



SPARC is proud to announce:



Sheela Patel our Founder, Director is a

GLOBAL AMBASSADOR

Race to Zero and Race to Resilience

<https://racetozero.unfccc.int/global-ambassadors/>

Sheela Patel, said “I am excited to join the Climate Champions as a Global Ambassador, advancing their work to put people and communities at the heart of their campaigns. We have the opportunity to make this a monumental year for climate action and I look forward to using my role as Ambassador to bring front line voices and non-state actors to the table too”.

Sheela is widely recognised – nationally and internationally – for seeking urgent attention to the issues of urban poverty, housing and infrastructure onto the radar of governments, bilateral and international agencies, foundations and other organizations. Among other things, Sheela is currently a trustee of the International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED) and was a Commissioner of the Commission for Adaptation to climate change between 2018-2020.

Patel is the founder director of the Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC), an NGO based in Mumbai, that has been working since 1984 to support community organisations of the urban poor in their efforts to access secure housing and basic amenities and seek their right to the city.

She is a founder amongst many of Slum Dwellers International, a transnational social movement of the urban poor in Asia, Africa and Latin America, whose board she previously chaired.