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Global Adaptation Action: Building Equity Through Collaboration Before Crisis

Speaker Bios and Resources

Camila Tapias - *Global Disaster Resilience Specialist, SPIN Global; ARISE US Board Member*

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Camila is community leader focused on leveraging public-private partnerships, building national and international strategies to increase local capacity for disaster risk reduction, and prioritizing data and science to achieve more equitable outcomes in disaster preparedness. At SPIN Global, she leads the Business and Industry practice area and serves as the International Risk Reduction program area coordinator. Camila conducts assessments of community resilience, supports development of emergency management plans and continuity of operations plans (COOPs), develops training and exercises both in English and Spanish, and conducts targeted outreach. She also serves as the Communications Director for the ARISE-US Board, the Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies. She is originally from Bogotá, Colombia.

Antoine B. Richards - *Chief of Staff, Institute for Diversity & Inclusion in Emergency Management*

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Antoine Richards serves as the Chief of Staff for the Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management. His experience includes over a decade of work in the healthcare and emergency management sectors including public health, community outreach, public affairs, DEI, and research. He is a Doctor of Science (DSc) Candidate in



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Emergency Management at Jacksonville State University and he serves on the Board of Directors for the Alliance for National and Community Resilience, co-leads the Diversity, Equity, and Racial Inclusion Initiative for the Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals (AHEPP). A native Atlantan, Richards strives to leverage his knowledge, skills, and abilities to improve outcomes of vulnerable populations through servant leadership.

Resources from Camila and Antoine:

- Email equity@spinglobal.org to join Model Design Ideation conversations to contribute suggestions and requirements to future Model Versions
- Access Open-Source Content: <https://github.com/4cast-ai>
- Sign up for an Equitable Decision Intelligence for Emergency Management Pilot: <https://forms.gle/3YGREgl3znYoHgTS7>
- Join the LinkedIn group: Equitable Decision Intelligence for Emergency Management <https://www.bit.ly/Equitabledecisionintelligence>
- I-DIEM Resources & Toolkits: [Research & Resources Archives - I-DIEM](#)

Shefali Juneja Lakhina - Co-Founder at Wonder Labs

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Dr. Lakhina has over 18 years of international experience and thought leadership on disaster policy, practice, and research. Since 2005, she has contributed to conceptualizing, implementing, facilitating, and monitoring a range of policies, programs, and initiatives for strengthening disaster resilience across South Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, South-East Europe, Australia, and the United States. She has led innovations in disaster resilience policy and programs for international humanitarian and development agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, national authorities, local councils, and civil society organizations. As Co-Founder of Wonder Labs (founded in April 2020), Dr. Lakhina is currently engaged in co-developing social, ecological, and technological innovations with communities on the frontlines of extreme climate impacts, including wildfires.



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Lau leads the Resilience Collaboratory of the Manila Observatory, where she works closely with local governments and civil society organizations across the Philippines to support their climate and disaster risk management, and adaptation planning efforts. At the regional and international level, she also volunteers her time at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – Working Group I, Future Earth Coasts, and Southeast Asia Science Advisory Network. Lau is passionate about engaging vulnerable communities in understanding climate risks and designing possible solutions, building on existing adaptive capacities and creating hope for the future through collaborative climate action. She is launching her own startup, EarthEd PH, focused on promoting climate education through knowledge exchange at the community level. Lau's PhD research focused on climate change adaptation in small island communities.

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- <http://racingthekingtide.com/> - Virtual reality films about tidal flooding in small islands shown at various important meetings like UN COP26 and WCRP Sea Level Conference, with a goal of creating empathy for small island communities among state leaders, policy-makers, researchers and practitioners

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A Mexican national, Elisa is an Architect with a specialty in Sustainable Architectural Design. She specializes in urban transformation, disaster resilience and climate change, as well as their relationship with poverty eradication. Currently, she co-leads the Resilience Working Group for the 2030 Agenda at UNGC Mexico and is the National Director for ARISE Mx. Elisa has served with international organizations in Mexico, Spain, Germany, and Switzerland, as consultant, research assistant, academic coordinator and professor. She has also participated in multiple social projects for Mexico with more than 250 multi-sector allies. She is an active participant in national and international networks related to sustainable development and was a former Observer of the United Nations Youth Assembly with the Mexican Delegation.

- ARISE-Mexico: <https://arise.mx/en/>