

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Malini Mehra

CEO, GLOBE Legislators

Malini is Chief Executive of GLOBE Legislators, a role she has held since 2014. During that time GLOBE has become the UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group, innovating at many levels, including introducing the first Parliamentary Pavilion at COPs. A political scientist and gender specialist by training, Malini has over three decades of international experience in the sustainability, climate and governance fields in the public, private and voluntary sectors. The ENDS Report Power List 2025 listed her as one of the UK's 100 most influential environment professionals and her honours include Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. www.malinimehra.com

Senator the Honourable Dr. Dessima D Williams

President of the Senate, Parliament of Grenada

The Honourable Dr Dessima Williams is President of the Grenada Senate, a role she has held since 2022. Dr Williams served as Grenada's representative to the Organisation of American States, Deputy Governor to the World Bank and Deputy Permanent Representative to the Inter American Commission of Women. She later became Grenada's Ambassador to the United Nations and Special Adviser for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals to the President of the United Nations. She has also served as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) during COP15 in Copenhagen and currently serves as Strategic Adviser to Oxfam on climate change. A Professor of Sociology, Development and Gender, she is also the founder and Director of the Grenada Education and Development Programme (GRENEDE).



Hon. Saniwan Buaban MP

Parliament of Thailand

Hon. Saniwan Buaban is a Member of the House of Representatives of Thailand, representing the People's Party (PP). She has been actively involved in advocating for climate change policies, particularly focusing on the challenges faced by Thailand's agricultural sector, which is highly vulnerable to climate-related issues such as unpredictable weather, floods, and droughts. Hon. Buaban holds a PhD in Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

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Hon. Osi Kama Nkemkanma St Andy MP

Parliament of Nigeria

Hon. St Andy is a Member of the Nigerian House of Representatives with legislative focus on climate change, security, environmental protection, youth, and commerce. He is the Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change and Security.



Hon. Christine Kaaya MP

Parliament of Uganda

Hon. Christine Nakimwero Kaaya is a member of the Ugandan Parliament. A bold activist for women, environment, population, Hon. Kaaya serves on the Parliamentary Climate Change and Natural Resources Committees. She has further served under several environmental bodies, as she continues to champion a healthy environment.

Dr Philipp Behrens

Head of Division for International Climate Initiative (IKI), German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate Action

Philipp Behrens worked for the Federal Environment Ministry (BMU) of Germany for 15 years before he joined the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) in 2022. He started his ministerial career in the BMU in the climate division and has since worked in various national, European and international areas.

Before taking over the International Climate Initiative IKI in 2019, the law graduate with a doctorate in public international law headed the Minister's Cabinet Affairs Unit for five years. Since 2022 the IKI is coordinated by BMWK and jointly implemented by the three departments BMWK, BMUV and the Federal foreign office. In this new setting Philipp is in charge of the overall coordination of the IKI.



Rafael Jiménez-Aybar

WFD Environmental Democracy Adviser

Rafa has 20 years of experience supporting parliamentarians worldwide to advance inclusive, science-based environmental governance. As part of the International Secretariat of GLOBE, the first environmental parliamentary association, he led the formulation and delivery of numerous demand-driven, capacity-building interventions, facilitating from locally-led policy development support to the exchange of best legislative practices, in collaboration with the national government agencies and civil society of the beneficiary countries, multilateral organisations and donors including the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and knowledge partners such as the LSE Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources.

He is the Environmental Democracy Adviser for the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)

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Aryj Hussain

Country Director, Maldives Programmes, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Aryj Hussain is a dedicated lawyer with a diverse background and a strong commitment to justice and social causes. She received her LLB degree from the University of Reading, UK (2013), and LLM on Social Justice and Law from UCL in 2021, and has been practicing as a licensed lawyer for the past nine years in the Maldives.



Hon. Imanga Wamunyima MP

Chairperson of the Post-Legislative Scrutiny Caucus of the National Assembly of Zambia

Hon. Imanga Wamunyima, Jr. is a lawyer by profession. At age 29, he became the youngest elected member of the Zambian Parliament and the only representative from his political party – the Party of National Unity and Progress (PNUP). In the National Assembly, he currently serves as a member of the 'Public Accounts Committee,' a committee that exercises powers conferred upon it under article 117(5) of the Constitution of the Republic of Zambia. He is also the Vice-Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on 'Privileges and Absences,' chaired by the first Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. Hon. Wamunyima chairs the PLS Caucus of the National Assembly of Zambia.

Marc Weissgerber

Executive Director, E3G Germany

Marc was Group Managing Director of the [European Institute of Technology Climate-KIC](#); Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of [Veolia](#), the world's largest environmental service provider, in Germany; Member of the Management Group at Friedrich Ebert Foundation and its Expert Group on Energy and Climate, and Member of the Advisory Board of the Oxford-based Amazonia Impact Venture. He is currently the Executive Director of E3G's Berlin office.



Pablo Vieira

Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit

Pablo Vieira is the Global Director of the NDC Partnership Support Unit where he leads efforts that build momentum for ambitious climate and development actions, in collaboration with governments and international stakeholders around the world. Pablo develops and executes activities that help countries advance climate goals by facilitating access to analysis, tools, expertise, financing, and other resources.

Hon Chean Chung Lee MP

Parliament of Malaysia

Hon. Chung Lee is a member of the Malaysian Parliament. He served as a member of the Pahang State Legislative Assembly before being elected at the national level in 2022. A strong environmental activist, he holds membership in Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) and ASEAN Parliamentary for Human Rights (APHR).



Adam Weiss

Chief Programmes and Impact Officer, ClientEarth

As Chief Programmes and Impact Officer, Adam ensures ClientEarth projects deliver the greatest impact and spearheads critical fundraising efforts to align resources with ClientEarth's goals. He has litigated before the European Court of Human Rights, UN treaty bodies, and national courts in twenty countries across Europe. Adam holds an LLM from King's College (University of London) and a JD from Columbia Law School (New York). He is a member of the New York State bar.

Adam is currently on the board of two NGOs: the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (Belgium) and Focus on Labour Exploitation (UK). Adam previously managed the legal practice at two NGOs: the European Roma Rights Centre and, before that, the AIRE Centre. He defended victims of human rights violations throughout Europe, particularly migrants and ethnic minorities.

Shirley Matheson

Global NDC Enhancement Lead, WWF

Shirley Matheson leads WWF's global work on Nationally Determined Contributions, driving policy strategies that integrate energy, food, and nature into ambitious climate commitments. She advises WWF's network of over 100 national offices on NDC implementation and engagement. With field and international experience, Shirley has implemented the Montreal Protocol in South Africa, led joint UN programming in China, and spearheaded climate advocacy in the UK. She has shaped implementation of climate finance mechanisms, facilitated strategy and implementation planning at organisational levels, and recently led WWF's engagement in the UNFCCC Global Stocktake. Her career spans work with the UN, governments, corporates and civil society across multiple regions.



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Ben Rhodes

Head of the International Climate Change Councils Network (ICCN) Secretariat

Ben leads the ICCN Secretariat team, which aims to build capacity amongst our members, raise their profile internationally, and improve climate governance by strengthening the network. He is also the focal point for European councils. Before joining E3G, Ben worked as a British civil servant for 18 years in a wide range of roles, most recently in the International Climate Finance team leading on capacity building programmes.

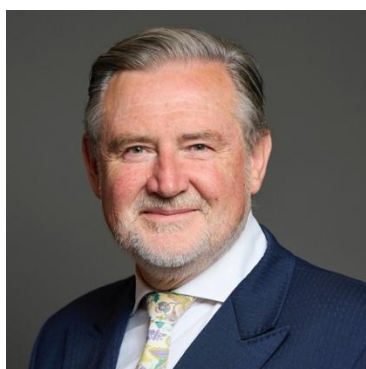
Alex Godoy-Faúndez

Member of Chile's Scientific Committee on Climate Change

Alex Godoy is a faculty member, climate policy advisor, entrepreneur, and board member working at the intersection of science, sustainability, and public policy. He serves as Associate Professor and Director of the Sustainability Research Centre (CiSGER) and Strategic Resource Management at the School of Engineering, Universidad del Desarrollo (UDD), Chile, where he also leads the Master's Program in Sustainability Management. Internationally, he is a Scholar at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University and a Research Associate at the Earth Engineering Center, Columbia University.

He is a member of Chile's Scientific Committee on Climate Change, contributing to the implementation of Chile's Framework Law on Climate Change. This includes work on the design and review of the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the planning of mitigation and adaptation strategies.

In 2023, he was named a Fellow of The Rockefeller Foundation at the Bellagio Center. He also received an Honorary Doctorate in Laws from the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay for contributions to sustainability and public policy. He has served on UNEA's Expert Group N°2 for the Global Plastic Treaty and is listed on the International Science Council's Global Roster of Experts.



Hon. Barry Gardiner MP

Parliament of United Kingdom

Barry Gardiner is the Labour MP for Brent West, and has been an MP continually since 1 May 1997. He served as Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade and Shadow Minister for International Climate Change from 2016 to 2020. A strong advocate for climate change and the environment, Barry was Ed Miliband's Special Envoy for Climate Change & the Environment; and has served in the Environmental Audit, Energy Security and Net Zero, Energy and Climate Committees, amongst several others.

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Hon Philipus Katamelo

Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Namibia

Honourable Philipus Katamelo serves as the Deputy Speaker of the Namibian 8th National Assembly. Honourable Katamelo's legislative interests range from agriculture, governance, and history.



Hon. Amira Saber MP

Parliament of Egypt



Hon. Amira Saber is an Egyptian Member of Parliament serving as the Secretary General of the Foreign Relations Committee. A passionate leader in the climate and environmental sustainability space, Amira is the sponsor of Egypt's Climate Change Bill. She is the co-presiding officer of the Global young MP initiative and representing the Region of Middle East and North Africa in the Young Parliamentarians steering Committee of the World Bank. She is also a member of Munich Security Conference Women Parliamentarians Programme.

Senator Rosa Galvez

Parliament of Canada

Senator Galvez is one of Canada's leading experts in pollution control and its effect on human health. She has a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from McGill University and was a professor at Université Laval à Québec for over 25 years, heading the Civil and Water Engineering Department from 2010 to 2016. She specializes in water and soil decontamination, waste management and residues, sustainable development, environmental impact assessments, and climate risk to infrastructure. Appointed to the Senate in December 2016, she is a member of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, and a member of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance.



Hon. Senator Mohamed Mwinyihaji Faki, CBS, MP

Chairperson, Senate Standing Committee on Land, Environment & Natural Resources, Senate of Kenya



Senator Mwinyihaji is a member of the Kenyan Senate, Representing Mombasa Country since 2017. A lawyer by education, he chairs the Senate Standing Committee on Land, Environment & Natural Resources, Senate of Kenya, and has proactively led actions since his emergence as Chair.

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Nnaemeka Oruh

Focal Point Administrator, GLOBE Legislators

Nnaemeka serves as the Focal Point Administrator coordinating GLOBE's role as the Focal Point of the informal UNFCCC Parliamentary Group. He was appointed as the Secretary of the Technical Team for the draft and review of Nigeria's Climate Change Bill by the then Speaker of the Nigerians House of Representatives, Rt. Hon Femi Gbajabiamila, with the efforts of the team leading to the enactment of Nigeria's Climate Change Act.



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