

# Vatican Youth Symposium 2018

## *Youth Leadership for Integral Human Development* *Laudato Si' and the Sustainable Development Goals*

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**Abbey Wemimo** is the founder of Clean Water for Everyone a venture providing access to clean water for more than 150,000 people in Ghana. He also co-founded Esusu, a financial technology company that helps over 30,000 save, build credit and pave a permanent path to financial access.



**Alessandra Graziosi** Italian coordinator at Scholas Occurrentes. Educational project consultant and creative innovator. I have a passion for exploring innovative approaches of teaching and learning. After master's in ABA Applied Behavior Analysis, a degree in Clinical Psychology and diploma in Information Technology I founded iOsmosi, elearning platform and interactive videoconference software and I received important startup awards from major tech companies: Google Entrepreneurs, IBM, EIB and also Scholas Labs programme. In 2014 I met Pontifical Foundation Scholas Occurrentes, I am currently working at Scholas Labs and Scholas Citizenship, educational programme.



**Amanda Jo Abrom** is proud to represent the Global Schools Program, an initiative of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth. Previously, Amanda worked on the US Department of State's exchange programs with youth from around the world. She is a former White House Intern and a current Fulbright Scholar in Madrid, Spain.



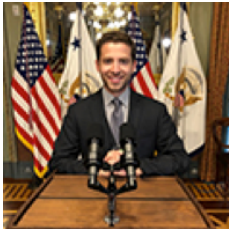
**Ana Maria Saldarriaga Gomez** was the first Latin American woman to become the CEO/President of AIESEC, the world's largest youth-led organisation. She is a Product Design Engineer with an MPA in Engineering in Public Policy. Her research focuses on the implementation of artificial intelligence and its impact in the future of work and education. Born in Medellín, she has lived in Bogotá, Rotterdam, Chicago and London.



**Andrew Kirk** oversees Public Relations and Corporate Communications at international advocacy organization, Global Citizen.



**Antonia Fernanda Samur Zuniga** is the operations Lead at SDSN Youth based in New York. She just completed her Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia and Sciences Po. She's passionate about studying resilience to the changes in our Earth system and finding solutions that integrate adaptation and resilience to core public policy and investments.



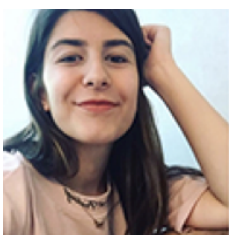
**Anthony Peter Bucci III** is the coordinator of 2030 Today, an upcoming webseries borne out of the 2017 Vatican Youth Symposium focused on Sustainable Development Goals action. Anthony formerly led SDG policy for the United States, is a member of the International Youth Foundation's Cohort 2030, and serves on multiple boards.



**Dr. Aziza Khabbush** is a Co-Founder and Executive Director of Omnis Institute, a platform that amplifies the voices of youth, women and minority leaders, through mentorship programmes, leadership acceleration and recognition. Highly keen about scientific research and global health, she also holds a PhD in Biochemistry from University College London.



**Bugda Giritlioglu** is a senior student in FMV Işık. She has been the president of the Sociology club since her junior year and a representative in the school council. Since her volunteering with UN Youth during the WHS, 2016, she raised awareness towards the refugee crisis. Since then, she volunteered with various civil society organizations. Also, Bugda has been the member of the Turkish National Sailing team, windsurf cluster, until 2018.



**Buket Altincelep** Fourth grade International Relations student at TOBB University of Economics and Technology and a SDG Coordinator in SDSN-Youth Turkey since 2015.



**Camille Bangug** serves as a Campus Director for the Millennium Fellowship, a program presented by the United Nations Academic Impact and MCN. Camille helps curate the program at Georgetown University – cultivating a generation of ethical, collaborative student leaders to advance the Sustainable Development Goals and UNAI principles.



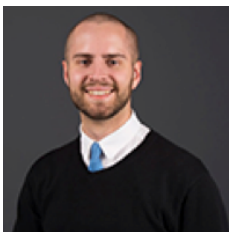
**Cara Kennedy-Cuomo** is an Executive Advisor for SDSN Youth, and a previous program associate for SDSN. She graduated from Harvard College in 2017 with a degree in Government, and secondary in Ethnicity, Migration, and Human Rights. Her experience is focused in human rights work in developing countries, as well as social entrepreneurship.



**Christina Christoforou Livani** has been the Network Coordinator of SDSN Greece Youth since 2017. She studied Economics in Athens University of Economics and Business. Currently, she has been working as Project Manager in European projects on facing intolerance in faith issues and also, promoting the SDGs in urban areas.



**Christina Myers** is a co-founder of the Omnis Institute. She is also a special advisor to Dr. Alaa Murabit, to Scholas and PhD researcher. She manages projects that would promote inclusive education with the use of new technologies. Christina founded a biometrical startup company before working for the Swiss government in China and Brazil.



**Christopher George Bell** is a Canadian urban planner and youth advocate. As SDSN Youth Network Coordinator for Canada he works to raise young peoples' awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals, and facilitate action in support of them. Chris is currently a graduate student at the University of Waterloo, where he studies housing and urban infrastructure financing.



**Clara Latini** is the founder of Decision-making, an initiative which promotes diversity in leadership. She has been selected as G20 Youth Delegate, Global Shaper (WEF), Climate Leader, ASEF Young Leader and is a member of the School of Policy. Currently, she studies and works at the LSE, specializing in Social Policy.



**Clayton Louis Ferrara** is the Executive Director of the United Nations Accredited NGO, IDEAS For Us. He is a classically trained biologist and world traveller who has conducted research on five continents concerning evolution, conservation, and ecology. His work as leader of IDEAS focuses on advancing sustainability through the creation of solutions that benefit people, the planet, and create prosperity in communities around the world. He is a celebrated alum of Rollins, the first American to be named a Darwin Scholar by the Field Studies Council in London, a member of the SDSN Vatican Youth group, and a handpicked member of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer's GreenWorks task force. He was born in Chile and currently lives in Winter Park, Florida.



**Cristina Jantea** is the Coordinator of the Vulnerable Children Program of the European Center for Legal Education and Research, with a strong interest in fight against poverty and organised crime. Currently she works on projects on advocacy for better policies and development of humanitarian campaigns for vulnerable persons.

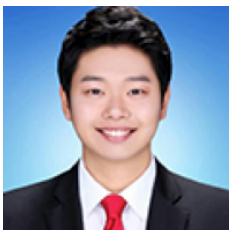




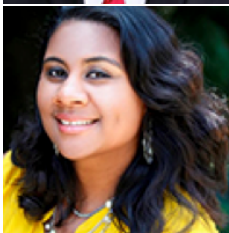
**Dario Piselli** is the Project Lead for Solutions Initiatives of SDSN Youth. He currently works as a researcher and PhD candidate at the Centre for International Environmental Studies of the Graduate Institute of Geneva, and is the manager for the EU Law and Sustainable Development project supported by the European Commission.



**Djaffar Shalchi** is originally from Tehran, Iran, where he was born in 1961. He has lived in Copenhagen, Denmark since 1970. In 1977, Djaffar met a lovely Danish girl, Ané Maro, with whom he is now married and has two amazing children. Today, Djaffar Shalchi is a proud husband, father and grandfather, residing only a few feet away from the new generation. Djaffar obtained a bachelor's degree in constructional engineering in 1988. In 1999 he decided that he was ready to become self-employed. Djaffar founded his own construction company, which flourished rapidly and led to great financial success. Djaffar is an accomplished entrepreneur in the property development business and at the forefront of philanthropic activities focusing on ending extreme poverty. After successfully building up many property companies, Djaffar decided to dedicate the majority of his time and fortune to eradicate extreme poverty.



**Dong-ryul Kang** is a former Vice-President of UN Academic Impact ASPIRE Korea, former Vice-President of UN Students Association ROK, Advisor of Korea UNESCO Student Associations and Advisor of Korean Youth Assembly for Peace. He is also a Winner of 2016 Korea Social Contribution Awards and 2015 Talent Award of Korea.



**Estella Owoimaha-Church** co-creator of EN-ACT, serves as an ambassador and lead educator for Equity Civil Rights Alliance, Varkey Teacher Ambassadors, TeachSGDs, Rock Your World, and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights. She works to ensure marginalized youth everywhere have access to quality education via human rights education, arts integration, and social emotional learning.



**Emin Toygar Akay** Student at Boğaziçi University, History/Economics Double Major. Network Coordinator in SDSN Youth Turkey Region.



**Eric Nkinzingabo** is a passionate and determined youth leader who coordinates the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Great Lakes Youth initiative. He believes in the power of engaging the youths through simulations and other interactive tools to brainstorm, learn and come up with solutions to implement issues affecting their communities.



**Facundo Carlos Antonio Lugo** Born in Argentina on July 29, 1985. Currently studying law. He has been a member of the Alameda Foundation for 8 years. It develops its activities in the social, political, trade union and legislative areas. He bases his daily and strategic work on the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*.



**Fernando M. Reimers** is an expert in the field of Global Education. His research and teaching focus on understanding how to educate children and youth so they can thrive in the 21st century. He studies how education policy and leadership foster educational innovation and quality improvement. As part of the work of the Global Education Innovation Initiative he leads, he and his colleagues have just finished a comparative study of the goals of education as reflected in the curriculum in Chile, China, India, Mexico, Singapore and the United States, published as *Teaching and Learning for the 21st Century* by Harvard Education Press, a book which has also been published in Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish. Another recent book, titled *Fifteen Letters on Education in Singapore*, examines the lessons that can be learned from Singapore's efforts building a robust teaching profession. Another recent book *Empowering Global Citizens* discusses why global citizenship education, aligned with helping students advance human rights and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals is an imperative of our times. His writings have conceptualized and defined the profile of a globally competent graduate in the 21st century. He chairs an annual Think Tank that brings to Harvard University leaders of thought and practice in global education around the world.



**Filippo Veglio** is Managing Director at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), a CEO-led, global coalition of some 200 leading corporations. The Council is the leading voice of business supporting companies in scaling up true value-adding business solutions to some of the most pressing global sustainability issues. As part of the Senior Management Team, Filippo heads up a team engaging senior representatives of member companies in the People Program (encompassing Social Impact, Sustainable Lifestyles, Sustainable Development Goals) and three Outreach functions (Communications, Events, and Global Network of partner organizations).



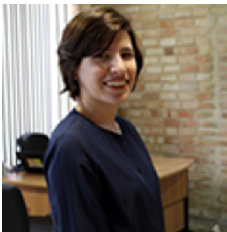
### **Frances Brown**

Frances is the Director of Education and Mentoring with The Queen's Young Leaders Programme, founder of WE and IT'S GOING TO BE GOOD. Expert in network creation, leadership, equitable e-learning and mentoring she has created programmes for organisations including The British Cabinet Office, The Commonwealth Secretariat and NESTA and advises a number projects and startups. An energetic, empathetic

creator she loves to support people and is driven by a belief in constructive rebellion and challenging the status quo. She shares her publications, materials and PhD findings using Creative Commons, outside of traditionally exclusive journals or publishers. Previously trustee with Cambridge Women's Resource Centre working with at-risk women and co-manager of Accelerator, a tech and creative start-up hub in London's Silicon Roundabout.



**Gabriela May Lagunes** is a Mexican data scientist and sustainability advocate. She has worked in water and renewable energy projects worldwide with different organisations. Holding two STEM masters degrees from University College London, she is a software developer for BBOX and a climate change resilience researcher at UCL.



**Gabriela Passos Sampaio** holds a degree in economics from the Federal University of Amazonas (UFAM) and a MBA degree in Project Management from the Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV). Currently she is a Public Policy and International Cooperation Coordinator at the Amazonas Sustainable Foundation. In addition to that, she is the representative of SDSN Youth Amazonia.



**Gordon Bible Dogbatse** is currently the Deputy National Director of UN Youth Ghana, where he is a business man and entrepreneur. He serves as the President of Woezor Ghana Limited and the President of Volta Farms Limited.

He holds a Bsc In Business Administration from the GHANA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION and is currently studying Law (LLB) at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA)- FACULTY OF LAW.



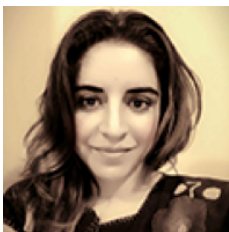
**Grégoire Théry** Executive director of CAP international, a coalition of 18 frontline NGOs providing assistance to victims of prostitution and trafficking in human beings in 15 countries. In 2013, he was appointed as member of the French High Council for Equality between Women and Men (HCEFH), an advisory body working under the authority of the Prime Minister. He is a permanent member of its “violence against women” committee. Grégoire is also member of the Advisory Board of the Nadia Initiative, founded by Yazidi survivor of sexual slavery by Daesh, Nadia Murad. Prior to this, Grégoire has worked six years as Permanent Representative to the EU of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). Grégoire Théry is also a former Secretary general of Mouvement du Nid – France. He graduated from the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg and holds a Master 2 in “Politics and Public Affairs in Europe”.



**Hirotaka Koike** is a Founder of the Japan Youth Platform for Sustainability and an Organising Partner within the UN Major Group for Children and Youth. He has engaged in disaster emergency responses and disaster risk reduction in many countries and served as a member of the mayoral youth-roundtable for Kobe.



**Hugh Evans** is a former Young Australian of the Year, Billboard's 2016 Humanitarian of the year, a member of Forbes 30 Under 30 and one of Fast Company's Most Creative People. He is CEO and Co-Founder of advocacy organisation Global Citizen which has raised over \$37 billion in financial commitments to eradicate extreme poverty.



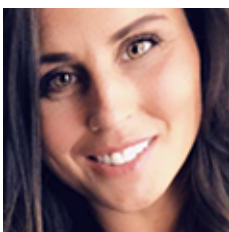
**Ixchel Yglesias González Báez** Graduate in social anthropology and investigating topics concerning human trafficking with the objective of sexual exploitation, prostitution and femicide. Works directly with victims and their families. Provides anthropological expertise with a gender-oriented perspective on legal cases.



**Jose Maria del Corral** University Professor of Theology by the Catholic University of Argentina. Diploma in Educational Conduct and Master in Neurolinguistic Programming. Doctor Honoris Causa in Education from the University of Seville, Spain. President of the General Council of Equation of the Archbishopric of Buenos Aires. Creator and first director of the Archdiocesan professorship of Religious Sciences and Ethical Training. President of the General Council of Equation of the Archbishopric of Buenos Aires.



**Julia M. Blocher** is a Doctoral Fellow at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the University of Liège, conducting research for the UN and global think tanks on the impacts of environmental change and climate change on migration. She is the Vice President of the International Youth Federation.



**Kayla Colyard** is an international development practitioner. She received her Master in International Development & Service from the College of Mount Saint Vincent where she also completed her MBA in 2017. Her Masters Thesis researched the ethos of digital storytelling and crowd-funding, highlighting the benefits of harnessing the power of storytelling on digital platforms, to drive donor engagement. Previous work and volunteer experience includes the American Red Cross, SOS Children's Village, CIEE, and organizations for children with Autism, among others. Kayla is the Events Project Lead at SDSN Youth based at the secretariat office of SDSN in New York City.





**Katarzyna Dembska** collaborates with the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition (BCFN) Foundation since 2014. She works on research projects such as the Food Sustainability Index and the Double Food and Environmental Pyramid. She is Coordinator of the YES! Young Earth Solutions Research Grant Competition for young researchers in food sustainability.



**Karin Bylund** is the Network Coordinator for SDSN Youth in Northern Europe. She holds a bachelor's degree in Global Studies from University of Gothenburg. She works as project manager at Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development with student initiatives and mainly with "Act! Sustainable", a sustainability week for students in Gothenburg.



**Kinsu Kumar's** journey from a child labourer to an aspiring Mechanical Engineer is an inspiration to many people. "I was born in a poor family of a slum area called Purikatra, Laldiggi Mohalla in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh. My entire childhood was spent in the dirt of a slum". Kinsu used to help his mother in cooking, cleaning and looking after his younger siblings, and started working as a car cleaner at the age of 6 to contribute to the family income. When his father came in contact with Bachpan Bachao Andolan in 2001, he realized his children would only have a future if they were well educated. With BBA's help Kinsu was taken to Bal Ashram and later enrolled in school. Today, he is a promising student of Mechanical Engineering at Laxmi Devi Institute of Engineering and Technology in Alwar.

Kinsu travels the world to generate awareness about child labour and trafficking, and children's rights. In college, he has started an initiative called "Jazbaa" which offers free tutorials in Science, Maths, English, Computer education, personality development and exam preparation to under-privileged children in the neighbouring villages. At present "Jazbaa" has 150 children from class 1 to 12, and more than 20 college volunteers involved in the tutorials.

Since July 2016, Kinsu is a Young Global Leader for Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (KSCF).



**Kolawole Mutiu Ambali** is a young individual who is passionate about human development with a Ph.D in Sustainable Tourism Development with his focus in Tourism Economics. For over three years, he has been involving in projects relating to eradication of poverty and reducing inequalities in Nigeria specifically on Sustainable rural development



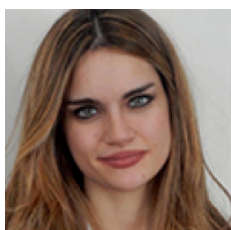


**Lawrence Muli** works at the Youth Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London as a Programme Officer. His work supports the Commonwealth's partnerships and engagement with institutions on youth development. He gives support to Commonwealth Youth Council and thematic youth-led networks and coordinates the bi-annual Commonwealth Youth Forum. He works with youth leaders in ensuring their engagement is mainstreamed within the Commonwealth Secretariat's work. Mr. Muli holds a Master's in Public Policy and Management from the University of London, London, United Kingdom, and a BSc. Environmental Science, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

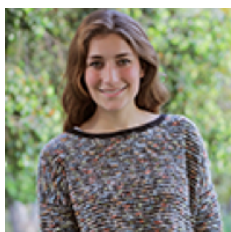


**Lynn Zovighian** serves as the Emeritus Director of Middle East North Africa (MENA) and Arab Diasporas at NEXUS Global. Co-founder of The Zovighian Partnership alongside her father, Lynn has built up a team of social innovation architects that design, incubate, and manage meaningful philanthropic interests of emerging next-generation leaders in the Middle East.

Lynn also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Ibtissam, a philanthropic commitment under the patronage of the KSA royal family to dismantle slavery marketplaces in the region. She is the Regional Ambassador for Youth of Women's Entrepreneurship Day, an initiative of the UN Foundation. She serves as an advisory board member of the Global Family Office Community in the UK.



**Isabel Perez Dobarro** is the UN-Focal Point and Arts Twenty Thirty Project Lead at SDSN-Youth. Pérez Dobarro has received a Master's Degree at New York University, and is currently completing her Ph.D. She completed the Harvard Business School HBX Core Program and is studying International Relations at Harvard University. Pérez Dobarro has been a speaker, panellist, and moderator at several high-level conferences, including the ECOSOC Youth Forum, Nobel Peace Prize Forum, the Winter and the Summer Youth Assembly at the United Nations, the European Parliament, V4SDG, IKFEM, among others. She is also a concert pianist that has played internationally at some of the most important venues in the world including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Tchaikovsky Conservatory Moscow.



**Mariana Ruenes** Social entrepreneur focused on human rights and gender equality. Founder and president of SINTRATA, a non profit organisation working against human trafficking in Mexico through social reintegration of survivors of sexual exploitation, education and training to the public and private sector for identification of victims. Has collaborated in the design and study of social projects in Mexico, France and India. Studied Cinema in the Iberoamerican University of Mexico City and a Master in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action in Sciences Po, Paris, with a specialization in diplomacy and research.



**Martand Shardul** I am a sustainable development practitioner working in the grassroots for provisioning clean energy access. As Network Coordinator for SDSN-Youth in South-Asia, I am leading a team of young champions across 5 plus countries.



**Massimo Gigliotti** is a PhD student at University of Siena (Italy) and has a master degree in ecotoxicology and environmental science. His main passions concern the environment and writing: combining these attitudes, he started a blog on sustainability. He would like to become a scientific communicator.



**Michelle Huang** is the Youth Network Coordinator/Program Coordinator for SDSN Australia, New Zealand & Pacific, based at the Monash Sustainable Development Institute. She holds a Masters of International Development Practice at Monash, and also has a Bachelor of Arts majoring in International Studies and Politics.



**Molly A. Burhans** combines her passion for the Catholic faith, humanity, and the planet with her abilities and experience in design thinking, graphic art, business development, and scientific research to understand and transform complex systems, manage diverse teams, and communicate ideas and processes through broadly accessible visual media that bring people together. Dedicated to advancing the mission of the Catholic Church through the use of mapping technology, she is the Founder and Executive Director *GoodLands*. GoodLands provides the information and tools for the Catholic Church to leverage its landholdings to address pressing issues, from environmental destruction to mass human migration.



**Nicolas Enrique Serrano Palacio** Computer Science student at Yachay Tech University. His work on the SDGs has been significant: from reducing poverty by building houses for vulnerable people with TECHO Ecuador, to establishing alliances between student associations and public sector. Developer of local "Precious Plastic" initiative and leading researcher in a blockchain project.



**Obinna Emmanuel Nnewuihe** is a physician at the intersection of medicine, economics and public health. He is passionate about delivering social impact in healthcare through research, evidence-based therapy and public policy. He currently works on health policy in the Economic, Youth and Sustainable Development Directorate at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.



**Rahyang Rimba Prima Nusantara** has 7 years of experience in environmental campaigns. He is currently working as the National Coordinator of the Indonesia Diet Plastic Bag Movement, specializing in advocating on reducing single use plastics. He is also incorporated into some global organization and currently a Network Coordinator for SDSN Youth - Indonesia.



**Siamak Sam Loni** Siamak Sam Loni is a young global leader working in sustainable development, youth empowerment and human rights. He is based at the secretariat of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) in NYC, where he leads the Youth program and serves as the Partnerships Manager for the SDG Financing Initiative.

Sam has served as an advisor to several prominent working groups and organizations, including the Alpbach-Laxenburg Group, Harvard Social Venture Challenge, Commonwealth Science Industry Research Organisation (CSIRO) National Outlook Project and the Australian government's InnovationXchange program. He is also a contributor to the Huffington Post (US) and News24, covering issues such as human rights, peace & security, sustainable development and international law and was recently recognised as a young peace-builder by the Nobel Peace Prize Forum for his work.



**Serena Mukhi** is a passionate youth and through her role handling strategic partnerships for MAANCH, working in the Political department of the Malta High Commission she aims to engage the community at all levels, educating and empowering them to join this journey and help 'Transform our World' by meeting the SDGs.



**Sharihan Al Mashary** IoH, HFTP, WorldSkills-UAE, Emaar Hospitality Group and Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management – Innovation & Sustainability Project Manager. Sharihan's commitment in her country, the UAE is prevalent in quality of tertiary education, gender equality & labour rights. She is on the Steering Committee for Emaar- Dubai Expo2020, Sustainability & Woman in Leadership for Emaar Hospitality Group. Founding member of the Global Sustainability Network (GSN), devoted to achieving UNSDGs (Goal 8 & 8.7) — working with UAE-UK government on border control, targeting, and UAE employee-labour HR practices & policies within the hospitality industry. Member of WorldSkills UAE, promoting vocational education, technical skills and youth employment.

Sharihan is the world's first female Emirati Hotel General Manager.



**Sienna Nordquist** is a Robert W. Woodruff Scholar at Emory University where she is studying International Studies and Economics. She is a Project Officer for SDSN Youth's Networks Team, as well as Co-President of Red Light at Emory and a Steering Committee Representative for the UN RCE of Greater Atlanta.



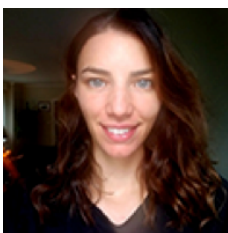
**Siva Nagappan Visvesvaran** is the Co-Founder of Project Paplet. A social enterprise that focuses on creating awareness on sustainable consumption of material to the community and companies. He is also a Queens Young Leader and all a winner for the UNITED NATIONS-JCI sustainable development goal award for SDG12.



**Sophia Huynh** is a Software Engineer at Cognizant Australia. Based in Melbourne, she is interested in bringing together sustainable development and technology.



**Tabitha Mpamira-Kaguri** is a founder and Director of EDJA. She serves survivors of sexual and domestic abuse in Uganda. She is Rwandan, but has lived in Michigan for the last 17 years, with her 4 children and husband. Being a survivor herself, she supports them by providing FREE medical, legal, and counselling.



**Tanyella Evans** is the co-founder and Executive Director of Nabu.org, a non profit publishing network providing literacy materials to children across the developing world.

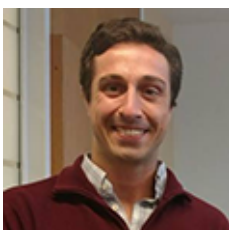


**Tatiana Lashina** Ph.D., is an expert in sustainable development and renewable energy economics. She works as a research fellow at the Center for Economic Modeling of Energy and Ecology of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA). She also heads the Russian branch of SDSN Youth.

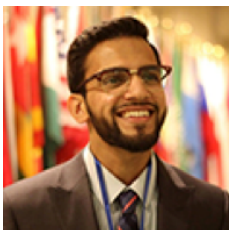




**Thomas Preiss** is a social change strategist and entrepreneur. His avid passion for social innovation and purpose-driven business has led him to create and develop social ventures across multiple industries, ranging from e-commerce to e-mobility. In his current role as Co-Founder and COO of 'Common Goal', a philanthropy movement that sees professional football players, managers, fans and businesses pledging a minimum of 1% of their earnings to NGOs using the power of football to advance the UN Global Goals, he is working to build a bridge between the multi-billion dollar football business and football as a tool for social transformation. Thomas holds an M.A. in International Economics from Georg-August-University Göttingen (Germany), with a year abroad at University of California, Los Angeles (United States).



**Tomás Insua** is the founding Global Coordinator of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, an international coalition of 300+ Catholic organizations that mobilized nearly 1 million Catholics ahead of the COP21 summit in Paris and continues to advance the Pope's call to climate action. Before that he served in the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) doing political outreach and comms for the COP21, he worked as a marketer with Google in Latin America and Southeast Asia, and he co-founded a nonprofit doing social justice work in Buenos Aires. Tomás graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School with a Master's degree in Public Administration, where he co-founded the HKS Climate Justice Caucus. At the Ash Center at Harvard Kennedy School, he currently works on narratives and movement building strategies to strengthen the climate justice movement.



**Umar Syed Zaidi** Born and raised in NYC, Umar has been part of community development from a young age. He attended Stony Brook University (BA), and Harvard University (MA) in International Relations, researching on China's B&R Initiative. He additionally worked as an Adviser to the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN on Sustainability and Peacekeeping.



**Vanessa Fajans-Turner** is the Managing Director for SDG Financing for SDSN. She is also an advisor to the Avatar Alliance Foundation, a climate and energy grant-making organization established by filmmaker James Cameron. She previously served for seven years on the Foundation's leadership team, during which period she worked in additional related roles, including in production for both seasons of National Geographic's Emmy Award-winning documentary series, Years of Living Dangerously, and its feature film DEEPSEA CHALLENGE 3D about an historic expedition to explore the ocean's deepest-known point. Concurrent with this work, Vanessa consulted to CAMERON | PACE Group as it launched its Chinese joint venture, spending multiple months in China to advise on company operations, strategy and partnerships. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked on research

and policy for the UN Development Program in both New York and Nigeria. She chairs the Citizen Engagement Lab board and co-chairs The Resolution Project advisory board, is a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the Explorers Club. Proficient in five languages, she holds an MA in International Development and Economics from Johns Hopkins-SAIS and a BA in Social Studies from Harvard, from which she graduated with high honors.



**Xan Northcott** is the Program Coordinator at Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, focusing on the Foundation's flagship conference: The Youth Assembly. Xan designs, develops and implements programs for the conference, which is one of the world's foremost gatherings and networks of young leaders and social entrepreneurs working within sustainable development.



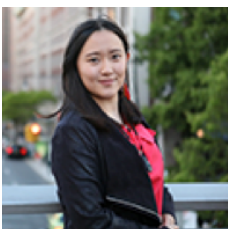
**Xavier Roque M. Peredo** As the Network Coordinator of UN SDSN Youth in the Philippines, Xavier Peredo is actively empowering young people in the Philippines to create solutions to create a better country where no one is left behind and where the SDGs are achieved. More than being in SDSN, Xavier Peredo is a young entrepreneur in the development and logistics industry and a civil society leader - being part of different big NGOs in the country.



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