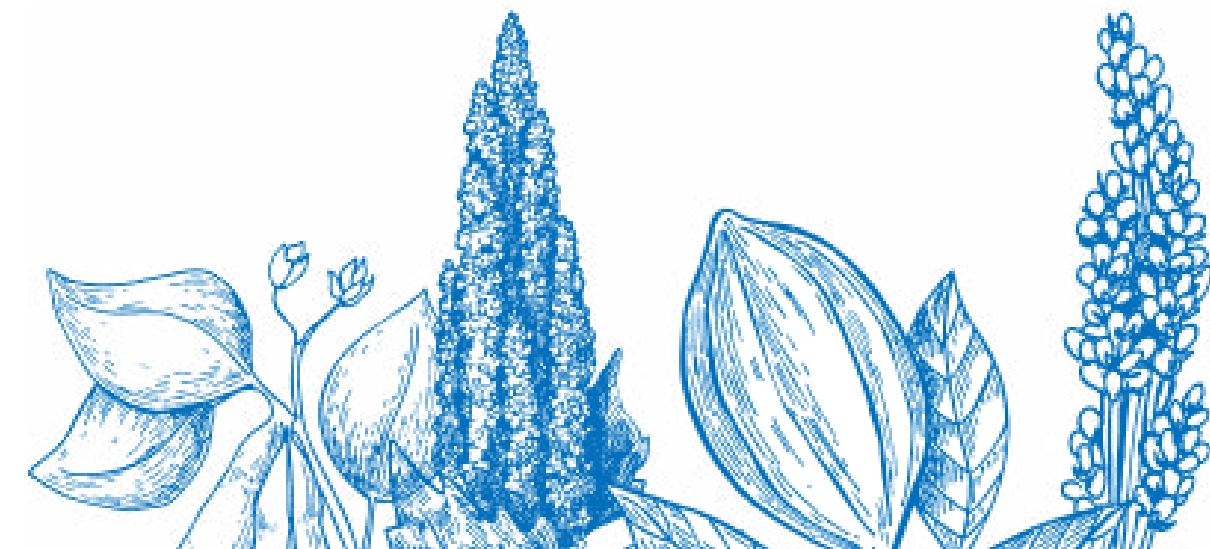




GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF FOOD

**YOUR GUIDE TO FRONTLINE FOOD
AND FARMING EXPERTS WHO ARE
AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS
ON THE GROUND AT COP28.**



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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Our food system representatives are on the frontline of climate breakdown. The Global Alliance for the Future of Food has brought them to COP28 to tell their story; one that needs to be heard more than ever.

The group of 42 includes farmers, fishers, grassroots activists and NGO leaders from around the world; from smallholder farmers in Africa to indigenous food activists from North America, NGO leaders in South America to farming leaders from India.

They will bear testament to the havoc that extreme weather is wreaking on food and farming. Some that are plain to see in the daily news; forest fires, droughts, floods and sea level rise and some that are less obvious; increasing hunger, migration, farmer and herder conflict over water, slow onset shock and changing weather patterns.

Food systems are the sector most impacted by climate change and although the effects are a daily challenge that farmers and food system stakeholders have to face, they are severely underrepresented on the international stage.

This is why the Global Alliance for the Future of Food is delighted to support their much-needed attendance at the COP28 table. It is our genuine belief that food system transformation will take place when all stakeholders come together, the global and local, the macro and micro. That is why it is so important that these frontline representatives are present at COP28.

At the biggest annual global gathering on climate change, our food system representatives will humanise and contextualise the statistics and policy jargon, telling their stories from the frontline of climate change. These are as hopeful as they are devastating as they innovate and adapt to this heating planet. Our representatives hold many of the solutions to climate change, it's time the world hears about them.

The representatives are available for interviews, in-depth or fast-paced, panel events and content creation. Do not hesitate to contact the Global Alliance for the Future of Food or Greenhouse Communications if one of our representatives can provide first-person experience of the impacts of climate change, the solutions they can offer and the urgent support that they need.



SPEAKERS BY COUNTRY

CARIBBEAN

Ruth Spencer – Barbuda

CENTRAL AFRICA

Celestin Nga – Cameroon

EASTERN AFRICA

Amongin Jacqueline – Uganda

Babafemi Oluropo Oyewole – Rwanda

Christine Nabwami – Uganda

Evans Muswahili Ladema – Kenya

Geoffrey Kahuho Kihoro – Kenya

Gertrude Kabusimbi Kenyangi – Uganda

Ledama Masidza – Kenya

Monicah Yator – Kenya

Pauline Kariuki – Kenya

Roselilly Nokhutula Geza – Zimbabwe

Salome Owuonda – Kenya

Vikman Proscovier – Uganda

Wellington Madumira – Zimbabwe

NORTHERN AFRICA

Kaid Youcef Madhdi Cherif – Algeria

Wafa Hmadi – Tunisia

NORTH AMERICA

Clay Colombe – USA

Leticia Ama Deawuo – Canada

Lourdes Inga – USA

Sean Sherman – USA

SOUTH AMERICA

Fabrcio Muriana – Brazil

Karina Goncalves David – Brazil

Maximo Mazzocco – Argentina

Saúl Elías López – Venezuela

SOUTH ASIA

Dipayan Dey – India

Dr Edmond Clint Fernandes – India

Pavel Partha – Bangladesh

Dr Shaikh Tanveer Hossain – Bangladesh

Thilak Kariyawasam – Sri Lanka

Alenz Avril P. De Torres – Philippines

Ma Estrella Penunia Banzuela – Philippines

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Bertha Chiroro – South Africa

Diane Sibanda – Botswana

Obuile Morewane – Botswana

Richard Kachungu – Zambia

WESTERN AFRICA

Elujulo Opeyemi – Nigeria

Erabanabari Love Theophilus – Nigeria

Freeman Elohor Oluowo – Nigeria

Kentebe Ebiaridor Jackson – Nigeria

Sena Alouka – Togo

Dimitri Tientega – Burkina Faso

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CARIBBEAN





RUTH SPENCER

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

**MARINE ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTED
AREAS (MEPA) TRUST**

As the Current Chair of the Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust, Ruth is committed to bringing about socio-economic and environmental development that centers people. She works with many local female-led groups across the island to develop integrated development programs, with the aim to empower the local communities, increase their visibility and amplify their demands. In 2023, she was appointed as an Advisory Board Member UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Food loss and waste
- Agroecology
- Food-energy nexus
- Indigenous groups



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CENTRAL AFRICA



CELESTIN NGA

CAMEROON

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Celestin Nga has over 10 years of experience in running rural and agricultural worker organisations.

His experience with the rural movement has led him to promote family farms as a model of sustainable production and is interested in climate change and crises that affect food systems in Africa. He is an expert in planning and operational strategy, policy advocacy and negotiation. He has a degree in sociology from the University of Yaoundé.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

French

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate finance
- Climate justice

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EASTERN AFRICA

AMONGIN JACQUELINE



UGANDA

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

Amongin Jacqueline is an environmentalist and a lawyer by profession. A member of Parliament Uganda and Uganda's representative to the East African Legislative Assembly and chairperson of the committee of Environment and Climate change. She is a founding member of Parliamentarians for Food and Nutrition Security and chairperson of African Parliamentarians for Climate Action. She is a former member of Pan African Parliament and 2017 Mandela Washington Fellow.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate finance
- Nutrition

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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BABAFEMI OLUROPO OYEWOLE



RWANDA

PANAFRICAN FARMERS ORGANISATION

Babafemi Oluropo Oyewole is the chief executive Officer of the Panafrican Farmers Organization (PAFO). In this role, Babafemi leads the organization with a membership of over 80 million farmers across five regional networks in Africa. Most recently, he served as CEO of the African Agribusiness Alliance and CEO of the African Cashew Alliance. His extensive experience includes strategy development, risk management, transformational business growth, execution excellence, partnership development and international organisations management. He has a PhD in development policy from the University of Bradford, an MBA from Ogun State University and an MSc from the University of Lagos.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate finance
- Agroecology

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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CHRISTINE NABWAMI



UGANDA

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN SMALL SCALE FARMERS' FORUM

Christine Nabwami is a small-scale farmer based in Mityana District in Uganda, a farmer leader and both a crop and livestock farmer farming on family land of 7 acres.

"Fund farmers to adapt"

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Gender
- Agroecology
- Food security
- Climate justice

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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EVANS MUSWAHILI LADEMA



KENYA

ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IN VIHIGA

Evans Muswahili Ladema is a smallholder farmer and also a community paralegal using my basic training in law to advance climate justice causes for fellow smallholder farmers. He also works for food systems transformation in Kenya, envisaging food systems that are more equitable, sustainable and resilient to the impacts of climate change.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Right to food
- Climate finance
- Climate justice

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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GERTRUDE KABUSIMBI KENYANGI



UGANDA

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (SWAGEN)

Gertrude Kabusimbi has 20 years of experience in hands-on application of agro-ecological practices for sustainable agriculture, forestry and biodiversity conservation in grassroots projects in Uganda. She holds a bachelor of science in agriculture, a master's in rural development planning and a master's in gender and women studies, all from Makerere University. She has been involved in the discourses surrounding food security and food sovereignty, environment and climate change policy at a global level, bringing a gender dimension and advocating. She believes sustainable development should be framed in both scientific and social lenses.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Gender
- Agroecology
- Food Sovereignty

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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GEOFFREY KAHUHO KIHORO



KENYA

Geoffery Kahuho Kihoro works as senior programme officer at PELUM Kenya in charge of its capacity-building programme, and climate change and natural resource management. PELUM Kenya is a network of 61 civil society organizations promoting agroecological practices. He has a BSc in wildlife from Moi University with vast experience with environmental subjects, and holds a postgraduate diploma, focusing on project management and environmental impact assessments. He has participated in several capacity-building projects, locally in Kenya and internationally and has excellent mobilization skills.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agroecology
- Partnership building

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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LEDAMA MASIDZA

KENYA

OCEANS ALIVE TRUST



Ledama Masidza is a passionate marine conservation advocate from Kenya, focusing on enhancing coastal community food systems and protecting marine ecosystems. He champions community-based conservation, sustainable fisheries, and food practices. As an African Food Leadership Programme fellow and Global Changemakers Alumni, he has a global impact, narrating tales of hope. He weaves scientific, traditional and personal narratives to inspire reconnection with nature and spur united action. His scope also encompasses forestry, climate-smart food security collaboration, nurturing sustainable lives and community-based natural resource management.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Aquatic foods
- Indigenous knowledge

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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MONICAH YATOR

KENYA

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SOVEREIGNTY IN AFRICA



Monicah Yator is a woman, human rights defender, activist who is from the indigenous people from the Tugen pastoralist community. She holds a bachelor's degree in social science and a diploma in community development and social work. She is the founder of Indigenous Women and Girls Initiative, a community-based organization advocating for the rights of women and girls in Baringo, Kenya and beyond. She is a trainer of agroecology and a member Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), as well as a member of the Agroecology Coalition and a PARAN alliance. She is helping her community to fully transition to agropastoralism to reduce climate change vulnerability in the community through agroecology and permaculture innovation.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agroecology
- Governance
- Gender
- Pastoralists
- Nutrition
- Indigenous

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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PAULINE KARIUKI

KENYA
**RURAL WOMEN
NETWORK**



Pauline Kariuki is the director of the Rural Women Network and a champion of rural women smallholder agricultural producers. Rural Women Network works with rural women in four different countries. Their main focus is poverty alleviation through agriculture production, food and nutrition security, climate Smart and conservation Agriculture among other areas. She is a farmer with over twenty-five years of experience and has won many awards in farming, notably the Presidential Award Scheme. She has trained in community development and social work, women in leadership and production and management in the poultry sector.

"We need to include grassroots women at the decision making table – not as passive listeners, but to shape the conversation."

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Gender
- Climate finance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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ROSELILLY NOKHUTULA GEZA

ZIMBABWE
FOOD JUSTICE NETWORK



Roselilly Nokhutula Geza is an ecofeminist and social and economic justice advocate. She is the coordinator of Food Justice Network Zimbabwe. Her work is centered on gendered climate action, regenerative agriculture, sustainable food systems and the recognition of communal farmers' rights. She is a blogger and writer on the aforementioned issues and is interested in regional and global networking to deliver food justice and food sovereignty. She has worked with young people and women on various issues about food justice in Zimbabwe including, agroecology, seed sovereignty, land and water rights, and disaster risk management. *"Indigenous seed is the repository of life that empowers us to preserve diverse varieties, protect our food heritage, and reclaim control over our agriculture."*

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Gender
- Climate finance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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SALOME OWUONDA

KENYA

**AFRICA CENTRE FOR
SUSTAINABLE AND
INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT (AFRICA CSID)**



Salome is an expert in climate, gender, and social inclusion. She has a wealth of experience in integrating gender perspectives into projects and programs related to climate justice, food systems and natural resource management. She has dedicated her professional career to advocacy, program coordination and research. She is currently serving as the executive director at the Africa Centre for Sustainable and Inclusive Development (Africa CSID). She holds masters in gender and development studies and bachelor of arts in gender, women, and development studies. She has undergone numerous short courses and training on climate, development and gender.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Gender
- Social inclusion
- Climate finance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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VIKMAN PROSCOVIER

UGANDA

**CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK
INTERNATIONAL**



Vikman Proscovier is a mother of two and currently the chairperson of the Climate Action Network Uganda, a network of over 200 members that advocates for climate justice, food security, adaptation and community resilience. She is also a board member at the Climate Change Action East Africa (CCA EA) that was behind the first-ever East Africa Climate Change and Food Security Symposium and Expo. CCA EA look at food systems and linkages that support and boost food security in Africa. She is a climate champion and environment activist. Part of her grassroots work is with smallholder farmers and communities in Uganda.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Food security
- Climate justice
- Resilience and adaptation

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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WELLINGTON MADUMIRA

ZIMBABWE

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK



Wellington Madumira is the national coordinator of Climate Action Network Zimbabwe (CANZIM), a civil society network working on climate change training, capacity building, research, and advocacy. He is a holder of an MSc in Tropical Resource Ecology and BSc Honours in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Zimbabwe, with a passion for addressing food systems, who has been involved in development work in the NGO sector for the past 13 years. Wellington has been involved in facilitating and coordinating environment-related meetings and presenting papers at national, regional and international forums.

"We can transform food systems for people, nature and climate."

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Gender
- Social inclusion
- Climate finance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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NORTHERN AFRICA

KAID YOUCEF MADHDI



ALGERIA

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK ARAB WORLD

Kaid Youcef Madhdi Cherif has been a banker, trainer, expert and consultant for over 15 years mainly in the field of banking and information systems. He is the founder of the 'green banking' concept in Algeria, representative of Algerian civil society at the global environmental fund and has participated in several programs in innovation, circular economy, sustainable water management and youth campaigning. He is the founding member of the network, Climate Action Network Arab World and is now the secretary general.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate justice
- Fossil fuel phase out
- Food-energy nexus

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

French

Arabic

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WAFI HMADI



TUNISIA

TUNISIAN YOUNG CLIMATE NEGOTIATORS GROUP

Wafi Hmadi is a climate consultant working on local climate planning for new and innovative sustainable solutions for resilient communities. She is also the coordinator of the Young Tunisian Climate Negotiators Group, engaged in a climate negotiation process with a focus on loss and damage.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate finance
- NDCs
- Negotiations
- Youth

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

French

Arabic

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NORTH AMERICA

CLAY COLOMBE

USA

ROSEBUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Clay Colombe is an enrolled citizen of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate (Rosebud Sioux Tribe) and serves as the CEO for Sicangu Co, a place-based ecosystem that is revitalizing the economy and culture of the Sicangu Nation through business, community development, and intergenerational asset-building. Prior to his role as CEO, he served as the organization's CFO for four years and prior to that, he was the senior vice president of the Native American Bank. Clay has a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's in business administration, both from the University of South Dakota.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Indigenous foods
- Food sovereignty

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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LETICIA AMA DEAWUO

CANADA

SEEDCHANGE



Prior to joining SeedChange as Executive Director in 2021, Leticia Ama Deawuo spent 15 years as a leading activist for food sovereignty and food justice, and four years as the Executive Director of Black Creek Community Farm, where she worked towards greater food justice with the vulnerable Toronto community of Jane-Finch. She has recently completed a Master's degree in Environmental Studies at York University, researching how decolonisation, agroecology, and the expertise of women elders in small-scale farming communities can support much-needed shifts in how we think about our relationships with each other and other living beings.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agroecology
- Food sovereignty
- Gender
- Rural women

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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LOURDES INGA



USA

INTERNATIONAL FUNDERS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Lourdes Inga has over two decades of experience in global philanthropy at foundations and non-profits dedicated to Indigenous rights, gender equality, and social justice. She is the Executive Director of International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP). Under her leadership, IFIP is expanding indigenous philanthropy, raising the visibility of Indigenous-led funds, and advocating for direct access to funding by Indigenous Peoples. Lourdes is on the Board of the Equality Fund and is a member of the Indigenous Philanthropic Advisory Group, Decolonizing Wealth. She has served on multiple boards and advisory roles. Lourdes is of Quechua descent from Peru.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Food justice
- Climate finance

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Spanish

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CHEF SEAN SHERMAN



USA

NORTH AMERICAN TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS

Sean Sherman, named one of Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People, is a James Beard Foundation and Julia Child Foundation award-winning Indigenous chef and food activist. Born in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, he is Oglala Lakota and has dedicated his career to reviving and celebrating Indigenous food traditions, promoting sustainable and culturally significant Indigenous ingredients, including wild game, foraged plants and heirloom seeds. He founded Beard award-winning restaurant Owamni, as well as the non-profit NATIFS (North American Indigenous Food Systems) and authored The Sioux Chef’s Indigenous Kitchen.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Indigenous foods
- Corporate power
- Climate resilience
- Fossil fuels

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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SOUTH AMERICA

FABRÍCIO MURIANA

BRAZIL
INSTITUTO REGENERA



Fabrício Muriana holds degrees in Social Communication and Philosophy, specializing in audiovisuals, and has a master’s degree in social change and political participation from the University of São Paulo. Until December 2020, he played a significant role as a co-founder of Instituto Feira Livre, a civil society organization dedicated to promoting agroecological food in São Paulo. Actively engaged in socio-biodiversity networks, particularly in the Amazon region, and the campaign against pesticides in São Paulo, Fabrício also serves as a member of the São Paulo Municipal Food Security Council. Additionally, as a co-founder and executive director of Instituto Regenera since 2020, he is actively involved in developing territorial projects aimed at increasing agroecological consumption. These projects span across Belém Metropolitan Region, the future host of COP 30 in the Amazon, as well as between the cities of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Youth
- Agroecology
- Public procurement

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Spanish

Portuguese

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KARINA GONÇALVES DAVID

BRAZIL, REDE ECOVIDA



Karina Gonçalves David is a woman and young agroforestry farmer in Brazil, where she has been growing food in a syntropic agroforestry system since 2014 and sells it at local markets. She is a part of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) of the Ecovida Network, where she has also acted as coordinator and director of AOPA, an association of organic farmers in which more than 500 families participate. She is currently the director of the southern region of the Organic Brazil Institute, an institute that acts to represent, promote, protect and encourage the Brazilian organic movement. Karina is an active participant in the INOFO - Intercontinental Network of Farmers Organization.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agroecology
- Youth farming
- Community nutrition
- Knowledge sharing

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

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English

Spanish

Portuguese

MAXIMO MAZZOCCO

ARGENTINA
ECO HOUSE GLOBAL



Máximo Mazzocco is a climate and environmental advocate and entrepreneur with more than 15 years of experience in the field. He is a UNDP Youth Global Ambassador and a member of Kay Pacha's Order. In 2014, he founded Eco House Global, a non-profit for action on sustainability with more than 40 ongoing programs. Currently, he is a member of the Youth Climate Justice Fund Steering Committee. He is the founder and co-founder of several initiatives, organizations, programs, campaigns and networks. His love for animals led him to follow a plant-based diet for over 10 years.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Youth
- Food loss and waste
- Agroecology

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Spanish

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SAÚL ELÍAS LÓPEZ

VENEZUELA
VENEZUELAN ASSOCIATION
FOR FAMILY FARMING



Saúl Elías López is an agronomist engineer with firmly rooted values and ethics, with a master's degree in rural development and agricultural economics. He aspires to continue and expand the project of estimating food losses and waste in Venezuela, implementing the model of climate-smart agriculture with a pilot production unit, models of resilient agriculture and carbon sequestration under a model of regenerative agriculture. In the future, he aims to contribute to sustainable agri-food development in Venezuela.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Youth
- Agritech,
- Agroecology

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Spanish

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ASIA



DIPAYAN DEY

INDIA

SOUTH ASIAN FORUM FOR ENVIRONMENT [SAFE]



Dr Dipayan Dey is an environmental biotechnologist with acumen in restoration ecology with twenty-five years of experience in community-based sustainable climate initiatives in South Asia. He had the opportunity to lead collaborative action research on accomplishing the SDGs in this ecoregion with several UN organisations and as well as the World Bank, GDN, JSDF, GIZ, IUCN, USAID etc. at a community-ecosystem level. Currently, he is working as chair in South Asian Forum for Environment [SAFE] on ecoregional environmental issues based on multilateral policies. He represents the major stakeholders in UN Environment and is in consultative status with UNFCCC, GEF and ECOSOC.

“Innovation is the freedom from the fear of failure, which is inadvertently ostracized in mainstream practices and carefully picked up by communities in climate crisis.”

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Food-water energy nexus
- Regenerative agriculture

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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2 December – 9 December

DR EDMOND CLINT FERNANDES

INDIA

EDWARD & CYNTHIA

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Dr Edmond Fernandes is an Indian Physician, Founder of CHD Group, and Director of the Edward & Cynthia Institute of Public Health (ECIPH) - the first of its kind dedicated public health institute in Mangalore. Dr Fernandes works closely with various diplomatic institutions in India and around the world to build multilateral cooperation for better global public health, working at the intersection of climate change, global health, disaster risk reduction, food security and environment protection.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Nutrition and health
- Food security

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Hindi

Konkani

Kannada

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PAVEL PARTHA

BANGLADESH



BANGLADESH RESOURCE CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE (BARCIK)

Pavel Partha has been working on agroecology, food sovereignty and climate justice since 2003. Conservation of food and biological diversity, rural food systems, eco-feminism, ecological justice, local knowledge and ethno-science, climate politics, development disaster and agrarian revolution form the crux of his works. Partha is the author of Khaddo, Longhon O Lorai, an eco-political analysis of food security and food struggle in Bangladesh. His distinctive writing and columns are published in different journals, books, magazines and daily newspapers. Currently he facilitates and coordinates the peoples-led climate adaptation and rural food systems in Bangladesh. *“We need to protect the natural and cultural fragrance of Mother Earth, and end fossil fuel and corporate control in the food system.”*

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agroecology
- Food sovereignty

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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1 December – 12 December

DR SHAIKH TANVEER HOSSAIN

BANGLADESH



IFOAM-ORGANICS ASIA

Dr Tanveer has been involved with sustainable agricultural programs for more than 28 years in national research and international and non-governmental organizations and is passionate about using organic and agroecological approaches to make food systems more sustainable. Dr Tanveer earned a doctorate in crop science from Ehime University, Japan, in 2008 and has published more than 50 scientific papers/articles, including 20 related to organic. He is presently serving as a director of policy and strategy of IFOAM-Organics Asia. Dr Tanveer was also appointed as Ambassador of IFOAM-Organics International and the Asian Local Government for Organic Asia (ALGOA).

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agroecology
- Fossil fuel phase out

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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THILAK KARIYAWASAM



SRI LANKA

LOAM / FIAN SRI LANKA

Thilak Kariyawasam is the president of the Lanka Organic Agriculture Movement (LOAM) and Executive Director of FIAN Sri Lanka. He has been the President of the Lanka Organic Agriculture Movement (LOAM) since 2009 and is one of the board members of the National Organic Control Authority (NOCA), the Sri Lankan organic agriculture control body. He also serves as a key member of the Sri Lanka Council of Agricultural Research. He holds an organic agriculture diploma and advance certificate from Grolink in Sweden. He also has higher diploma in eco-sanitation from the University of Life Science of Norway.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agroecology
- Indigenous research

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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ALENZ AVRIL P. DE TORRES



PHILIPPINES

CENTER FOR ENERGY, ECOLOGY, AND DEVELOPMENT

Avril De Torres is the deputy executive director of the Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development (CEED). Here, she leads on policy advocacy and strategic legal interventions for the advancement of a transformative energy ecological justice, and people-centered development. She is also a public interest lawyer defending frontline communities impacted by destructive fossil fuel projects and electricity consumer groups burdened by costly power rates from fossil fuels.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Food-water energy nexus
- Aquatic foods

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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MA ESTRELLA PENUNIA BANZUELA



PHILIPPINES

ASIAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION

FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT (AFA)

Estrella “Esther” Penunia is secretary general of the Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), a regional alliance of national farmers organizations with 22 national farmers organizations in 16 countries, representing around 13 million smallscale men, women and young family farmers, engaged in crops, livestock, fisheries, forestry, herding and pastoralism. AFA promotes farmers’ rights to lands, waters, forests and seeds, sustainable, climate-resilient agroecological approaches in farms, fisheries and forests, strengthening farmer cooperatives and their enterprises, women empowerment and attracting the youth to agriculture.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate finance
- Family farming
- Agroecology
- Youth and gender mobilisation

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

BERTHA CHIRORO

SOUTH AFRICA
GENDERCC SOUTHERN AFRICA
WOMEN FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE



Bertha Chiroro is the Programs Director for GenderCC - Southern Africa-Women for Climate Justice. She is responsible for coordinating various projects on gender and climate change and she works with smallscale farmers. She is passionate about social and economic justice issues; human rights, gender equality, elections, and democratic governance. Her interests are in bringing together grassroots communities; scholars; activists and government representatives to discuss and find lasting solutions to pressing social issues such as water, energy and food security and sustainable development with an inclusive approach.

- AREAS OF EXPERTISE**
- Gender and food sovereignty
 - Climate justice
 - Agroecology

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

ATTENDING COP28

5 December – 11 December

DIANE SIBANDA

BOTSWANA
BOTSWANA FARMERS
ASSOCIATION



Diane Sibanda is the president of the Botswana Farmers Association and a horticultural farmer herself. In her work, she is responsible for advocacy and lobbying locally through regional bodies, enabling better reporting for issues pertaining to trade standards and better farming methods for our members both locally and at the regional and international levels. She collaborates with training institutions in sector-specific workshops and general business management issues. She helps build the capacity of the indigenous members and the rural communities at large.

- AREAS OF EXPERTISE**
- Gender
 - Youth

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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OBUILE MOREWANE

BOTSWANA

**GREEN ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY
ASSOCIATION (GESA)**

Obuile Morewane is an energy systems engineer and a renewable energy specialist. He is also an educator and researcher in the field of renewable energy and climate change as well as a founding chairperson of the Green Energy and Sustainability Association (GESA), founded to facilitate the uptake of renewable energy in the African continent. He recently published a book titled Renewable Energy for Botswana which provides knowledge on facilitation of renewable energy in Africa.



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Fossil fuels
- Renewables in agriculture

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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RICHARD KACHUNGU

ZAMBIA

**YOUNG EMERGING
FARMERS INITIATIVE**

Richard Kachungu is Co-founder and Executive Director of the award-winning Young Emerging Farmers Initiative (YEFI). He has trained over 10,000 young people across the country in regenerative agriculture, agroecology, entrepreneurship and leadership in the food system. He has also mentored over 2,000 young people and provided them with business development consultancy services in the food system. He has facilitated the establishment of over 20 youth agro-enterprises in Zambia, as well as linked them to responsive financing and markets. He is an Obama Leader, United People Global Sustainability Leader, and a 2022 Ban Ki-Moon Agri Champion in Africa.



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Regenerative farming
- Youth engagement
- Entrepreneurship

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ELUJULO OPEYEMI

NIGERIA

**YOUTH IN AGROECOLOGY
AND RESTORATION NETWORK (YARN) /
WORLD FOOD FORUM / CARE ABOUT CLIMATE**



Elujulo Opeyemi is the founder of Youth in Agroecology and Restoration Network, a movement of African youths leveraging agroecology awareness and capacity building for agrifood systems transformation. He is also the co-chair of the World Food Forum Youth Policy Board, where he ensures youth perspectives are captured in the Forum's work on agrifood systems transformation. He is also a Ban Ki-moon Youth Agri Champion and co-executive director at Care About Climate, USA. He holds a master's degree in environmental management, and a postgraduate diploma in soil management and land-use planning. He works at the intersection of agriculture, climate change, land resources, and rural livelihoods.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- NDCs
- Agroecology
- Youth

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ERABANABARI THEOPHILUS

NIGERIA

**LEKEH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION /
RELIEF INTERNATIONAL AFRICA**



Erabanabari Theophilus is a community and grassroots climate and gender activist. She is the program officer on gender and climate for Lekeh development Foundation. She is also the coordinator for Yeraba women foundation and a member of Relief international Africa.

She represents and amplifies the voices of Niger Delta women and youths in Nigeria that are dealing with the effects of crude oil spills on their lands. She is interested in advocating for policies that promote climate change interventions, mobilising rural women for actions that build resilience, promotes campaigns for renewable energy transitions and environmental cleanups.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Fossil fuel phase out
- Climate justice
- Gender

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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FREEMAN ELOHOR OLUOWO



NIGERIA

**AFRICAN CENTRE FOR CLIMATE ACTIONS
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**

Freeman Elohor Oluowo is a researcher, stakeholder engagement and climate change specialist. He is the founder and centre coordinator for the African Centre for Climate Actions and Rural Development (ACCARD) Initiative, an NGO focusing on training and capacity building, alternative livelihood empowerment, localizing climate change, agricultural innovative knowledge and community participation in development and key SGDs. He is the lead for the new United Nations Convention for Conserving River Deltas (UN-CCRD) and Deltas Unite Initiative.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Fossil fuel phase out
- Food insecurity
- Climate resilience

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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KENTEBE EBIARIDOR JACKSON



NIGERIA

OILWATCH INTERNATIONAL

Kentebe Ebiaridor Jackson is an environmental rights advocate and campaigner with experience in the areas of human and environmental rights, livelihood protection, biodiversity conservation, and coordinates campaigns against land grabbing. He is committed to the protection of citizens' rights to a healthy and conducive environment, believing that environmental rights are the superstructure upon which all other rights are built. He campaigns globally for acceptable environmental and human rights standards by all business operators. This is to ensure respect for the environmental and human rights of indigenous people living in rural communities of the world.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Fossil fuel phase out
- Food-energy nexus
- Climate justice
- Carbon markets

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

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SENA ALOUKA



TOGO

**JEUNES VOLONTAIRES POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT
(YOUNG VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT)**

Sena Alouka has been at the forefront of global environmental justice since 1999, after his graduation from Togo University and Rennes University in France. Activist and journalist, he has created several groups, namely the NGO Young Volunteers for the Environment, today the largest environmental movement in Africa. He currently chairs the Climate Change Working Group of the AFSA (Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa). He has attended all past 15 climate COPs. He has coached over 1500 young people in the past 20 years and incubated several youth start-ups, particularly in the energy and food sectors. For the past two years, he has served as a food and agriculture focal point for Togo.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate justice
- Food sovereignty

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DIMITRI TIENTEGA



BURKINA FASO

JEUNES ACTEURS

DE L'ENERGIE / YOUNG ENERGY ACTORS

Dimitri Tientega is an engineer specializing in applied solar technologies. In 2019, he founded the Young Energy Actors organization, with the aim of mobilizing, training, empowering and supporting young people by offering them a central role in the energy and ecological transition. He is the winner of several scholarships and leadership programs in the field of renewable energies and climate. In 2021, he was designated Young Voice of the Sahel, as part of UNICEF's Young Climate Champions program, and then Young Minister of Energy with the Burkina Youth Government. He is co-founder of PIC Énergie SARL, a company offering solar electrification technologies to rural, mainly agricultural communities. For COP28, Dimitri was selected as junior negotiator.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Youth
- Food-energy nexus

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