IEEE Smart Village – United Nations
Joint Call to Action & SDG Training

Forum for Empowering Off-Grid Communities through the 17 SDGs

Thursday, October 19, 2017
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
IEEE GHTC Conference, San Jose, CA
Bayshore Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton

✓ Explore the path to advancing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals with UN SDG champions
✓ Engage with thought leaders and experts from organizations across the globe.
✓ Learn how you can join in implementing the SDGs with real projects and initiatives from IEEE Smart Village across Africa, India, and Asia
✓ Participate in a strategic planning forum for creating a roadmap of SDG implementation with the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers – the world’s largest technical organization with over 440,000 members and volunteers

IEEE Smart Village and the United Nations are co-hosting a joint call to action supporting the Sustainable Development Goals. The event is an interactive workshop and strategic forum geared to motivate participants to become engaged in sustainable development, as well as identify and address the critical path issues towards field implementation of the SDGs.

About IEEE Smart Village
IEEE Smart Village (ISV) is the member-led, not-for-profit, humanitarian outreach program of IEEE and one of the four priority initiatives of the IEEE Foundation. ISV empowers off-grid communities with a family income of less than $2 USD per day. Using the three pillars of Energy, Education, and Enterprise, ISV applies a system-of-systems approach to build smart, sustainable communities. With a focus on field implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, ISV has created a network of experienced partners and village leaders engaged in community micro-utility infrastructure projects, humanitarian technology transfer, community-based education, and holistically sustainable enterprise. ISV aims to empower 50 million people by 2025 with plans for expansion in Africa, India, South America, and Asia.

About the Sustainable Development Goals
The Sustainable Development Goals, adopted in September 2015 by 193 countries, give a 15 year path forward to create actions and collaborations to preserve our planet, design social programs to increase equity, food for all, build safe and healthy communities, and reduce the effects of climate change. To accomplish the Sustainable Development Goals, communities and volunteers must first learn what the goals are and the then work collectively to achieve them.

“With the 17 goals, everybody on this planet can help do something. You no longer have a reason not to do something. You are in the driver’s seat, and if you cannot start a project yourself, find someone who already has a project and help them. For every SDG, there is some small action that you can take every day and have a positive global impact.”

– Joan Kerr, Founder, Foundation for Building Sustainable Communities
**Schedule**

8:30 am  –  Breakfast & icebreaking social  
9:00 am  –  Introduction and background by IEEE Smart Village & UN  
9:30 am  –  UN perspective and history of the SDGs  
11:00 am –  Coffee break  
11:15 am –  Training tracks with Q&A and dynamic learning activities  
12:30 pm –  Lunch  
1:00 pm  –  Implementing SDGs in the field: Forum for strategic cooperation  
3:00 pm  –  Coffee break  
3:15 pm  –  Announcement of next seven ISV projects  
3:30 pm  –  UN awards & funding opportunities from UN foundation and World Bank  
4:00 pm  –  Call to Action, break  
6:30 pm  –  Evening Reception  

**Speakers & In-Field Sustainable Development Experts**

- **Ray Larsen**  
  Chair, IEEE Smart Village  
  Chair, ISV Technical Comm

- **Alexander Anderson**  
  Chair, IEEE Smart Village  
  Partner Engagement Comm

- **Juan Chebly**  
  Lead Adviser at UN Environment Program

- **Bai Blyden**  
  Vice Chair, IEEE Smart Village  
  Fund Development

- **Karen Galuchie**  
  Executive Director, IEEE Foundation

- **Joan Kerr**  
  Chair, ISV SusAg WG  
  Founder, FBSC

- **Melinda Rooke**  
  SDGs Champion, UN-NYC  
  Policy Strategy Group

- **Olga Anderson**  
  Chair, IEEE Smart Village  
  Education Comm

- **Bob Wubenha**  
  ISV Entrepreneur - PNG  
  President, Transform Int’l

- **Mei Lin Fung**  
  Co-Founder, People Centered Internet

- **Monica L. Brown**  
  ISV Entrepreneur - Rwanda  
  Founder, ADP

- **Martin Niboh**  
  ISV Entrepreneur – Cameroon  
  President, Torchbearer Found.

- **Preethi Jain**  
  Head of Philanthropy  
  IEEE India

- **Ifeanyi Orajaka**  
  ISV Entrepreneur - Nigeria  
  President, GVE-Group

- **Xiaofeng Zhang**  
  Executive VP, US-China  
  Green Energy Council

- **Paul Cunningham**  
  CEO, IMC Corp and  
  IST-Africa Initiative

- **Aarlie Hull**  
  Chair, ISV Women’s WG  
  President, Na Wokabaut