



SPEAKER BIOS

Empowering African Youth for The Fight Against the Impacts of Climate Change



Shamiso Mucha

An ardent climate advocate and child rights activist, founder of Green Canopy Enviro-care whose overall mission is to promote a green transition through sustainable restoration of the environment. She serves as YOUNGO's LCOY LIAISON for 2023 empowering and building the capacity of youth to participate in climate action and decision-making processes. She is the interim Contact Point for YOUNGO's Child Rights Working Group, mainstreaming children's rights through policy and action in YOUNGO and the UNFCCC processes. She holds a MSc degree in Population Studies.



Laurel Kivuyo

Tanzanian environmentalist and sustainability advocate who holds a bachelor's degree in environmental health sciences. She is the founder of an NGO called Climate Hub Tanzania, which has made significant strides in building climate resilience and promoting inclusion of youth, women, and indigenous people in climate mitigation efforts. Laurel is recognized for her leadership and commitment to environmental conservation, she is currently serving as the Youth Environment Ambassador in Tanzania. She also serves as the Climate Youth Envoy for the Southern African Youth Forum, representing 16 countries. She has recently been appointed SHE Changes Climate Ambassador. Her recent climate projects include advocating for zero plastic usage, developing sustainable eco-friendly products, as well as organising hybrid and in-person advocacy campaigns. She has also collaborated with esteemed institutions such as the French Embassy, UNEP, and various national and international organisations to address climate mitigation and adaptation.



Stephen Musarurwa

A law student from Zimbabwe. He holds various positions which include President and Founder of the AYCT, International Coordinator for Climate Live, Coordinator Fridays for Future African / MAPA, Board Member World Climate school, Founder Fridays for future Botswana school, climate advocate and environmentalist. He is also the former Deputy country Director for Federal of African Law students Association,

Stephen one of the most vocal climate advocates calling for an end to human rights violations, Oil exploration, and capitalism among others critical issues, He is working with the most affected communities at the frontline of ecological breakdown through implementation of projects that promote sustainable development through sustainable solutions. In recent years Stephen has been part of the Global discussion tables such as the SB58, COP27 and COY17, GGA7 and has helped to organize the African Climate Week Action hub.



Shumirai Zizhou

Shumirai Zizhou is a Programmes and Research Associate, leading on the Youth Thematic Pillar at the Southern Africa Trust. She has 5 years' experience in the legal sector and currently works in the international development sector focusing on Youth Empowerment and Climate Justice & Natural Resource Management, whilst supporting the essential thematic pillars that cover Miners Rights and Compensation, Gender Justice, Economic Recovery and Poverty Eradication. Shumirai has background expertise in Migration and Displacement, Child Rights Governance and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR), having worked with leading global organisations and key policy makers in these key spaces in Southern (SADC) and Eastern (EAC) Africa. She holds an LLB Degree (Honours) from the University of the Witwatersrand, and a Postgraduate Qualification in Practical Legal Studies (Cum Laude), from the Kwa-Zulu Natal University. Further she completed a course on 'Caring for Children Moving Alone: Protecting, Unaccompanied and Separated Children', from The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland", in addition she has qualifications in 'Parenting without Violence' and 'Monitoring and Evaluation Training on Contemporary Data Management and Utilization Approaches'.



Alice D. Kanengoni

Alice D. Kanengoni is a feminist development practitioner with over 20 years of experience advocating for social justice, gender justice and women's rights on the African continent. She has served in regional organisations in roles providing strategic leadership, programme design & management, grant-making, advocacy and communications, accountability and learning. Alice has successfully led the design and implementation of a number of power-shifting strategies and interventions towards women's economic justice, including strategies to support self-organizing movements of domestic workers, women informal and cross-border traders, rural women farmers and young women – among other marginalized groups in Africa. Her research and knowledge generation work has contributed towards shaping Afro-centric discourses on feminist macroeconomics, inclusive health and education among others. She is passionate about feminist and liberatory knowledge management praxis and has contributed to the body of knowledge challenging inequalities and poverty on the African continent. Alice earned tertiary level qualifications in Arts, Media & Communications, Executive & Team Coaching and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning.



Farhana Yamin

Farhana is an internationally recognized lawyer and climate justice activist. She has provided legal and strategy advice to small islands leaders and ministers on UN climate negotiations for 30 years attending nearly every COP/UN climate summit since 1991. She runs the Climate Justice and Just Transition Donor Collaborative which brings together some of the world's largest climate philanthropies to create climate solutions that also tackle systemic inequalities. She coordinates the Climate Reframe Project which seeks to amplify the voice of climate activists and experts from racialized minorities in the UK environment movement. She trained as an outdoor education leader, focusing on nature connection, including how to support racialized minorities access & enjoy green spaces.

She is Director of Impatience Ltd, an Honorary Fellow of Somerville College, Oxford University, a Senior Advisor to SYSTEMIQ, a FRSA and Visiting Professor, University of the Arts, London, and Deputy Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum Expert Advisory Group. She was voted Number 2 on the 2020 BBC's Power List with the judges describing her a "powerhouse of climate justice" and is active in numerous community-based initiatives and social justice movements.