



The African Youth Climate Hub

An African Initiative

The African Youth Climate Hub is an initiative to respond to and amplify the voices and action of Youth, starting with African Youth. This is an initiative for youth and by youth that aims to be a positive space for exchange and concrete support for young Africans both in terms of skills and knowledge and in terms of entrepreneurship and job opportunities.

Partnerships

This initiative is a formal partnership between the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, the YOUNGO (Children and Youth Constituency to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), OCP Group and University Mohammed VI Polytechnic Ben Guerir. Additional partners are welcome, in particular African based partners for the initial African phase of this initiative.

Two main axes to Support an Empowered, Included and Equal Youth

- Physical: The Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training
- Digital: An online platform developed through a bottom up approach to answer to Youth defined Needs and Highlight Youth defined Expertise.

Both the Physical and Digital dimensions are essential to facilitate inclusion, outreach and impact as well as nurture physical connections to each other and to our planet.

Six Modules to foster and support Youth and Intergenerational Engagement:

- A *Network* to facilitate connections among youth and across generations
- An *Incubator* to provide concrete support to youth led projects
- A *Forum* to celebrate and make visible youth stories, youth leadership and youth innovation as well as identify and highlight green job and training opportunities for youth, including in the context of just transition.
- A *Knowledge Center* to capture, develop and disseminate knowledge that is co-construct with youth based on the needs, opportunities and expertise of Youth
- An *Observatory* to celebrate and make visible youth stories, youth leadership and youth innovation across the continent, including in the context of the NDCs
- A *Dashboard* to collect and provide data on and for youth and public mobilization for the Climate and the important synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

From Africa to the World: Going Global

This initiative is piloted in Africa to deliver immediate and concrete results with a view to scale up and partner with other regions as soon as possible.

Aligned with the criteria for the Climate Action Summit

- Sustainable Development co-benefits: positioned at the nexus between the Paris Agreement and the synergies between 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
- Replicable and Scalable: commitment to develop a strategic and operational toolkit to provide guidance to institutions willing to develop partner regional hubs
- Implementable and Measurable: Pledge to be operational at a quick pace through the support of diverse and complementary partners for concrete impact and commitment to track data to measure impact
- Innovative and Visible: Meaningful inclusion of youth at every step of the process, including at the governance level and for co construction of knowledge



Looking beyond the 2019 Climate Action Summit

- 2019:
 - Pre Climate Summit Gatherings of Youth in Africa
 - Post Climate Summit Gathering in Africa of Youth to further impulse the Hub to deliver concrete impact
 - COP 25 and collaboration with the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action
- 2020:
 - First edition of the Yearly Meeting
 - Start of the Going Global Partnership
- 2021-2022: Yearly editions of the Hub and extension of the Going Global Partnership
- 2023: Looking back on learnings so far and interface with Paris Agreement Global Stock Take

African Youth Climate Hub Ambassadors



Toyib Aremu

Toyib has three years of experience working in the sustainability and development space. His interest lies in how research and policy can drive climate action, sustainable agriculture and food security. He has worked on climate adaptation and mitigation as well as environmental sustainability. Between 2016 and now, he has been involved in a series of advocacy projects that have trained more than 25,000 African youths on topics ranging from environmental sustainability, waste management to sustainable agriculture. He holds a Master of Science degree in Sustainable Development and believes in the relevance of indigenous knowledge in addressing Africa's developmental challenges.



Tarek Ezzine

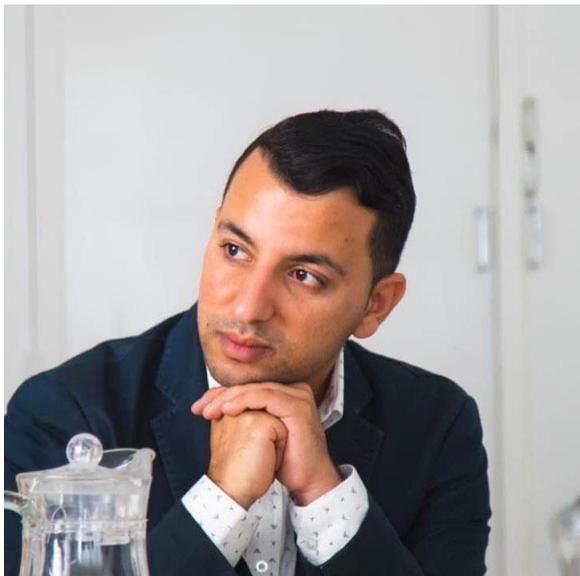
Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues / Vice President for External Affairs - Elect, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations. Tarek Ezzine is a 25 years-old medical student from Tunis, Tunisia. He is currently the Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues and the Vice-President for External Affairs - Elect of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), ensuring meaningful youth engagement of Medical Students worldwide in Global Health with a focus on Noncommunicable Diseases & Environmental Health. Tarek speaks four languages and has a particular interest in Advocacy and Policy Making. He is currently leading the IFMSA 2020 Vision of Climate-Health

in Medical Curriculum, which is an initiative aiming to include Environmental Health in medicalcurricula worldwide by 2020.



Adenike Oladosu

Adenike has an academic background in agricultural economy and extension (Hons). She is a Nigerian climate justice activist who advocates for vulnerable communities and marginalized people that are faced with climate crises in order to make their voices heard. In her quest to seek for a solution to the climate change crisis, she works with indigenous people. She is an awardee (ambassador of conscience) and an SDG advocate who communicates sustainability ways to people for the development of nations.



Hatim El Otmani

Hatim El Otmani has a master's degree in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development from the Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco. He is passionate about sustainable development, youth and Agenda 2063.

He is currently working as project manager for the National Erasmus+ Offices in Morocco and remains strongly involved in community life and civil society programmes as president and founder of Atlas For Development. He has worked for a variety of NGOs and institutions including the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the official youth constituency (YOUNGO) at the United Nations Framework

Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

El Otmani co-founded Youth SDG Action Morocco during his tenure as national coordinator of MyWorld 2030. Having collected surveys from more than 16,000 citizens, in 2018 they won the UN SDG Action CAMPAIGN Award in the mobilisation category. Believing that education is the ultimate component to stimulate sustainable development, El Otmani has volunteered in rural communities to teach women how to read and write. He recently launched The 2063 Academy in partnership with the Embassy of Switzerland in Morocco, the Ministry in charge of relations between parliament and civil society, the World Bank, and with the support of the African Union Youth Envoy.

In the international sphere, Hatim has been selected as a young change maker by the MEM Forum and the US Department of State for the Professional Fellows Program 2018, and has also been nominated as one of the TeachSDGs ambassadors for 2019"



Mirana Njakatiana

Mirana is an ambitious and resourceful lady from Madagascar. She is currently pursuing her Master in Energy Policy at PAUWES (Pan African University for Water and Energy Sciences) in Algeria. She has a bachelor degree in Mathematical economics and a Master degree in Macroeconomics and Modelling from the university of Antananarivo. Her training by UNESCO/ISED in Renewable energy and energy efficiency in Moscow (Russia) in 2017 has enhanced her interest in Energy and sustainable development. Mirana has a diverse working experience such as being a Dispatch Coordinator for Excis Compliance Ltd and as an investigator for the World Economic Forum and International Labor Organisation. Seeing that climate change is really a fact, and African countries are so vulnerable in all its devastating consequences, she is committed in contributing in building a climate resilient Africa and currently she is the leader of the Pan African University Climate Change and Gender Club, based in Algeria.



Meryem Hdia

Meryem grew up in a small town in the south of Morocco. This wonderful area made her discover the beauty of nature.

She had the chance during her studies in her high school (Hassan II) to be a member of the environment club and to participate in many activities that raised her sense of responsibility towards the environment.

In 2014, she participated in the photography competition organized by "Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection" as a young reporter for the environment

In 2015, she won the first prize in the international competition "golden drop" organized by ISHEDD (Higher Institute of Higher Studies in Sustainable Development) in order to make young people aware of their importance to act towards the environment in order to protect Mother Earth

This love of the environment has even guided her choice in her higher education path and that is why she is a veterinary student at the institute of agronomy and veterinarian Hassan II in Rabat



Serena Bashal

Serena is the Global North Focal Point to YOUNGO, the formal youth constituency to the UNFCCC. Serena is the International Youth NGOs Officer and Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) Coordinator for the national youth organisation, the UK Youth Climate Coalition, having been a member for three years. She is coordinating the UK's first LCOY to inspire and empower British youth by acting locally whilst thinking globally. She has lobbied local, national and international governments and has attended several conferences and forums across the globe, having attended five UNFCCC Sessions since 2016. She is based in the UK and is currently studying an undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Biology at Keele University where she leads the Climate Society after the university's 2019 climate emergency declaration. She is also helping to set up the Global Youth Climate and Health Alliance as well as a UK Chapter for the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.



Elizabeth Gulugulu

Elizabeth Gulugulu is a strong advocate for indigenous solutions to indigenous environmental problems. She is an Msc candidate in Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture who volunteers for African Youth Initiative on Climate Change in Zimbabwe (AYICCZim) and gained much experience working with Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) as an Outreach and Publicity team leader. She is highly experienced in youth mobilization for Climate Smart Agriculture activism and research in sustainable agricultural solutions.

Elizabeth Gulugulu was a participant SADC selected 20 young people training in Aquaculture a training program in Malawi which took place from the 23-27 of September 2018 at the 6th PAFFA Conference. She was also nominated to be a speaker at the 4th Global Science Conference in Climate Smart Agriculture that was held in South Africa November 2017. She also participated at COP 23 in Bonn German 2018 as a speaker and a rapporteur in some side event she participated in. Elizabeth Gulugulu has an interest in sustainable farming, building resilient communities, Climate action, youth empowerment and women empowerment through advocating for sustainable projects and renewable energy use.

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Aminetou Bilal

Graduate of the Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech in Geosciences. Treasurer of the Mauritanian Students Association in Marrakech from 2010 to 2011. Organizing member of the Wikistage Nouakchott in August 2014, event bringing together more than 500 participants at the convention center. Member of the G5 Sahel Youth Network attending the meeting with the High Representative of the European Union Ms Federica Mogherini and the Foreign Ministers of the G5 Sahel countries in Bamako (Mali) in June 2017.

Independent consultant, ambassador of the African Youth Leaders Summit (AYLS) in Mauritania. Aminetou is passionate about environmental issues,

selected in October 2015 to participate in the training workshop on climate change organized by the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) in Libreville.



Maria Auma

Maria Auma is the founder of BLI Global a not for profit organization focusing on fundraising and project implementation in sub-Saharan Africa and southern Asia. Under BLI she collaborated with IUCN's Commission on Education and Communication, and UN Environment on the world environment day campaign to beat plastic pollution. She also mobilized over 20,000 postcards under the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation's 100,000 climate postcards campaign. These experiences propelled her to participate in YOUNGO led interventions at the UNFCCC summit in Katowice, Poland, advocating for youth and gender inclusion in the Paris Agreement

Work Program. She provided support to YOUNGO's finance working group, assisting with drafting policy position statements that were published in YOUNGO's position paper, and presented at media press conferences in a bid to call for a just and equitable outcome in the Paris Agreement Work Program. On joining the YOUNGO Bottom Lining Team, she has helped facilitate the Youth Climate Summit that took place during the High Level Meeting in New York on March 28th, 2019 as well as co-organizing together with other UN agencies the SDG 13 Break Out session that happened during the ECOSOC Youth Forum in April from 8th-9th 2019. During the Africa Climate Week she assisted in coordination of events with lead from the YOUNGO focal point and helped set up a bilateral with the EU delegation as well as co-moderated a session on financing the NDCs that was attended by Ambassador de Alba and the Green Climate Fund Director of the Country Programming Division. She has also established the Global Ambassador Program (GAP) empowering young people to become positive change makers. Recently she co-founded BLI Global Capital a privately held fund working to raise impact investments for economic development.



Astou Sene

Astou is currently a Program Officer in the Department of Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Mohammed VI Polyethnic University. Obtaining her Master's in Global Affairs at New York University, Astou specialized in two concentration: Energy and Environmental policies & Global Economy. Prior to this degree, she completed her Bachelor of Arts in International Studies at York University. She held internships in non-profit environmental organization supported by the United Nations as well as in private companies. Astou is passionate about researching on environmental issues such as sustainable energy and non-renewables energy waste management. She is passionate about creative business solutions with meaningful impact to resolve climate change challenges.



Yared Abera

Yared Abera is a Youth Climate Leader from Ethiopia. He is working as Co-Executive Director at the Youth Negotiation on climate change convention (YNCCC). He is also doing his graduate studies at the Institute of Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University (AAU). He graduated from AAU with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He worked as an intern for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Ethiopia. Besides his academics, he believes that education must be substantiated through extracurricular activities. This led him to be a part of different student-led initiatives in the university and also to volunteer for different Organizations. He was a founding member, Communication and Media Director for the Youth Negotiation on Climate Change Convention (YNCCC) and he was working as Inter-Governmental Liaison Head for YALDA-AAU (Youth Alliance of Leadership and development of Africa of Addis Ababa University), which are the two prominent student-led initiatives in the university. He was also actively engaged in African Model United Nations (AfroMUN) and participated in more than five Model United Nations Platforms in different Countries. In addition, he is working as a co-host on Leza Radio Show College time program once a week. Recently he became a Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI RLC EA), Fellow. Furthermore, he represented his country as an official Youth Delegate for the 23rd and 24th session of the Conference of Parties (COP 23 & COP 24,) to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). When sparing some time from his tight schedules, he enjoys social-traveling, photography, riding a horse and meeting new people



Yostina Boules

Yostina Boules is an Energy Transition Economist, advising policymakers on how best to transition energy systems to a low carbon system in ways that leverage Industry 4.0 technologies. She is the founder of Taqa Solutions, one of Egypt's top 5 renewable energy start-ups that aimed at providing solutions for rural electrification. In collaboration with the Danish Agriculture centre for Knowledge in Aarhus and University of Southern Brittany, the start-up innovatively enhanced the production of gas from waste. Taqa solutions was a finalist for MIT social enterprises in 2016 and Yostina was awarded by Synergos as a Pioneer of Egypt. She is an Obama Leader for Africa.

Yostina started her entrepreneurial journey when she won 'El MASHROU', the first reality TV show for young entrepreneurs in the Middle East and North Africa. She served as the Global Entrepreneurship Network Ambassador for Egypt, a position she was selected for by Kauffman Foundation and the International Council for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs. She is an advisor for clean technology startups for Echoing Green where she shares her experience in launching renewable energy Enterprises.

Her work awarded her the prestigious Chevening scholarship. She was selected by the United Nations University in Accra to study Green Economy and Entrepreneurship. Yostina holds MSc in the Economics and Policy of Energy from University College of London. In a collaboration with Energy Web Foundation, she focused in her research on Blockchain applications as a vehicle to finance renewable electricity resources. She is an expert on scaling renewable energy through tech 4.0 application for the World Economic Forum electricity team. She was invited by the state department during the Obama Administration to represent Middle East and North African Entrepreneurs at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit where she spoke about emerging entrepreneurship ecosystems.

She is also part of the International Energy Agency Task Force that focuses on Demand Management of power Grids. She has been appointed as a technical advisor on Digitization of Energy systems for the Climate Negotiations at the United Nations during the Climate Action Summit 2019.



Delphin Kaze

Delphin is a young social entrepreneur, passionate with the environment. Studying environmental sciences at Université Polytechnique de Gitega strengthened his passion for environmental protection and created a great inspiration to take action. He is the founder and CEO of KAZE Green Economy (KAGE) Ltd, a social enterprise that provides eco-friendly charcoal from organic households waste and agricultural residues especially corn cobs.

Besides, he is a co-founder and Representative of “My Imperative Actions”, an environmental youth-led organization that empowers people to use all their talents and skills in solving current environmental problems which our communities are facing.

He is pleased to contribute in saving forests, waste management, addressing climate change and importantly joining other global change makers in working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as well as the Parris Agreement Goals through a green economy promotion by innovating eco-friendly products.



Chiagozie Udeh

Chiagozie is a Nigerian expert on global climate policy and African politics, focusing on renewable energy, loss and damage and climate finance thematics. Chiagozie is the Secretary of

the Global Executive Board and a Programme Coordinator in Nigeria for Plant-for-the-Planet. Through the Trillion Trees campaign, Chiagozie explores ways to get Member States and private sector organizations to set ambitious afforestation targets to reduce carbon emissions by 25% in 2030. He was the 2017 Regional Focal Point for the Oceans working group of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth. In the African Union’s ECOSOC Committee he is the Coordinator of the Energy thematic group. Contributing to Africa's clean energy revolution with his multinational solar energy start-up AFROwatt Express, he aims to sustainably electrify rural communities. Chiagozie’s latest work highlights Nigeria’s current security challenges owing to desertification, drought and other effects of climate change; one of his policy briefs won the Cambridge Climate

Lecture Series 2018 and was published by the Ecologist. His next focus is on helping African countries to build proactive disaster risk reduction structures.

Chiagozie since December 2018, was elected the Global South Focal Point of YOUNGO, the Youth Constituency to the UNFCCC where he facilitates global youth engagement in the international climate change processes primarily within the UNFCCC and other spaces within and outside the United Nations. He is 8 months into his mandate in a climate-busy year where a lot of processes are feeding into the Climate Action Summit of the Secretary General.

Manal Bidar



High School Student. Founder of 2 Environmental Clubs/NGOs "Amis de la Terre" and "SOS Planet Agadir"

Organising her first strike for climate in 2016, the young climate activist advertised her clubs' activities in local radios and social platforms. With more than 60 participants in the Strike for climate, she had succeeded in raising awareness among youth of her city Agadir.

In 2018/2019, she won the best delegate award in 2 international MUNs (Model of United Nations), SIMUN and AGAMUN.

Having to deal with the Nuclear Weapons Treat (Security Council) and The Migration Crisis (UNHRC), she wrote 2 resolutions able to solve both of the crises.

In February 2019, she was able to meet with a renowned Circular Economy expert for the Souss Massa region. After elaborating on that unique opportunity in her article about "Sustainable Agriculture", she was chosen to represent the Mohamed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection and her country in the Women's Forum for society and Climate in Kyoto, Japan.