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**Sustainability Webinar Series I:
Sustainability-Peace Nexus: Refugees and Migration**

Tuesday, October 6, 2020
(All times are Eastern Time)

- 11:00 am **Welcome Remarks**
Vaughan Turekian, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
Rebecca Everly, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- 11:10 am **Presentations: Sustainability-Peace Nexus: Refugees and Migration**
- Jana Mason, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Global Perspective)
 - Bernard Amadei (NAE), University of Colorado Boulder (Engineering Perspective)
- 11:40 am Q&A and Discussion
- 12:00 pm Adjourn

Speaker Biographical Information

JANA MASON is Senior Advisor for External Relations and Government Affairs at the Washington, DC office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). She acts as a liaison for UNHCR and represents the agency's interests with the U.S. government, particularly the State Department and Congress, and with nongovernmental organizations. Prior to joining UNHCR in 2008, Ms. Mason was Director of Government Relations and Advocacy at the International Rescue Committee (IRC). Prior to her work at IRC, she was with the US Committee for Refugees for eleven years, where she served as policy analyst for the Asia/Pacific region and advocated for refugee protection and assistance. During this time, she assessed refugee and asylum situations in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, Japan, China and elsewhere. Ms. Mason has worked in the refugee arena since 1983, which included a position as assistant director of refugee programs for the State of Virginia. She has a bachelor's degree from Boston University, a master's degree from the University of Virginia and a law degree from Georgetown University.

BERNARD AMADEI (NAE) is Distinguished Professor and Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He received his Ph.D. in 1982 from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Amadei is the Founding Director of the Mortenson Center in Engineering for Developing Communities. He is also the Founding President of Engineers Without Borders - USA and the co-founder of the Engineers Without Borders-International network. Among other distinctions, Dr. Amadei is the 2007 co-recipient of the Heinz Award for the Environment; the recipient of the 2008 ENR (Engineering News-Record) Award of Excellence; the recipient of the 2015 Washington and ASCE OPAL (American Society of Civil Engineers Outstanding Projects And Leaders) awards; the recipient of the 2016 C. H. Dunn Award of the Construction Industry Institute; an elected member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Construction; and an elected Senior Ashoka Fellow. He holds six honorary doctoral degrees (University of Massachusetts Lowell; Carroll College; Clarkson; Drexel; Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and Technion in Israel). In 2013 and 2014, Dr. Amadei served as a Science Envoy to Pakistan and Nepal for the U.S. Department of State.