Central America. He is widely published—in *Foreign Affairs*, *Polity*, and other journals—on Caribbean Basin politics, U.S. foreign and security policy in the region, and democratization dynamics. He has testified several times before U.S. congressional committees.

Allison Fedirka

Director of Analysis at Geopolitical Futures. In addition to analyzing and writing about global geopolitical issues, Ms. Fedirka helps train new analysts, oversees the intellectual quality of analyst work, and helps guide the forecasting process. Prior to joining Geopolitical Futures, she worked for Stratfor as a Latin America specialist and subsequently as the Latin America regional director. She lived in South America—primarily Argentina and Brazil—for more than seven years and, in addition to English, fluently speaks Spanish and Portuguese. Ms. Fedirka has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and international studies from Washington University in St. Louis and a master's degree in international relations and affairs from the University of Belgrano, Argentina. Her thesis was on Brazil and Angola and south-south cooperation.

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Associate Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and Senior Fellow at the Center for Climate and Security in Washington, DC. Ms. Fetzek was previously a researcher in the Defence and Military Analysis Programme at the IISS, the Head of the Climate Change and Security Programme at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), and a Senior Research Associate for Environment, Climate Change and Security at International Alert. She also contributes to the UN Climate Security Mechanism's work on preventing violent extremism, among other programming areas. As a security analyst, the aim of her work is to advance nuanced understandings of the climate security nexus and catalyse preventative responses, particularly from the security community.

Amb. Carlos C. Fuller

Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations. Ambassador Fuller was International and Regional Liaison Officer at the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre in Belmopan, Belize, from 2008 to 2021, having previously served as Chief Meteorologist with the National Meteorological Service in Belize City from 1990 to 2008. He is currently a Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as well as Chairman of the Climate Policy Advisors of the Climate Coordination Panel of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and a member of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee of the UNFCCC. He was chief negotiator for climate change for the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) from 2019 to 2020, Chairman of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice from 2016 to 2017, and Permanent Representative of Belize to the Geneva-based WMO from 1990 to 2009. Previously, he has held several positions in the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), including President of Regional Association IV. He was the country's chief climate change negotiator from 1990 until his retirement from government service in 2008. He is still a member of the Belize delegation and was elected Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at COP 21. Ambassador Fuller was awarded the George Price Lifetime Award for Emergency Management and the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for public service.

John Goedschalk

Executive Director of Conservation International-Suriname. Prior to joining Conservation International, Mr. Goedschalk worked in the private and public sector in areas ranging from banking to telecom and green energy. He served as Executive Director of the Climate Compatible Development Agency (CCDA) where he led the development of Suriname's REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations. He also served as Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Suriname and maintains a leading role in various working groups at the governmental level.

Dr. Ivelaw Griffith

Fellow at Global Americans and Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Guyana. Dr. Griffith served as the tenth Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Guyana from June 2016 through June 2019, having served earlier as Executive-in-Residence at the University at Albany, State University of New York, and the ninth President of Fort Valley State University in Georgia. A tenured professor of political science, he served from 2007 to 2013 as Provost and Senior Vice President at York College of the City University of New York. Earlier, he was Provost at Radford University in Virginia, Associate Dean for Budget and Facilities of the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida International University (FIU), and Dean of the Honors College at FIU, all while holding his professorship. He has published extensively on Caribbean security, drugs, and crime. His next book, *Challenged Sovereignty*, will be published by the University of Illinois Press.

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Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue. Mr. Griffith is the co-founder & chief operating officer of Merkle Hedge, a Canadian financial technology and proprietary trading firm focused on high-frequency trading strategies in cryptocurrency markets. Griffith is a visiting research fellow at Future Forum (Cambodia), a director of the Caribbean-ASEAN Council (Philippines), and a George Mason University Emergent Ventures fellow. He is also the host of the *China in the Americas* podcast. Griffith studied Mandarin Chinese in Beijing and has written several pieces on the triangular relationship of the U.S.-Caribbean-China for publications including *The Diplomat* and *Lawfare*. His policy research focuses on China's geoeconomic and financial engagement with the Caribbean. Griffith has testified before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC).

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Lecturer at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill. Dr. Henry is a mechanical engineer who specializes in renewable energy. She researches sustainable energy sources in the Caribbean, such as biofuel from Sargassum seaweed, ocean thermal energy conversion, and wave energy. Her most recently published IDB Technical Note is called *Experimental Evidence on the Use of Biomethane from Rum Distillery Waste and Sargassum Seaweed as an Alternative Fuel for Transportation in Barbados* and delineates an indigenous renewable transportation solution.

Amb. Riyad Insanally

Former Ambassador of Guyana to the United States and the OAS and Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Caribbean Initiative at the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center. Ambassador Insanally was Guyana's ambassador to the United States and permanent representative to the Organization of American States from September 2016 to June 2021. He was also previously Guyana's non-resident ambassador-designate to Mexico. Ambassador Insanally was a career diplomat for over thirty-one years and received Guyana's third-highest award, the Cacique's Crown of Honor in 2019 for his "long and distinguished service in the field of diplomacy and international relations." Prior to his appointment as ambassador, he was the OAS representative in Trinidad and Tobago from 2008 to 2016; advisor to the OAS assistant secretary general, in Washington, DC, from 2006 to 2008; political advisor to the first two secretaries general of the Association of Caribbean States in Port of Spain, Trinidad, from 1997 to 2003; and a senior foreign service officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana from 1990 to 1997. He is currently an associate of the University of Guyana Foundation, an inaugural member of the Presidential Precinct's Global Advisory Council in Charlottesville, Virginia, and an honorary associate fellow of the Centre for Caribbean Studies at the University of Warwick, UK.

Dr. Scott B. MacDonald

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Dame Billie Miller

Member of the Global Americans International Advisory Council and former Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados. Dame Billie is a Barbadian lawyer and former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. On seven occasions, she was elected as a member of Parliament for the City of Bridgetown and was appointed Senior Minister in May 2003, retaining portfolios in foreign affairs and foreign trade. She was the first woman to hold a position in Barbados' cabinet. Over the years, her ministerial portfolios have included Health and National Insurance, Education, Culture, and Deputy Leader of the Opposition. At the international level, Dame Billie was the Coordinator of CARICOM Ministerial Spokespersons and was responsible for external trade negotiations. At the national level, she was a member of the Barbados Family Planning Association, the Barbados National Trust, and the Barbados Museum and Historical Society. In the past, she has served as Chairwoman of the NGO Planning

Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development, President of the International Planned Parenthood Federation for the Western Hemisphere, member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, member of the United Nations Population Fund's Advisory Panel for Activities Concerning Women, and Chairwoman of the Inter-American Development Bank's Advisory Council on Women in Development. Dame Billie was selected as the Laureate for the United Nations Population Award in 2008, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the awareness of women's and population issues.

Luis Gilberto Murillo

Former Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia and former Governor of the Colombian State of Choco. As Minister, Mr. Murillo, within the framework of the implementation of the historic 2016 peace accord, tripled the size of Colombia's naturally protected area as a key measure to fight deforestation and to protect biodiversity. He was a central figure in leading the formulation and implementation of Colombia's national climate change policy framework under the Paris Agreement, Colombia's national climate change management law, Colombia's national carbon tax, and Colombia's voluntary carbon market. He also previously served as Presidential Advisor and Director for the Todos Somos PAZcifico Development Plan. Mr. Murillo has also served as a senior consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), among others. Currently, he is a Martin Luther King Fellow at the MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative. He is a well-known national political figure in Colombia, with more than 30 years of experience in public policy design, implementation, and advocacy; particularly, in the areas of sustainable regional development, environmental protection, social inclusion, and peacebuilding. In 2022, he announced his presidential candidacy and later joined the Centro Esperanza ticket as Sergio Fajardo's running mate.

Dr. Claire Nelson

Founder and Director, Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS). ICS is the leading Caribbean-American advocacy group in Washington, D.C. The national profile partner for the U.S. Census in 2010, Dr. Nelson is the architect of the successful campaign to declare June as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month; and the visionary behind such flagship events as the White House Caribbean-American Community Briefings; the Annual Legislative Forum on Capitol Hill; Invest Caribbean Business Leaders Dialogue; N Business Roundtable; and the Caribbean-American Heritage Awards. She is also currently the Lead Futurist of The Futures Forum, a research and education practice which uses the disciplines of strategic foresight and sustainability engineering for effective design and planning of projects and policies across a variety of sectors. Prior to starting ICS and The Futures Forum, Dr. Nelson enjoyed over thirty years in her career in international development at the Inter-American Development Bank and was the trailblazer for placing the topic of social exclusion due to race and ethnicity on the agenda of the Washington-based international finance institution. As a result of her pioneering leadership, she was honored with the prestigious Ortiz Mena Award at the Inter-American Development Bank in 2010.

Dr. Justin Ram

Former Director of Economics at the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). Dr. Justin Ram is an international economist with over twenty-five years of international experience in practice, research, development, and management. At CDB, he was responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of the Economics Department with responsibility for international policy assessments, economic research, economic reporting and forecasting, policy-based-lending, and country strategies. Before joining the CDB, Dr. Ram's experiences included: Senior Global Economist with WorleyParsons, Supervisory Economist with the Mayor of London/Greater London Authority, Technical Director with Jacobs Engineering, and an economist with the U.K. Department for Transport. Dr. Ram has also been a Class Teacher at the London School of Economics and Political Science and was Lecturer in economics at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. He is the Co-Founder of the Caribbean Blue Economy Conference and the Caribbean Leadership and Transformation Forum.

Iván C. Rebolledo

Chair of the Global Americans Board of Directors and Managing Partner at TerraNova Strategic Partners LLC—a geo-strategic advisory firm specializing in the Andean region of Latin America. Previously, Mr. Rebolledo has served with the United Nations and UN Development Programme in various capacities and countries. Prior to joining the UN system, he served as Deputy Director for Latin American Affairs at the Americas Society/Council of the Americas. He was also a Senior Advisor to the Inter-American Parliamentary Commission on Population and Development. Intermittently, he continues to consult for the IDB and OAS. Since 2003, he has been President of the Bolivian-American Chamber of Commerce, which was established in 1983 aimed at fostering and promoting trade, commerce, and investment between Bolivia and North America. Currently, he is a Non-resident Senior Associate with the Americas Program at the Center for International and Strategic Studies (CSIS) and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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Former Member of Parliament of Curaçao. Mr. Rosaria is a freelance international consultant active in the Caribbean and Asia. Previously, he has worked at the Government of the Netherlands Antilles as State Secretary of Finance, Minister of Economic Affairs, and Advisor to the Minister of Finance. From 2012 until 2016, he served as a member of the Curaçaoan Parliament and also led the Partido pa Adelanto I Inovashon Soshal (PAIS) party. Outside of politics, he has worked in consultancy as well as in the field for the United Nations.

Sir Ronald Sanders

Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the OAS. Ambassador Sanders also serves as the Non-resident High Commissioner to Canada for Antigua and Barbuda. Previously, Sir Ronald served as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom for Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador to the World Trade Organization twice. Additionally, he has served twice as President of the Permanent Council of the 34-member OAS from January to April 2016 and May to June 2021. During his first term, he initiated action to recover the organization from

severe financial difficulties. He has had careers as a diplomat, businessman, and academic. He brings a range of skills, honed in these separate areas to his work as negotiator, diplomat, facilitator, and mediator in business and politics. Sir Ronald is the recipient of several honors, including Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG)—Britain; Knight Commander of the Order of the Nation (KCN)—Antigua and Barbuda; and member of the Order of Australia (AM). He was also honored by the University of the West Indies with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (DLitt) for his championing of Caribbean causes as a diplomat, writer, and advocate. He is a non-remunerated member of the International Advisory Board of *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, a scholarly journal published six times a year.

Dr. Kalim Shah

Director of the Island Policy Lab and Assistant Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy at the University of Delaware. Dr. Shah specializes in policy, regulation, institutions, and governance in small island states and territories. He has over eighteen years of policy analysis and development experience working as a consultant and researcher in the fields of climate change, energy, and corporate sustainability. His experience includes implementing national and regional projects on climate change mainstreaming, industrial policy evaluation, and sustainability investments. His areas of research include energy policy and development, the green economy, renewables, energy efficiency, resilient energy infrastructure, clean energy transitions, and oil and natural gas markets.

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