



YOUTH CLIMATE LEADERS IN CONVERSATION WITH CLIMATE EXPERTS

Participants in ActNowFilm: youth climate leaders in conversation with climate experts

- **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Hala Al-Hamawi**, Climate Finance Senior Associate, Global Green Growth Institute, and PhD student, Nottingham Trent University, Jordan and United Kingdom
- **Juan Pablo (JP) Arellano**, socioecological justice activist, Organiser at the International Degrowth Network, Mexico
- **Davina Bacon**, writer and faith-based climate justice activist, United Kingdom and Malawi
- **Craig Bennett**, CEO of The Wildlife Trusts and Honorary Professor of Sustainability and Innovation at University of Manchester Alliance Manchester Business School, United Kingdom
- **Dr Fatih Birol**, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA)
- **Deidre Boodoosingh**, climate activist, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom
- **Angela Busheska**, social entrepreneur and sustainability activist, North Macedonia
- **Dawda Cham**, Deputy Executive Director of HELP-Gambia, The Gambia
- **Yu Chen (Elena)**, youth climate leader and Sustainable Development student, China and United Kingdom
- **Dr Myrna Kay Cunningham Kain**, Indigenous rights activist, Nicaragua
- **Professor Fatima Denton**, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA)
- **Amanda Nogueira Moreira de Souza**, youth activist for equity, racial justice, and Indigenous rights, Brazil
- **Pamela Elizarrarás Acitores (EA)**, climate justice activist and documentary storyteller, co-founder of Latinas for Climate and Climate Words, Mexico
- **Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano**, Founding Partner and CEO onepoint5, Former Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Ambassador Emeritus of Mexico, Mexico
- **Christiana Figueres**, former Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, co-founder of Global Optimism, co-host of the Outrage & Optimism podcast, Costa Rica
- **Dr Arunabha Ghosh**, CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), India
- **Professor Katharine Hayhoe**, Chief Scientist, The Nature Conservancy, Horn Distinguished Professor and Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Public Law, Texas Tech University, Canada and United States of America
- **Ione Howells**, climate advocate, United Kingdom
- **Professor Saleemul Huq**, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh



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- **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, President, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT), Chad
- **Raina Ivanova**, advocate for climate justice and child rights, Germany
- **Prayank Jain**, lawyer and climate diplomacy expert, India
- **Karan Jerath**, inventor, entrepreneur and advocate for the SDGs, United States of America
- **Dr Tony Juniper CBE**, Chair of Natural England, United Kingdom
- **Brighton Kaoma**, Founder & CEO of Amano, Zambia and United States of America
- **Palakh Khanna**, Founder and CEO of Break.The.Ice, India
- **Professor Sir David King**, Founder & Chair, Climate Crisis Advisory Group (International), United Kingdom
- **Renata Koch Alvarenga**, Founder and Executive Director of EmpoderaClima, Brazil
- **Shun Hei Lee**, MSc student in Environmental Systems and Policy, ETH Zürich, Hong Kong, China
- **Moliehi Mafantiri**, environmental scientist, co-founder of Barali, Lesotho
- **Albert Altarejos Magalang**, Chief, Climate Change Service, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), The Philippines
- **Ilona Mettiäinen**, Visiting Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland
- **Fogamomi Nicc Moeono**, PhD student, energy transitions expert, and member of the International Youth Climate Delegate Program, Samoa
- **Lamia Mohsin**, Oxfam Young Leaders Fellow, Innovation and Project Management Officer at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh
- **Professor Tero Mustonen**, President and Founder, Snowchange Cooperative, Finland
- **Sunita Narain**, Executive Director, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), India
- **Belinda Ng**, Corporate Sustainability Consultant and Youth Leader of the Act4food movement, Hong Kong, China
- **Dr Carlos A. Nobre**, Earth System scientist, Brazil
- **Eva Papanikolaki**, climate activist and co-coordinator of Fridays for Future Greece, Greece
- **Dinh-Long Pham**, Founder and Host of Life Line Podcast, France and Vietnam
- **Alice Maria Piva**, architect, multidisciplinary artist and socio-environmental activist, Brazil
- **Professor Mary Robinson**, Chair of the Elders, Adjunct Professor for Climate Justice at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- **Professor Johan Rockström**, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany and Sweden
- **Professor Joeri Rogelj**, Director of Research, Grantham Institute, Professor of Climate Science & Policy, Centre for Environmental Policy at Imperial College London, Belgium and United Kingdom
- **Hellena Sailas**, CEO of Arena Recycling Industry, Tanzania
- **Naderev 'Yeb' Saño**, Executive Director of Greenpeace Southeast Asia, Philippines



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- **Carlos Shanka**, Founder of Global Shapers Las Palmas, Spain
- **The Rt Hon Sir Alok Sharma KCMG MP**, President for COP26, United Kingdom
- **Professor Emily Shuckburgh OBE**, Director of Cambridge Zero, and Professor of Environmental Data Science at the Department of Computer Science and Technology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
- **Elizabeth Simpson**, Student Engagement Coordinator at Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
- **The Rt Hon Chris Skidmore OBE**, MP and Chair of the Independent Government Review on Net Zero, United Kingdom
- **Mark J. Spalding**, President of the Ocean Foundation, United States of America
- **Chris Stark**, Chief Executive of the UK Climate Change Committee, United Kingdom
- **Samantha Thian**, Founder of Seastainable, Senior Manager for Sustainability (APAC & MEA), Electrolux, Singapore
- **Nigel Topping, CMG**, Business Champion for the UK Climate Change Committee, former UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP26, United Kingdom
- **Yolanda Waters**, environmental and marine social scientist and community coordinator for Divers for Climate, Australia
- **Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh FHEA MBE**, Professor in Environmental Psychology, University of Bath, and Director of the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations (CAST), United Kingdom
- **Inés Yábar**, Lead of the UN Foundation Next Generation Fellows program and L.O.O.P. pioneer, Peru
- **Cynthia Yue**, Climate & Health Equity Advocate and Master in Public Policy Candidate at Harvard University, United States of America



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Hala Al-Hamawi and Sunita Narain



Hala Al-Hamawi is a climate change researcher and engineer with over seven years of experience working with UN agencies and international non-profit organisations. She is currently acting as a Climate Finance Senior Associate with the Global Green Growth Institute, providing technical support to Jordan's Ministry of Environment. Her expertise spans climate action, green growth and sustainable development for emergency response, post-emergency planning and long-term development.

Hala is also currently pursuing a PhD in climate finance politics at Nottingham Trent University on a bursary. She previously studied Advanced Engineering Management at the University of Birmingham as a Chevening Scholar. Hala is passionate about

protecting our one living planet and founded a climate awareness initiative on social media called Envo-Climate.



Sunita Narain is a Delhi-based environmentalist and author. She is currently the Director General of Center for Science and Environment (CSE) and Editor of the fortnightly magazine, Down To Earth.

Sunita plays an active role in policy formulation on issues of environment and development in India and globally. She has in her over 4 decades of work conducted in-depth research on the governance and management of the environment and directed campaigns on air pollution control, community water management, pesticide regulation and sustainable urbanization etc. She has also worked extensively on climate change, with a particular interest in advocating for an ambitious and equitable global agreement. Her

effort to combine science-based evidence and solutions with a pro-poor perspective to mainstream environmental concerns in public policy and society has been richly awarded in India and internationally.

She was a member of the Indian Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change and has been awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour. In 2005, CSE was awarded the Stockholm Water Prize under her leadership. In 2016, Time Magazine listed her as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. Sunita also appeared alongside Leonardo DiCaprio in the documentary "Before The Flood" and talked about the impact of climate change on the Monsoon in India and how it affects farmers' communities.

She continues to serve on national and international committees on environment and work to research and build awareness about the urgency of action on environment and development.



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JP Arellano and Chris Stark



JP Arellano is an activist striving for revolutionary social-ecological transformation. He is currently studying for a master's degree in Degrowth, Political Ecology and Environmental Justice at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. His prior work has also delved into climate science and climate policy education/communication at ClimateScience and ClimaTalk.

Aside from socio-political strategy, his interests and future project include propaganda/communication, unequal exchange/neocolonialism, ending Global South Debt, and international degrowth organising.

Chris Stark is the Chief Executive of the UK Climate Change Committee (CCC), the independent advisory body established under the UK's Climate Change Act. Chris leads a team of analysts and specialists, offering expert insight into the challenges of reducing UK emissions and adapting to the changing climate. Chris led the CCC's work to recommend a 'Net Zero' target for the UK – and has since directed detailed analysis and advice on the UK's path to carbon neutrality.

His previous role was Director of Energy and Climate Change in the Scottish Government, leading the development of Scotland's approach to emissions reduction and the accompanying energy system transition. Chris has wide experience of economic policy-making, in the Scottish Government, HM Treasury and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.



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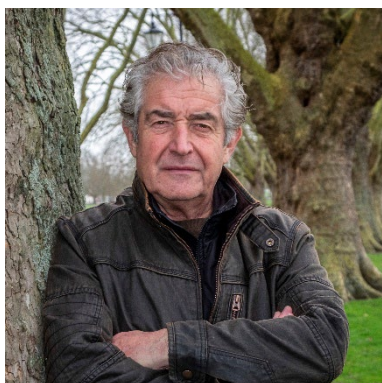
Davina Bacon and Tony Juniper



Davina Bacon has just completed an undergraduate degree in English Literature and Environmental Science with Exeter University. She is currently a part-time MP assistant and part-time community organiser in an East London church. Davina grew up in the UK for most of her childhood, then moved to Malawi, then Zambia, before returning to the UK for sixth form.

Davina cares about a wide range of climate-related issues. She has a particular interest in how climate change can be addressed from a justice perspective, as any adaptations/solutions we try must centre the most marginalised and vulnerable people who carry the least responsibility but bear most of the consequences. She also believes that climate action should help people think more systemically about interconnected issues and encourage people to get involved in the movement by making natural and political spaces more diverse and accessible. Davina became involved in climate activism after feeling powerless watching the impacts of Cyclone Idai as it tore across her home country Malawi in 2019.

A lot of Davina's activism is faith-based, helping people see the links between their faith, justice, and care for people and the planet. She has been involved in the Young Christian Climate Network's Relay to COP26, Christian Aid's Prophetic Activist Scheme's Project Climate Finance, and several more local campaigns. She is also a writer and sea swimmer, and she co-hosts the When Oceans Rise podcast, which aims to make climate issues more accessible.



Dr Tony Juniper CBE is Chair of Natural England. Before taking up this role in April 2019 he was Executive Director for Advocacy and Campaigns at WWF-UK, a Fellow with the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership and President of the Wildlife Trusts. Until January 2018 he was an independent sustainability and environment advisor, including as Special Advisor with The Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit.

He speaks and writes widely on conservation and sustainability themes. He is the author of many books, including the multi-award winning bestseller 'What has nature ever done for us?' published in 2013. The Ladybird guide to climate change, co-authored with HRH The Prince of Wales and Emily Shuckburgh, was published in January 2017. His latest book, 'Rainforest', was published in April 2018.

Tony began his career as an ornithologist, working with Birdlife International. From 1990 he worked at Friends of the Earth, initially leading the campaign for tropical rainforests, and from 2003 to 2008 was the organisation's Executive Director. From 2000 to 2008 he was Vice Chair of Friends of the Earth International.

He was the first recipient of the Charles and Miriam Rothschild medal (2009) and was awarded honorary Doctor of Science degrees from the Universities of Bristol and Plymouth (2013). In 2017 he was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).



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Deidre Boodoosingh and Alok Sharma



Deidre Boodoosingh is a climate activist from Trinidad and Tobago and a recent graduate of the University of Cambridge, where she studied for an MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development.

From a young age, Deidre's love for wildlife documentaries sparked her passion for conservation and the environment. Her professional goals are closely aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially regarding sustainable energy and climate action.

As she grew up in a country that is among the most vulnerable to the adverse impact of climate change, she is passionate about taking action, particularly with regard to the dual challenge we face of meeting the world's growing demand for energy while reducing our impact on the planet.

Throughout her academic and professional pursuits, Deidre has engaged in several activities and projects pertaining to sustainability and innovation. Her research at the University of the West Indies involved designing a carbon dioxide pipeline for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS). As a process engineer at Atlantic LNG, she contributed to multiple greenhouse gas and carbon reduction initiatives.

During her studies at Cambridge, Deidre has served as the Cambridge Climate Society (CCS) Green Officer Coordinator, as a Convener for the Interdisciplinary Research Hub in Sustainability and Conservation (S&C) Hub, and as a supporting member of the Wolfson College Students' Association Green Society. As the Green Officer Coordinator, she led two successful university-wide Cambridge Green Weeks and supported the Green Officers from across all Cambridge Colleges.



Elected as an MP in 2010, **Sir Alok Sharma** qualified as a chartered accountant and then worked for 16 years in investment banking, based out of London, Frankfurt and Stockholm.

He served in a range of UK government ministerial roles prior to entering the Cabinet as Secretary of State for International Development. He was appointed President Designate of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in 2020, alongside his role as Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

In 2021 he took on the COP26 role full-time, leading the UK's work in bringing together the world to tackle climate change and getting almost 200 countries to sign-up to the historic Glasgow Climate Pact.

Sir Alok was knighted in His Majesty King Charles III's 2023 New Year's honours list for his services to tackling climate change.



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Angela Busheshka and Emily Shuckburgh



Growing up in a rural area of North Macedonia, **Angela Busheska** started working early, selling milkshakes off her grandmother's doorstep. But she was spurred to start her own NGO after debilitatingly thick smog in the country's capital, Skopje, contributed to her aunt's death.

Angela learned how to code and started EnRoute, an app that calculates the carbon-intensity of everyday commuting and shopping choices, during the pandemic. The app has since reached 80,000 users from 120 countries, and has 55 young ambassadors around the world.

Angela is currently studying electrical engineering and computer science at Lafayette College, Easton, PA, United States. As a sustainability activist, she represented her country at the United Nations Youth 4 Climate Conference, and she has worked closely with UNICEF to create the first-ever youth climate policy declaration.

Among other recognitions, Angela was a Forbes 30 Under 30 honouree (Europe - Social Impact) in 2022, she was awarded a National Geographic Young Explorer Award in 2021, was named a Global Teen Leader 2021, and received the 2021 Diana Award, a social impact prize given in honour of the late Princess Diana.



Professor Emily Shuckburgh OBE is Director of Cambridge Zero, the University of Cambridge's major climate change initiative. She is also Professor of Environmental Data Science at the Department of Computer Science and Technology.

Emily is a mathematician and climate scientist and a Fellow of Darwin College, a Fellow of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, an Associate Fellow of the Centre for Science and Policy, a Fellow of the British Antarctic Survey and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.

At the University of Cambridge, she is Director of the UKRI Centre for Doctoral Training on the Application of AI to the study of Environmental Risks (AI4ER), Academic Director of the Institute of Computing for Climate Science, and co-Director of the Centre for Landscape Regeneration. Emily worked for more than a decade at the British Antarctic Survey where her work included leading a UK national research programme on the Southern Ocean and its role in climate. Prior to that she undertook research at École Normale Supérieure in Paris and at MIT. She has also acted as an advisor on climate to the UK Government in various capacities, including as a Friend of COP26.

In 2016 Emily was awarded an OBE for services to science and the public communication of science. She is co-author with HM King Charles III and Tony Juniper of the Ladybird Book on Climate Change.

Emily is Honorary President of the Aldersgate Group.



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Dawda Cham and David King

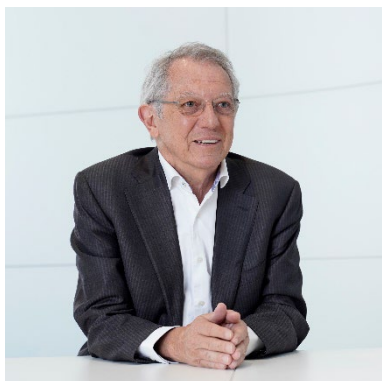


Dawda Cham holds a BSc in Biology from the University of The Gambia. He is a Gambian environment and climate change activist and the Deputy Executive Director of HELP-Gambia, an NGO that seeks to reduce communities' vulnerability levels to climate change and extreme weather events.

Dawda has extensive experience in movement-building, advocacy, project conceptualisation and implementation and has registered over 2000 HELP-Gambia volunteers. He mobilises civil society organisations and facilitates multi-stakeholder partnership arrangements with public and private sector entities to co-design and implement climate change, environmental, and disaster risk reduction projects, especially in the most vulnerable communities.

Dawda is an active member of YOUNGO, where he is part of the NDCs and Adaptations Working Groups. He is the Co-Lead of the Partnerships and Fundraising Working Group of Africa Youth Mobilisation for COP (AYM4COP), which is a YOUNGO campaign that seeks to increase the participation of African youth in global climate events like the COYs and COPs.

Additionally, he was the Lead of LCOY The Gambia, and he and his team staged the first-ever LCOY in The Gambia, which created a crucial space for young people to share ideas and exchange expertise in environmental processes. He was Country Coordinator for The Gambia during COY16 and has contributed to authoring the Global Youth Statement. Dawda is also The Gambia's sole delegate in the International Youth Climate Delegates Program of the COP28 Presidency, where he'll be following climate negotiations at COP28.



Sir David King was the Foreign & Commonwealth Office's permanent Special Representative for Climate Change from September 2013 until March 2017. Previously, he was the UK Government's Chief Scientific Advisor from 2000 to 2007, during which time he raised awareness of the need for governments to act on climate change and was instrumental in creating the Energy Technologies Institute.

Sir David is the founder and chair of the Climate Crisis Advisory Group (CCAG), an independent group of international experts created in response to the climate crisis, and the founder and former chair of the Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge University. He also served as the Founding Director of the Smith

School of Enterprise and Environment at Oxford, was Head of the Department of Chemistry at Cambridge University 1993-2000, and Master of Downing College at Cambridge 1995 -2000.

He has published over 500 papers on science and policy, for which he has received numerous awards, and holds 22 honorary degrees from universities around the world. Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1991, a Foreign Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2002, and knighted in 2003, Sir David was also made an Officer of the French Legion d'Honneur' in 2009, for work which has contributed to responding to the climate and energy challenge.



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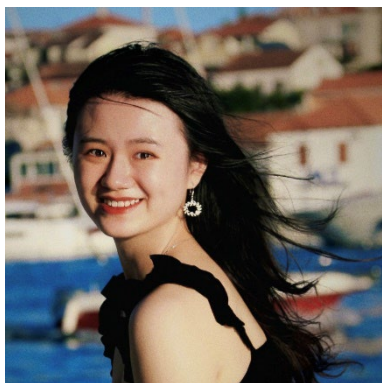


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Elena Chen and Yeb Saño



Yu Chen (Elena) from China is in her final undergraduate year at the University of St Andrews, UK, where she studies Management and Sustainable Development. She has a particular interest in climate education and traditional/indigenous knowledge and communities, and enabling these groups to take effective climate action.

She started her charity program – “Art to the countryside” – at the age of 10, which included her travelling to Inner Mongolia and Anhui province to teach rural children dancing. From 2019 to 2021, she led a team of five to build 12 science and technology classrooms in rural China, which benefited 23,398 rural students and 568 rural teachers.

Elena went to COP26 as part of a Chinese youth organisation and to COP27 as a party overflow delegate. This summer, she worked on a new programme in Inner Mongolia focused on climate education.



Naderev ‘Yeb’ Saño is a climate justice activist from the Philippines and the executive director of Greenpeace Southeast Asia. He is also the vice chair of the board of the Laudato Si’ Movement and serves on the international board of 350.org.

A veteran of the environmental movement for close to three decades, Yeb has worked with local communities and international bodies on issues such as: clean energy, biodiversity, coastal and marine resources, disaster risk reduction, local governance, and human rights. He has led a team in the landmark human rights case filed against the top fossil fuel companies at the Commission on Human Rights.

Previously, Yeb served as commissioner of the Philippines’ Climate Change Commission. He was also the Philippines’ chief negotiator for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and is widely known as a champion for climate justice and voice for developing countries in the UN. In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, Yeb delivered an emotional speech during the United Nations Climate Summit in Warsaw in 2013 and underwent 14 days of fasting in solidarity with the typhoon victims.

Yeb also spent time as a spiritual ambassador for OurVoices, an international, multi-faith campaign for strong climate action and climate justice. He also serves as co-convenor of the Asian Energy Network and of the Fight Inequality Alliance Asia. He is an active member of the Philippine Movement for Climate Justice.



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Amanda de Souza and Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim



Amanda Nogueira Moreira de Souza is a Black Brazilian woman raised in a favela in Rio de Janeiro. At the age of 17, Amanda received a full scholarship to study for two years at United World College (UWC) ISAK in Japan, where she concluded her high school education. A first-generation student and the first person in her family to live and study outside of Brazil, she is now a junior at Macalester College, in Minnesota, where she is pursuing a double major in Political Science and Environmental Studies.

In all three countries Amanda has lived in, Brazil, Japan, and the US, she has dedicated herself to working for equity, racial justice, and Indigenous rights. She has participated in Black Movements, founded a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee in Japan, and works to empower Afro-Latinas in the United States. She has experience with research on plastics and how they disproportionately affect Indigenous communities, after sailing for a month from Hawaii to California researching this topic. Furthermore, in Minnesota, she worked to further the transition to clean energy and transportation during the 2023 legislative session, while interning at Great Plain Institute. She also crafted an inventory of tribal engagement alongside a guide of best practices on how The Nature Conservancy should conduct work with tribal nations. Currently, she is a member of the Youth Narratives Energy Council (YENC), where she is conducting her own research-backed global narrative exploring the status of youth engagement in the climate and energy space.



Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim is an expert on the climate change adaptation and mitigation of Indigenous peoples. She is a member of the Mbororo pastoralist people of Chad and President of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT). She is an advocate for the greater inclusion of Indigenous peoples and their knowledge and traditions in the global movement to fight the effects of climate change.

Hindou received the Pritzker Emerging Environmental Genius Award and was appointed as a United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Advocate. She is Co-chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change. She serves as a vice chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues; Member of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC); Member of the Advisory Committee to the Secretary-General's 2019 Climate Action Summit; and Conservation International Senior Advisor. In 2019, she was listed by Time Magazine as one of 15 women championing action on climate change.



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Pamela EA and Patricia Espinosa



Pamela EA is a documentary photographer and activist from Mexico, who has built a body of visual work and campaigns around climate justice and gender equality. She has worked on international, national, and regional campaigns for 6 years, advocating for climate justice, ocean resiliency, and gender equality through visual storytelling and community organizing.

Starting her activism in 2016, Pamela has integrated design thinking and storytelling into her work to synthesize compelling stories from the frontlines and encourage climate optimism in others. She has co-founded several initiatives, including BeSomeone.World, #EscazúAhora México, Latinas for Climate, to raise awareness on pressing matters and advocate for climate justice and gender equality. She also organized with the New York Climate Justice Youth Coalition and was part of the organizing team behind the September 20, 2019, climate march in New York, and behind the campaign for New York City to declare a climate emergency, which happened in June of the same year.

Most recently, Pamela co-founded Climate Words to bridge the gap between climate knowledge and action through storytelling, design, and visual communication. Pamela's work has been recognized with several awards, such as the Getty Images Scholarship and The Young Climate Voice Award by The World Around in collaboration with The Guggenheim and Meta.



For more than 40 years, **Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano** has worked at the highest levels of domestic and international levels of government and is a leading global voice on climate and sustainability issues as Founding Partner and CEO of onepoint5. She served as the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2016-2022), Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (2006-2012) and Mexico's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany (2013-2016), and to Austria, Slovakia and Slovenia (2002-2006).

Ambassador Espinosa is a leading authority on matters related to accelerating the global transition to sustainability, green growth, multilateralism, gender equality, and the protection of human rights. She chaired the 16th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, leading to the adoption of the Cancun Agreements – a critical step forward ultimately leading to the Paris Agreement. Named by the UN Secretary-General to the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post 2015 Development Agenda, she is a tireless supporter of multilateralism as a way to improve conditions for development in all regions of the world and crucial to linking the aims of the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2012, Ambassador Espinosa was appointed Ambassador Emeritus of Mexico, the highest recognition the Government of Mexico awards its diplomats. She is now the Founding Partner and CEO of onepoint5, a consulting firm committed to helping organizations accelerate the transition to sustainability – for tomorrow and today.



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Shun Hei Lee and Fatima Denton



Shun Hei Lee is an MSc student specialising in Environmental Systems and Policy at ETH Zurich. He also holds a BSc degree in Environmental Policy and Economics from Wageningen University & Research. Shun Hei has a particular interest and expertise in agroecology, agri-environmental policy, and transdisciplinary research. He works as a teaching assistant for the Climate Policy course at ETH Zurich.

Beyond the classroom, Shun Hei is increasingly involved in international climate governance. He observed negotiations at SB58 in Bonn in June 2023, gaining first-hand experience in international climate negotiations. He also volunteers for the COP28 Taskforce at Swiss Youth for Climate, where he prepares essential information for Swiss youth delegates attending COP28 in Dubai.

Shun Hei's experiences, including his involvement in circular economy projects and volunteer work at the World Fair Trade Organization, have led him to explore the concept of "Degrowth". This idea challenges the dominance of economic growth and advocates for a democratically-led, redistributive downscaling of production and consumption in industrialised countries to achieve environmental sustainability, social justice, and well-being. For his MSc thesis, Shun Hei will analyze Swiss Agri-food policies from a Degrowth perspective. He aspires to do research on the political economy of agricultural and food policies.

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Professor Fatima Denton is the Director of the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA). Before joining UNU-INRA, she worked with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) as Director of the largest substantive division, the Special Initiatives Division – and Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC).

She is an accomplished senior manager, renowned across the research and implementation branches of the UN and beyond for her in-depth knowledge of natural resource management and extensive experience in research and policy development in the African region. Fatima was Programme Leader for the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), where she managed high-impact action research, including Africa's largest climate change adaptation research programme. She held various positions in international organisations as an energy scientist at the UNEP Risoe Centre and Programme Office at Enda Tier Monde.

The primary focus of Fatima's research is to understand disparities in power dynamics within the context of climate change and sustainable development, with the primary objective of establishing forums that facilitate discourse on the concept of justice and just transitions.

Fatima has served as a Lead Author and Co-ordinating Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She is currently IPCC Vice Chair for Working Group II. She is a holder of the Prince Claus Chair on Equity and Development and has been awarded an honorary professorship by the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. Fatima has written more than 50 peer-reviewed



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articles, reports, and books and holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Birmingham, UK. She is active on a number of advisory committees and scientific boards, including the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), the Global Economic Transformation (CGET), the Climate Change Advisory Group (CCAG), and the Earth Commission.



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Lone Howells and Chris Skidmore



Lone Howells is a postgraduate student in Environmental Policy and Management at the University of Bristol. Focussing on the power of youth advocacy to create positive change, she is especially interested in the connection between people and their environment and exploring policy interventions that promise to create simultaneous benefits for both nature and local communities.

Lone has recently completed a BSc in Politics and International Relations at the University of Bath, where she wrote her dissertation on the links between capitalism, our conception of time and the climate crisis. Earlier this year, Lone presented this research at the 2023 Political Studies Association (UK) Undergraduate Conference, where she explored how this understanding can be used to create possibilities for a more climate-friendly and vibrant future.

Outside of academia, Lone is engaged in a number of advocacy projects. This includes representing her home island of Jersey at the 11th Commonwealth Youth Parliament in 2022 and working alongside the National Trust on a youth pilot project to shape the organisation's future direction.



The Rt Hon Chris Skidmore OBE was elected Conservative MP for Kingswood in May 2010. He is also a Professor of Practice at the University of Bath.

Chris has held a number of ministerial positions, including Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, at the Department for Education, and at the Department of Health and Social Care. In June 2019, as Minister for Energy and Clean Growth, he signed the UK's Net Zero Pledge into law.

Chris is widely known as the Chair of the Independent Government Review on Net Zero, "Mission Zero", which was published in January 2023 and which urged the UK to seize an "historic opportunity" afforded by the transition to Net Zero.



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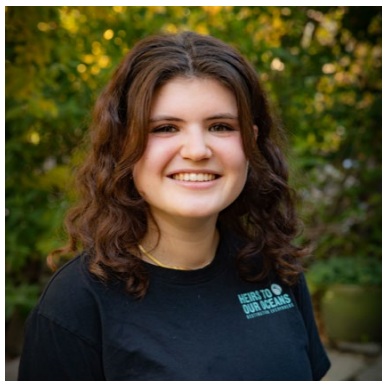


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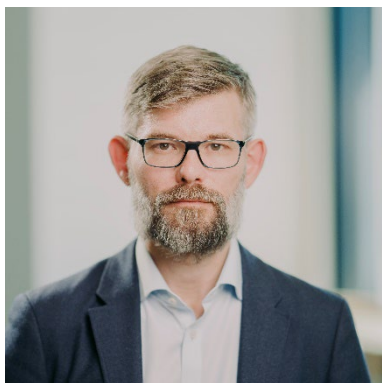
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Raina Ivanova and Joeri Rogelj



Raina Ivanova is a climate justice activist from Germany who focuses on child rights violations caused by climate change and the social inequalities linked to it. As a part of the Children vs. Climate Crisis petition, alongside Greta Thunberg and 14 other youth, she petitioned five countries including her own to drastically cut down carbon emissions as their contribution to climate change violates child rights. Furthermore, she is a former member of UNICEF Germany's Youth Council, the founder of her school's Climate Club and a former member of her state's student school council. Her first experiences as a climate activist were participating in school strikes organised by Fridays For Future and distributing flyers and stickers to mobilise people to join global climate strikes.



Professor Joeri Rogelj is Director of Research at the Grantham Institute and Professor of Climate Science & Policy at the Centre for Environmental Policy at Imperial College London. He studies how societies can transform towards more sustainable futures. His interdisciplinary research connects Earth system sciences to the study of societal change and policy. He publishes on the effectiveness of international climate agreements including the Copenhagen Accord and the Paris Agreement, carbon budgets, emission pathways in line with 1.5°C and 2°C of global warming, net zero emission targets, and the interaction between climate, sustainable development and climate justice.

As a long-serving lead author on the annual UNEP Emissions Gap and reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Joeri is a leading contributor to scientific assessments that inform international climate policy, include the seminal IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C. In 2019, he was the youngest member serving on the UN Secretary-General's Climate Science Advisory Group; and since 2022, he serves as one of the fifteen members of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change, which informs and advises the European Union on its climate action.

He is also active in providing scientific evidence for climate change litigation, for example, in support of Children vs Climate Crisis in which sixteen children from across the world petition the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to hold five of the world's leading economic powers accountable for inaction on the climate crisis.

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Prayank Jain and Fatih Birol



Prayank Jain is an upcoming leader and expert in climate diplomacy, social impact, human security, and sustainable thinking. A lawyer and non-profit sector professional, he has worked with leading organisations in India, the United States, and with global networks. He was most recently the Special Assistant to the CEO at the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), India's leading international climate think tank. He is a lead author of the Stockholm+50 scientific report, and manages international projects and relationships.

Prayank's interests include international law and governance, negotiations, climate policy, and migration. He has consulted for diverse organisations: Namati, UNITAR, Congress of Nations and States, Green Pro Bono, Jan Sahas, and the Fletcher School. He began his career with the International Advocacy team at the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) in New Delhi, and has been an adjunct faculty and moot court trainer with law schools in India.

Prayank holds a Master of International Law (LL.M.) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in the USA. He completed his undergraduate legal studies from Symbiosis International University in India, and holds a diploma in Comparative European Law from the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi. He has represented India at international moot court competitions and won Best Memorial awards at the Nelson Mandela Human Rights Moot in Geneva, the Stetson International Environmental Moot in Florida, and the National Maritime Arbitration Moot in Odisha.



Dr Fatih Birol has served as Executive Director of the International Energy Agency since 2015. Under his leadership, the IEA has moved to the forefront of global efforts to reach international climate goals, safeguard energy security and manage the social and economic impacts of clean energy transitions.

Dr Birol took up his current position after rising through the ranks of the IEA, starting as a junior analyst in the mid-1990s and eventually serving as Chief Economist responsible for the IEA's flagship World Energy Outlook. Dr Birol has been named in the TIME100, TIME's annual list of the world's most influential people. He has also been named by Forbes as one of the most influential people in the world of energy and by the Financial Times as the Energy Personality of the Year. He chairs the World Economic Forum's (Davos) Energy Advisory Board.

Before the IEA, Dr Birol worked at the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna. He earned a BSc degree in power engineering from the Technical University of Istanbul and received an MSc and PhD in energy economics from the Technical University of Vienna. He is an honorary life member of Galatasaray Football Club.



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Karan Jerath and Nigel Topping



Karan Jerath is the youngest honouree on the 2016 Forbes 30 Under 30 Energy List and has been appointed as one of 17 United Nations Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Whilst still in high school, Karan developed a novel patented invention that targets remediation methods for subsea oil spills, which has earned him the Intel Foundation's Global Young Scientist Award alongside other recognitions.

Karan uses his platform to promote STEM education and entrepreneurship, encouraging young people to take action on sustainability issues. He also advises multinational corporations on their sustainability strategies.

Karan has featured in the documentary series 'The Power of the Centennials' by Bancolumbia, the most sustainable bank in the world as reported by Dow Jones. As part of this documentary, he had direct conversations with the President and CEO of a major Colombian mining and ceramics company, and was ultimately able to have them commit to more sustainable business practices.

He has been featured by outlets such as Forbes, New York Times, Vanity Fair, SXSW, NPR, ABC, Huffington Post, Washington Post and Dinero, and he has spoken at over 80 global conferences including the United Nations, UNICEF, Misk Foundation and One Young World.

Karan is currently leading product and material science at Squared Circles, a venture studio focused on investing in and building businesses tied to regenerative material science.



Nigel Topping was the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP26, appointed by the UK Prime Minister in January 2020. In this role Nigel mobilised the global private sector and local governments to take bold action on climate change, launching the 'Race to Zero' and 'Race to Resilience' campaigns and, with Mark Carney, the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero.

Nigel is now a global advisor to governments, financial institutions and private companies on climate and industrial strategy. He is currently Business Champion for the UK Climate Change Committee. He is also a non-executive director of the UK Infrastructure Bank, an Honorary Professor of Economics at Exeter University and was awarded the honour of CMG in Queen

Elizabeth's final honours list in 2022.

Before taking up the role as UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP26, Nigel was CEO of We Mean Business, a coalition of businesses working to accelerate the transition to a zero carbon economy. Prior to that he was executive director of the Carbon Disclosure Project, following an 18-year career in the private sector, having worked across the world in emerging markets and manufacturing.



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Palakh Khanna and Craig Bennett



Palakh Khanna is a 20-year-old social entrepreneur, mentor, teacher and youth changemaker from India. Palakh is a passionate environmentalist and works to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through different initiatives.

She is the founder and CEO of Break.The.Ice, an international youth organisation working towards breaking taboos and stigmas in society, which has reached over 25,000 individuals in 10+ countries and including over 20+ partners.

Palakh has received numerous recognitions for her work, including being listed as one of BW Wellbeing's 30 Under 30, Asia's 100 Women Power Leaders (Rising Leader) 2023 and among Unstop's

Top 75 Education and Career Influencers 2023. She is also a World Record Holder.

Amongst many other activities and achievements, Palakh has previously served as former Regional Officer for Asia Pacific (under the SDG Student Program by SDSN Youth) and Harvard Innovation Fellow. She was also the youngest mentor and coach for the Business Blasters program, an initiative of the Delhi government.

Palakh is a top communicator on LinkedIn and has been featured in The Times Square, US Times Now, The Hindu and Global Indian, amongst others. She has given over 25+ talks across universities and institutes.



Craig Bennett is Chief Executive of The Wildlife Trusts in the UK. He has been described as “one of the country’s top environmental campaigners”, by The Guardian as “the very model of a modern eco-general” and, in 2021, was included in The Sunday Times Green Power List of the UK’s top 20 environmentalists. Craig was formerly CEO of Friends of the Earth where he led the organisation to numerous campaign victories including on bees, fracking and against the expansion of Heathrow Airport. Earlier in his career, Craig was Deputy Director at The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL), and Director of The Prince of Wales’s Corporate Leaders Group on Climate Change (from 2007 to 2010).

Craig has twenty years’ experience of designing and contributing to executive education and leadership programmes at numerous universities and business schools including the Judge Business School, London Business School, and Duke CE.

He is Honorary Professor of Sustainability and Innovation at Alliance Manchester Business School, an Associate Fellow of Homerton College (Cambridge), a Senior Associate of The Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, and a Policy Fellow of The Centre for Science and Policy at The University of Cambridge.



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Renata Koch Alvarenga and Katharine Hayhoe



Renata Koch Alvarenga, from Brazil, is a leading voice on gender and climate justice in the global youth movement. She founded the youth-led and Brazil-based organization EmpoderaClima at 22 years old, to raise awareness of the need for women's empowerment in climate decision-making spaces, and advocate for girl's education and climate action in the Global South – more specifically in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Renata recently graduated with a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University, where she researched climate finance and resilience to advise the World Food Programme on its Caribbean work. At Harvard, she worked with the Belfer Center for International Relations and the Center for International

Development, and did fieldwork in Puerto Rico and Barbados.

Renata has professional experience in global climate policy and diplomacy, having worked at the British Mission in Brazil and the United Nations Youth Office. She currently works as a Disaster Risk Financing Specialist at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C.

For the past eight years, Renata has been working tirelessly to ensure young people can access high-level global spaces, having been active in the Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC, as the Gender Contact Point, as well as the UN Girls' Education Initiative and UN Women as a youth leader. She has served on advisory boards for climate issues of the New York Times, Chicago Council of Global Affairs, and the Sustainable Amazon Foundation in Brazil. In 2022, Renata was nominated for the class of Environmental Educators (EE) 30 Under 30.



Professor Katharine Hayhoe is an atmospheric scientist whose research focuses on understanding the impacts of climate change on people and the planet. She is the Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy where she leads and coordinates the organisation's scientific efforts. Katharine also holds the positions of Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor and the Political Science Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Public Law in the Department of Political Science at Texas Tech University.

Her work has resulted in over 125 peer-reviewed papers, abstracts, and other publications and many key reports, including the Second, Third, and Fourth US National Climate Assessments. She also hosts the PBS Digital Series Global Weirding and is a co-founder of

Science Moms.

Katharine's areas of expertise include science communication, greenhouse gas emissions, and developing and applying high-resolution climate projections for assessing regional to local-scale impacts of climate change on human systems and the natural environment. She holds a B.Sc. in Physics from the University of Toronto and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science from the University of Illinois and has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work, including four honorary doctorates and being named a United Nations Champion of the Earth.



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Moliehi Mafantiri and Myrna Cunningham



Moliehi Mafantiri is an environmental scientist focusing on sustainable development, just transitions and climate action. Currently, she is pursuing an MA in Environment and Society at the University of Pretoria. Her research addresses the political economy of the textile value chain in Lesotho, one of Africa's leading textile exporters. Moliehi's interests in the green economy and the textile industry inspired her to co-found Barali, a sustainable homeware brand based in Lesotho.

She works as a Policy & Research Officer at Climate Action Network South Africa (SACAN), focusing on policy analysis, research and stakeholder engagement in relation to local, national and global climate policy. She is also one of the global leaders selected to join the Queens Commonwealth Trust Network and a One Young World Ambassador.

As a youth advocate focusing on climate action, she is one of 100 youth in the COP28 International Youth Climate Delegate Program. Additionally, she focuses on climate change as a member of the African Union Youth Reference Committee on Strengthening Youth Participation in Ending Inequalities.

Previously, she represented Lesotho as a YOUNGO delegate at the GEF Southern Africa ECW 2023 and volunteered at the inaugural YOUNGO RCOY Africa in 2022. Owing to her interest in policymaking processes, she is a member of YOUNGO's Loss and Damage working group, serving on the policy committee. Additionally, she is a member of the Global Shapers (World Economic Forum) Tshwane Hub, sharpening her leadership and civic action skills.



Dr Myrna Kay Cunningham Kain, of the Indigenous Miskitu community of Waspam, is a teacher and physician who has worked for over four decades to advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples, knowledge system of Indigenous Peoples in health and education systems, and the impacts of development and climate change, serving as FAO Special Ambassador for the International Year of Family Farming, adviser to the President of the UN World Conference of Indigenous People, and on boards of the Global Fund for Women, Permanent UN Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), The Hunger Project, Nia Tero, the Center for Autonomy and Development of Indigenous Peoples (CADPI) and Vice President of the board of the Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous People Development Fund. She is currently Chairperson of Pawanka Fund and the Land Tenure Facility.



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Nicc Moeono and Saleemul Huq



Fogamomi Nicc Moeono is a dedicated advocate for sustainable development in Samoa, representing the villages of Falefa and Siusega. Currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Engineering, Nicc is focused on developing energy transitions tailored for Samoa.

Before embarking on his Ph.D. journey, Nicc served as a renewable energy engineer for the power utility in Samoa. Additionally, he worked as an energy consultant, dedicated to improving energy efficiency at the community and grassroots level. Nicc has also collaborated with numerous NGOs in various capacities.

Nicc serves as a secretary for the Kahui Maori, Ahuora - Center for Smart Energy Systems at the University of Waikato. He plays a crucial part in facilitating communication and coordination within the centre, contributing to the advancement of smart energy systems that integrate traditional Maori knowledge and modern technologies.

Nicc has been selected as one of the 100 delegates for the International Youth Climate Delegate Program, which embeds youth within the COP28 process, and he has recently organised the first Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) in Samoa, paving a direct pathway for Samoan youth to contribute towards the UNFCCC process.

He serves as a Trustee for the Commonwealth of Human Ecology Council (CHEC), where he actively contributes to initiatives focused on sustainable development. Additionally, he holds the position of Out-going Curator for the Global Shapers Apia Hub, working alongside local young leaders to drive positive change in their community. Finally, Nicc is also a board member of the Samoa Conservation Society.

Professor Saleemul Huq is the Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Bangladesh, and a Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Environment & Development (IIED).

He is an expert on the links between climate change and sustainable development, particularly from the perspective of developing countries. He was the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Mitigation in the IPCC's fourth assessment report.

His current focus is on supporting the engagement of the Least Developed Countries in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). He is researching the least developed countries' vulnerability to climate change and the impact of adaptation measures.



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Lamia Mohsin and Mary Robinson



Lamia Mohsin is a young Bangladeshi development professional and researcher working on key areas including climate resilience, adaptation, local governance and public policy. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Dhaka, and has just completed an MSc in Environment and Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) under the UK Government's Chevening Scholarship.

Lamia currently works with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh, as Innovation and Project Management Officer, focusing on several cross-cutting areas, especially climate governance and justice. As an Oxfam Young

Leaders Fellow, she also implements transformative projects seeking to empower communities in the face of climate change in Bangladesh. She has previously worked as a consultant at the Resilience and Inclusive Growth Cluster of the UNDP Bangladesh Country Office and the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) South Asia, where she supported GCA's role as a solutions broker for climate adaptation solutions, in close collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh.

Lamia has also supported Bangladesh's Presidency of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), an alliance of 55 climate vulnerable countries chaired by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh from 2020-2022. As the UN Climate Champions Resilience Youth Fellow (2022), she contributed to a series of strategic non-state actor engagements in the lead-up to COP27.



Professor Mary Robinson is a founding member of The Elders and was appointed Chair in November 2018. She is a globally recognised voice on climate change and frequently highlights the need for drastic action from world leaders, as well as the intersectionality of the climate emergency: from intergenerational injustice to gender inequality and biodiversity loss.

As a tireless champion of equality and justice, she has travelled to countries around the world, meeting with global leaders, political leaders and civil society, to promote peace, ethical leadership and human rights.

Mary was the first woman President of Ireland and served for seven years from 1990 to 1997 as a principled and transformative leader who fought for equality throughout her time in office. As UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 until 2002, she integrated human rights into the United Nations system. Between 2013 and 2016, she served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy in three roles; first for the Great Lakes region of Africa, then on Climate Change and then as Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate until the historic Paris Agreement on Climate Change in 2015.

Mary is a strong advocate for climate justice and intergenerational dialogue and led the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice from 2010 until its planned closure in 2019. She was appointed Adjunct Professor for Climate Justice at Trinity College Dublin in 2019.



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Belinda Ng and Johan Rockström



Belinda Ng is a UK-based sustainability consultant, advocate and change-maker from Hong Kong. Beyond her role as a corporate sustainability consultant at ERM, she is passionate about creating an impact at the social and environmental nexus, specifically focusing on sustainability education and resilient food systems. In 2020, she founded 'SustainaPod', a youth-led podcast empowering high school and university students to engage in dialogue about sustainability topics and careers with leading sustainability professionals across Asia and Europe.

She is a selected member of several international networks of young leaders in sustainability, including the World Ocean Day Youth Advisory Council and UN Women's 30 for 2030 cohort of young leaders accelerating progress towards gender equality across their spheres of influence. As a World Economic Forum Global Shaper in the London Hub and a certified Climate Reality Leader, Belinda is leading city-level youth initiatives focused on education about climate-friendly diets. Furthermore, she is the Hong Kong youth leader of the Act4Food Act4Change campaign, a global youth-led movement mobilizing food systems transformation through cross-sector advocacy and youth empowerment at the regional and local level. In her home city of Hong Kong, Belinda led a fundraising and awareness-raising campaign during the Covid-19 pandemic that provided nutritious food packages for over 300 low-income families to alleviate food insecurity.



Professor Johan Rockström is Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Professor in Earth System Science at the University of Potsdam, and Professor in Water Systems and Global Sustainability at Stockholm University. He gained international recognition with the development of the Planetary Boundaries framework, which has since become a standard of sustainability science. His research covers a range of topics related to the Earth System and global sustainability in the Anthropocene, creates considerable impact and has been widely used to guide policy.

Johan has provided strategic scientific guidance, including to the European Commission and as a member of various scientific academies. He regularly acts as a speaker to high-level international meetings and organisations, such as the World Economic Forum (WEF), the General Assembly of the United Nations (UNGA), the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conferences (UNFCCC). Moreover, he is the Chief Scientist of Conservation International, as well as chairing the advisory board for the EAT Initiative on Health, Food and Sustainability, the Earth League, Future Earth (co-chair) and the Earth Commission.

Johan's work has been recognized with accolades, the most recent of which include the TIME100, most influential people in the world acknowledgement (2023), the Prince Albert II of Monaco Climate Change Award (2020), the Hillary Laureate by the Hillary Institute of International Leadership (2017), the French distinction Knight of the Legion of Honour (2016) and the German Environmental Award (2015).

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Eva Papanikolaki and Albert Magalang



Eva Papanikolaki is an activist, co-coordinator of Fridays for Future Greece, and a passionate advocate for climate education. She actively engages with Fridays for Future Climate Education International, representing these groups at international conferences such as the UN Transforming Education Summit, UNESCO Higher Education Conference, and Stockholm+50 youth assembly. At the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), Eva has taken the role of coordinating the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Hub. She is actively involved in academic pursuits, serving as an assistant researcher at the AUEB ReSEES Lab and contributing to the ARSINOE project at the Greek Institute for European Affairs. Recognising the importance of youth engagement, Eva was involved in organising

the Local Conference of Youth and the Youth Delegation Programme in Greece. She also currently leads the policy working group of the Climate Education Coalition.



Albert Altarejos Magalang is the Chief of the Climate Change Service of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines and concurrently the Head Secretariat of the Philippine Designated National Authority (DNA) for the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). He is the DENR's regular representative to the Philippine delegation of country negotiators in the UNFCCC climate change talks and the national representative in the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change and in the UN Environment Assembly. He is the national focal point for Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and has served as a facilitator for ACE negotiations at the sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI).



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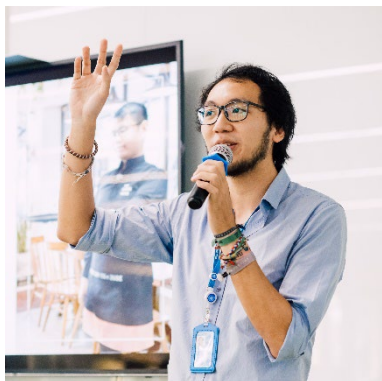


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Dinh-Long Pham and Brighton Kaoma



Dinh-Long Pham is a French-born Vietnamese who supports young people to achieve greater climate impact. He works in Paris, Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City. He is a community builder, facilitator and podcast host with a passion for youth empowerment and engagement, social justice and climate change.

Dinh-Long is engaged in several innovative projects to promote climate action, including the Movers Programme (a youth-led movement to spread awareness of the SDGs across the Asia-Pacific region) and the Climate Collage (a serious game to retrace the IPCC's reasoning). His podcast 'Life Line' amplifies the voices of inspiring changemakers that advocate for the SDGs and climate action. He is also serving on the Youth Advisory Board of Hull

University's 'Youth-led adaptation for climate change challenges in Vietnam' project, in partnership with Vietnam National University. Finally, he also co-founded Compost City Game, a board game to raise awareness about composting.

Dinh-Long is currently working with young social entrepreneurs, leaders and climate advocates across the Asia-Pacific region through Youth Co:Lab, the Youth Empowerment in Climate Action Platform (YECAP), and the Movers Programme – three youth projects of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Asia-Pacific. He was recently selected by The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership as one of their 11 Climate Champions for 2022. Dinh-Long holds a master's in Management and Marketing from HEC Paris and he is a lecturer in Entrepreneurship and Project Management at the Royal University of Law and Economics in Cambodia.



Brighton Kaoma is the Founder & CEO of Amano, a B2B online marketplace where top executives share transferrable skills to [early professionals](#), [midcareer managers](#), and [senior executives](#). Prior, Brighton served as Global Director in the United Nations systems in New York where he led global programs on education, network building, and youth across 127 countries. He holds a MPA in Environmental Science and Policy from Columbia University & is pursuing an MBA at Rutgers Business School. He serves on the advisory boards of Reverse the Red at IUCN, SDG Academy at UN SDSN, and Radio Workshop in South Africa. He's received recognition from President Obama and is a recipient of both the Queen's Young Leaders Award from Queen Elizabeth II and the WWF International President's award.



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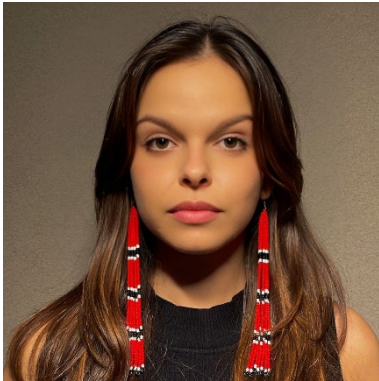


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Alice Piva and Arunabha Ghosh



Alice Maria Piva is a young socio-environmental activist from the northeast of Brazil. She is an architect, urban designer and multidisciplinary artist. She works as an organiser and representative of youth-organised climate movements in Brazil (Nordeste Pelo Clima) and globally (Fridays for Future). She researches and develops speculative narratives about ecological transitions and systems for the adaptation of territories to the environmental crisis.

Currently, she is the coordinator of information access projects at the Arayara International Institute, which aims to stop the expansion of the exploration and use of fossil fuels in Brazil and Latin America.



Dr Arunabha Ghosh is an internationally recognised public policy expert, author, columnist, and institution builder. He is the founder-CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, one of the world's 20 best climate think-tanks. Arunabha advises governments, industry, civil society, and international organisations around the world. He currently serves on the Government of India's G20 Finance Track Advisory Group and advises the Sherpa Track for India's G20 Presidency in 2022-23. In 2022, the UN Secretary-General appointed him to the High-level Expert Group on the Credibility and Accountability of Net-Zero Announcements by Non-State Actors. Dr Ghosh is currently Vice-Chair of the UN Committee for Development Policy, and is a member of several international expert advisory groups: Global Commission on the Economics of

Water; High-Level Group of Economists, constituted by the French president for the One Planet Lab; and the High-Level Consultative Group for the U.S. Department of State's Energy Transition Accelerator. The Asia Society honoured him recently with the 2022 Asia Game Changer Award, for his and CEEW's "incredible work, which is making a real difference for India and for the planet".



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Hellena Sailas and Mark J. Spalding



Hellena M. Sailas is a Tanzanian Medical Laboratory Technologist, entrepreneur, and climate activist, as well as a young water fellow, Africa Innovation fellow, and a TEDx speaker. From an early age, Helena has been passionate about the environment, science, and technology, particularly in the field of health. During her studies, she became involved in various community service activities, where she witnessed firsthand the impact of plastic pollution on the environment and public health.

This experience inspired Helena to start Arena Recycling Industry, a social enterprise that recycles plastic waste into eco-bricks for the construction of pit latrines, water tanks, and septic tanks. Arena Recycling Industry's mission is to promote responsible consumption and production, reduce waste generation, and sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems from pollution.

Hellena's work at Arena Recycling Industry has earned her multiple recognitions and awards, including the prestigious Wangari Maathai Legacy Prize. She was also honored with the Women in Science and Technology Award, the 25 Under 25 Award, the Social Innovator of the Year Award, the Best Female Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and the Young Environmental Ambassador Award. Additionally, she won the AIM GLOBAL Tanzania National Champion, which allowed her to represent Tanzania in the Global Entrepreneurship Conference held in Dubai. Hellena has been featured in various publications and media outlets, and she is recognized as one of the leading voices in social entrepreneurship and environmental activism in Tanzania.

Hellena is also passionate about inspiring and empowering young people, particularly women, to make a positive impact in their communities. She serves as the chairperson of the Women in Recycling Foundation, an organization committed to promoting a healthy environment for women, young women, and women with disabilities through strengthening waste management systems, developing skills and knowledge, and empowering women through circular economy solutions.



Mark J. Spalding is an expert on international environmental policy and law, ocean policy and law, and coastal and marine philanthropy. He has been the President of The Ocean Foundation since 2003. Under his leadership, it has grown exponentially from a \$200,000/year to a \$15 million/year budget, as he prioritised steering the human relationship with the sea to a brighter future through diverse, carefully chosen strategies and projects.

Mark is a member of the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (USA). He is serving on the Sargasso Sea Commission. Mark is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Blue Economy at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. He is also an Advisor to the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy. In addition, he serves as advisor to the Rockefeller Climate Solutions Strategy and the Credit Suisse Rockefeller Ocean Engagement Strategy and is a member of the Pool of Experts for the UN World Ocean Assessment. He designed the first-ever blue carbon offset program, SeaGrass Grow.



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Carlos Shanka and Carlos Nobre



Carlos Shanka is a young sustainability enthusiast from the Canary Islands, Spain. At a young age, he started engaging in several sustainability schemes and moved to study biology at the University of Bristol, UK. He has served as the President of the Bristol University Sustainability Team as well as the Chair of the Students' Union Sustainability Network. He has been granted the Sustainability Champion Green Gown Award, the most prestigious award in sustainability in higher education in the UK and Ireland, for his efforts to promote education for sustainable development, fostering careers in sustainability, energetic decarbonisation, and impact investing at the institutional level.

His growing frustration with the slow pace of action on the climate crisis prompted Carlos to attend high-level conferences, including COP26, SB56, and COP27. He has also represented Spain at COY16 and COY17. Having recently interned with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), he is now working on the sustainability youth hub that he founded in the Canary Islands to overcome local challenges: Global Shapers Las Palmas. Carlos is a member of ClientEarth's Next Generation Board.



Dr Carlos A. Nobre is an Earth System scientist from Brazil. He obtained a PhD in Meteorology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA, in 1983. His work mostly focuses on the Amazon and its impacts on the Earth system.

He chaired the Large-Scale Biosphere-Atmosphere Experiment in Amazonia (LBA). He is presently a senior researcher with the Institute for Advanced Studies, University of São Paulo, co-chair of the Science Panel for the Amazon, and the leader of the Amazonia 4.0 project, which aims to develop a nature-based bioeconomy of standing forests and flowing rivers. He has been contributor to several Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, including the 2007 report that was awarded the Nobel

Peace Prize.

Carlos was National Secretary for Research and Development (R&D) Policies at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil and President of Brazil's Agency for Post-Graduate Education (CAPES). He is a foreign member of the US National Academy of Sciences, and a member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and the World Academy of Sciences.



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Elizabeth Simpson and Tero Mustonen

Elizabeth Simpson (Beth to those who know her) works as the Student Engagement Coordinator at Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge, where she aims to empower students with the knowledge, competencies and leadership skills to tackle the climate crisis. Beth's interest in climate and sustainability issues began during her upbringing in Geneva, Switzerland, where her education was influenced by the values of the international organisations that surrounded her. This influenced her decision to pursue an MA in Sustainable Development from the University of Edinburgh. Upon completion of her studies, Beth was elected and worked as Vice President Community at Edinburgh University Students' Association, representing 40,000+ students at the University of Edinburgh on issues ranging from sustainability to the student housing crisis. In this capacity, she attended COP26 as part of the University of Edinburgh delegation, where she deepened her understanding of and interest in international climate negotiations. In her current role at the University of Cambridge, Beth is delighted to be a part of the ActNowFilm project team and feels passionately about the value and role of young people in climate solutions.



Professor Tero Mustonen is a leading conservationist from Finland. He is the Finnish president and founder of the Snowchange Cooperative, a pan-Arctic and boreal forest network of community associations fighting climate change and biodiversity loss. He founded the organisation in 2000 and also holds a position as an adjunct professor of geography at the University of Eastern Finland. He served as a Lead Author for the 6th IPCC Assessment. In 2023, Tero won the Goldman Environmental Prize for his work restoring severely degraded former industrial peat mining and forestry sites throughout Finland.

As a Finnish scholar, fisherman, and leader, Tero is deeply connected to nature and rooted in traditional Finnish culture. He grew up amidst Finland's lakes and peatlands and has dedicated his life to bringing together Western scientists, village elders, and Sámi Indigenous knowledge holders in the region to preserve traditional culture and environments in the face of human exploitation and climate change. He is the head of the village of Selkie, North Karelia, Finland.



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Samantha Thian and Ilona Mettiäinen



Samantha Thian is the founder of Seastainable and Senior Manager for Sustainability (Asia-Pacific / Middle East & Africa) at Electrolux. In 2017, she founded Seastainable in Singapore to give back to marine conservation. She was also responsible for the development of Stridy, a tech-based solution to community cleanups.

Samantha graduated from the National University of Singapore with a master's degree in Environmental Management, and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Her work has been recognised through various organisations. In 2022, she received the 15th NEA EcoFriends award from the National Environment Agency. She is a fellow at the Philip Yeo Initiative, as well as part of the Young South East Asian Leaders Institute. She had the privilege to represent Singapore at the first ever ASEAN Youth Eco-Champions award in Cambodia 2019, and is currently part of the Y20 Climate Change Delegation for G20 2023 in India.

As an individual that is passionate about making a change from within, she is a strong believer in driving sustainability within organisations. She is an Executive Member of the Climate Action Singapore Alliance, and Co-Chair of the Public Hygiene Council's Youth Action Group.



Ilona Mettiäinen is an environmental social scientist, specialising in the Arctic region, with a particular interest in how people make sense of and co-design strategic solutions to climate change. Since 2010, she has been working at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland.

Her recent research projects have focused on issues such as co-designing a climate service for the winter tourism industry in Northern Finland, co-producing knowledge with Arctic communities on solar geoengineering, adaptation of reindeer herders to climate change, and social sustainability of ice sheet conservation in Greenland.

In 2017, she traversed the North-West Passage onboard a Finnish icebreaker as a member of the Arctic 100 Expedition. She was a Visiting Arctic Fellow at Dartmouth College (2017) and an NSF Arctic-FROST Early Career Fellow (2018).



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Yolanda Waters and Lorraine Whitmarsh



Yolanda Waters is an Australian environmental and marine social scientist. Her research interests include environmental psychology, behaviour change, effective climate change and marine conservation outreach, nature-based tourism and marine socio-ecology.

Yolanda is a PhD candidate at the University of Queensland. Her PhD research explores the diverse connections between people and iconic marine ecosystems, such as the Great Barrier Reef, and whether these connections provide a unique pathway for strengthening public engagement with climate action. To ensure applied research outcomes, she has worked closely with several collaborative partners and end-users, including the Australian

Marine Conservation Society, the Coral Reef Research Hub, and the Great Barrier Reef tourism industry.

Yolanda is also the community coordinator for Divers for Climate, a community-led initiative which brings together the global dive community in the fight against climate change.

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Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh FHEA MBE is an environmental psychologist based at the University of Bath, specialising in perceptions and behaviour in relation to climate change, energy and transport. She is Director of the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations (CAST). Her research projects have included studies of energy efficiency behaviours, waste reduction and carrier bag reuse, perceptions of smart technologies and electric vehicles, low-carbon lifestyles, and responses to climate change.

Between 2014 and 2019, she held a prestigious European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant – Low-Carbon Lifestyles & Behavioural Spillover (CASPI) – and since 2019 holds an ERC

Consolidator Grant – Understanding and leveraging ‘moments of change’ for pro-environmental behaviour shifts (MOCHA). She is also a Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Working Group II; and regularly advises governmental and other organisations on low-carbon behaviour change and climate change communication.



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Inés Yábar and Christiana Figueres



Inés Yábar is a young activist from Peru who has been actively working towards a more sustainable future since she was 15. By volunteering in beach clean-ups along the coastline of Peru, she helped collect data and organise thousands of volunteers to help inform policies in Peru – leading to the country banning single use plastic bags.

Inés currently serves as Lead of the UN Foundation Next Generation Fellows program, supporting young people's leadership in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through local and global actions.

Inés is on the board of L.O.O.P. (a grassroots women-led Peruvian social impact company conserving the marine ecosystem) and is a co-founder of Ensemble pour TECHO (an organisation seeking to overcome poverty in Latin America). Her previous experiences include working with organisations in Sierra Leone, France, Lebanon and Japan to reach the 2030 Agenda.

Inés was a part of the Peruvian delegation at COP25 and represented the Missing Majority at COP26 and COP27. She is also a Global Shaper (Lima Hub), co-founder of Mullu (a podcast on sustainable development including Quechua), a Plastic Action Champion and sits on the Global Plastic Action Partnership Advisory committee.

Christiana Figueres is an internationally recognised leader on global climate change. She was Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 2010-2016.

Assuming responsibility for the international climate change negotiations after the failed Copenhagen conference of 2009, she was determined to lead the process to a universally agreed regulatory framework. Building toward that goal, she directed the successful Conferences of the Parties in Cancun 2010, Durban 2011, Doha 2012, Warsaw 2013, and Lima 2014, and culminated her efforts in the historical Paris Agreement of 2015.

Throughout her tenure, Christiana brought together national and sub-national governments, corporations and activists, financial institutions and communities of faith, think tanks and technology providers, NGOs and parliamentarians, to jointly deliver the unprecedented climate change agreement. For this achievement she has been credited with forging a new brand of collaborative diplomacy.

Since then, Christiana has continued to accelerate the global response to climate change. Today she is the co-founder of Global Optimism, co-host of the podcast "Outrage & Optimism" and is the co-author of the recently published book, "The Future We Choose: Surviving the Climate Crisis". She is a member of the B Team and a non executive Board member of ACCIONA and ACCIONA Energía. She is the Chair of The Earthshot Prize Foundation.



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Cynthia Yue and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



Cynthia Yue is an international human rights, climate action, and social equity leader. In 2023, she became the youngest person in American history to serve on a federal advisory committee as a SAMHSA National Advisory Council member. Previously, she served as the 2023 U.S. Climate Youth Delegate to the G20, where she focused on equity and finance. From 2021-2022, she was the 10th Youth Observer to the United Nations, where she represented U.S. youth at the UN and led global initiatives on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Cynthia's prior sustainability policy experience includes serving as a Fellow at the Embassy of France and a Fellow at the Indonesian Ministry of Tourism. Moreover, as a United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Youth Ambassador, she reinforced the European Union's commitment to child welfare by launching a youth advocacy campaign that amassed over 450 million engagements.

As a Fellow at the White House Mental Health Youth Action Forum, Cynthia presented to President Biden, First Lady Biden, and the U.S. Surgeon General on combatting the national youth mental health crisis in underserved communities. She has spoken at the White House Summit for Democracy, the UN General Assembly, and the U.S. Institute of Peace and has been featured in Forbes, the BBC documentary Malcolm in the Midlands, U.S. Department of State's Share America, and NBC News.

She graduated summa cum laude from the George Washington University with a B.A. in International Affairs and is currently a Master in Public Policy candidate at Harvard University.



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected WHO Director-General for a five-year term by WHO Member States at the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017, and was re-elected to a second term in May 2022 during the Seventy-Fifth World Health Assembly. Dr Tedros was the first WHO Director-General elected from among multiple candidates by the World Health Assembly, and was the first person from the WHO African Region to head the world's leading public health agency.

Born in the Eritrean city of Asmara, Dr Tedros graduated from the University of Asmara with a Bachelor of Biology, before earning a Master of Science (MSc) in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London, a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in

Community Health from the University of Nottingham and an Honorary Fellowship from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Following his studies, Dr Tedros returned to Ethiopia to support the delivery of health services, first working as a field-level malariologist, before heading a regional health service and later serving in Ethiopia's federal government for over a decade as Minister of Health and Minister of Foreign Affairs. As Minister of Health from 2005 to 2012, he led a comprehensive reform of the country's health system, built on the foundation of universal health coverage and provision of services to all people, even in the most remote areas.



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Under his leadership, Ethiopia expanded its health infrastructure, developed innovative health financing mechanisms, and expanded its health workforce. A major component of reforms he drove was the creation of a primary health care extension programme that deployed 40 000 female health workers throughout the country. A significant result was an approximate 60% reduction in child and maternal mortality compared to 2000 levels.

As Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2016, he elevated health as a political issue nationally, regionally and globally. In this role, he led efforts to negotiate the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in which 193 countries committed to the financing necessary to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Prior to his election as Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros held many leadership positions in global health, including as Chair of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, and Co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Board.

After taking office as WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros initiated the most significant transformation in the Organization's history, which has generated a wide range of achievements.



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