

The Education Program Presents
Wednesday Evening Seminar
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6:30-8:30 pm

East-West Center
Hawai'i Imin International
Conference Center

Keoni Auditorium

1777 East-West Road
Honolulu, HI 96848

- *Open to the public.*
- *Light refreshments will be served.*
- *Please bring your own cup, plate and utensils.*

(Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed by presenters and participants at the Wednesday Evening Seminar do not necessarily reflect those of the East-West Center.)

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**“Global Aspirations & Transformational Strategies:
Need for New Change Agents”**

Living in the 21st century presents unprecedented challenges reflected in rapid technological changes, globalization and economic changes, as well as critical development issues. This session of the Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) will explore how the world is now being reshaped by these forces at a pace that is eliciting dissonance in the citizens, societies and institutions. **Dr. Arun Kashyap** will discuss the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as these relate to global aspirations and strategies. WES is also pleased to invite **Ambassador Amanda Ellis**, who will provide her insights as the former UN representative from New Zealand.



Arun Kashyap

Dr. Arun Kashyap is a recognized strategic actor and big-picture thinker in inclusive and equitable development. He has worked in most regions of the world with governments, civil society, private sector and foundations on policy, capacity development, and implementing multi-sector initiatives to deliver on-the-ground outcomes. Most recently, Dr. Kashyap served as United Nations Resident Coordinator & Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, Turks & Caicos and Cayman Islands from 2011-2015. Since 2000, Dr. Kashyap was associated with a number of highly visible UN programs to achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Business Call to Action (BCtA), strengthening rule of law, enhancing access to justice, building social cohesion, combating climate change and sustaining resilience for equitable and human rights based development.



Amanda Ellis

Ambassador Amanda Ellis currently serves as Special Advisor in the Office of the President of the East-West Center. Until March 2016, Ms. Ellis served as New Zealand's Head of Mission and Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Francophone Africa. From 2010 she was Deputy Secretary International Development and the first woman to head the New Zealand Aid Programme, managing an annual budget of over \$.6 billion. Prior to this, Ms. Ellis was Lead Specialist in the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Group at the World Bank Group in Washington D.C., where she managed the World Bank President's Global Private Sector CEO Leaders Forum and led the Doing Business gender research project which created "Women, Business and the Law."