



WORKSHOP

Transnational Youth Climate Participation and Mobilisation: Why are young people's voices important in the climate movement?

Convened by Alice Hubbard (EUI, STG) and Rebecca Williams (EUI, LAW)

19 – 20th February 2021

Via Zoom

■ PROGRAMME

Friday 19th February

- 13:30 – 13:35 *Welcome*
Joanne Scott and Kalypso Nicolaïdis
- 13:35 – 13:45 *Introduction from the Organisers*
Alice Hubbard and Rebecca Williams
- 13:45 – 14:45 *Stories from Young Climate Leaders beyond the EU and Challenges to Participation: Presentations*
Moderator: John Knox
Speakers: Archana Soreng, Patricia Kombo, Rand El Zein, Janmejai Tiwari, Kate Yeo.
- 14:45 – 15:00 *Comfort Break*
- 15:00 – 15:30 *Stories from Young Climate Leaders beyond the EU and Challenges to Participation: Open Q&A and Discussion*

Saturday 20th February

- 13:30 – 13:35 *Reflections so far and Introduction*
Alice Hubbard and Rebecca Williams
- 13:35 – 14:30 *Policy solutions to ensure diversity and representation of voices in decision making: Presentations*
Moderator: Eva Maria Okoth
Speakers: Ayah Abdouny, Anika Dorothy, Jung Lin, Archana Soreng, Fabiana Zanutti
- 14:30 – 15:00 *Policy solutions to ensure diversity and representation of voices in decision making: Open Q&A and Discussion*
Moderator: Eva Maria Okoth
- 15:00 – 15:05 *Comfort Break*

15:05 – 15:30

Plenary Discussion and Reflections

■ **PARTICIPANTS** (full speaker biographies in Annex 1)

John Knox	<i>Henry C. Lauerman Professor of International Law</i> Wake Forest University School of Law
Eva Maria Okoth	<i>Programme Officer</i> Natural Justice, Kenya
Joanne Scott	<i>Head of Department of Law, Professor of European Law</i> European University Institute
Kalypso Nicolaïdis	<i>Chair in International Affairs</i> School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute
Janmejai Tiwari	<i>Secretary</i> Global Young Greens
Patricia Kombo	<i>Founder and Leader</i> Pa Tree Initiative
Kate Yeo	<i>Founder, Co-Founder</i> BYO Bottle Singapore, Re-Earth Initiative
Rand El Zein D.Phil	<i>Researcher</i> University of Salzburg
Anika Dorothy	<i>Executive Director</i> Green Congress of Kenya
Archana Soreng	<i>UN Secretary General Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change, Research Officer, Vasundhara Odisha</i>
Ayah Abdouny	<i>Convenor</i> Asia Pacific Young Greens
Jung Lin	<i>Regional Coordinator, Convenor</i> Global Young Greens, Taiwan Young Greens
Fabiana Zanutti	<i>Activities Coordinator, Chair</i> Global Young Greens, Green Party of Buenos Aires
Alice Hubbard	<i>Policy Leader Fellow</i> European University Institute
Rebecca Williams	<i>PhD Researcher</i> European University Institute
Philip Gichana	<i>Policy Leader Fellow</i> European University Institute

Petar Makovic	<i>Policy Leader Fellow</i> European University Institute
Arpitha Kodiveri	<i>PhD Researcher</i> European University Institute
Kasaobaka Pharatlhathe.	<i>Policy Leader Fellow</i> European University Institute
Pedi Obani	<i>Lecturer in Law</i> University of Bradford
Kim Bouwer	<i>Lecturer in Law</i> University of Exeter
Psamson Nzioki	<i>Programs Manager</i> Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ , Conservation International
Fred Ochieng	<i>Deputy Programme Officer - Climate Governance Integrity</i> Transparency International
Hannah Graham	<i>Global Youth Lead</i> The Food Foundation

Annex 1 – Speakers’ Biographies



Anika Dorothy is the Executive Director of the [Green Congress of Kenya](#). She is a member of the [Generation Equality Global Youth Task Force](#), the Technical Committee of the [African Women Liberal Network](#) (AWLN) and is a [ONE East Africa Champion](#). Anika has also worked extensively with women and girls in grassroots community environmental organizations on capacity building projects.



Janmejai Tiwari is from India, and is the Secretary of [Global Young Greens](#), a youth led organisation uniting the efforts of young environmentalists working towards ecological sustainability, social justice, grassroots democracy and peace. He has been actively involved in the international climate movement for the past 5 years at national, regional and transnational levels.



Rand El Zein, D.Phil., is a researcher and ecofeminist from Lebanon, and is currently based in Berlin. Growing up in Beirut, her activism for climate justice manifested itself shortly after the outbreak of the Syrian conflict. Her work and research interests encompass how the depleting water supply and desertification in the Middle East are closely linked to the outbreak of conflicts, the growth of impoverishment, and exacerbation of existing gender inequalities in the region.



Jung Lin is [Global Young Greens](#) Regional Coordinator for the Asia Pacific Region. She is also the Convenor of [Taiwan Young Greens](#), a youth NGO working towards youth political empowerment and environmental justice in Taiwan.



Fabiana Zanutti is a young environmental leader from Argentina. She is the Global Young Greens Regional Coordinator for the Americas region, and Chair of the Partido Verde/Green Party in Buenos Aires.



Ayah Abdouny is a young environmental leader from Lebanon. She convenes the [Asia Pacific Young Greens Network](#), a transnational network bringing together young climate leaders from across the region for political empowerment and mobilisation on climate change.

Anika, Janmejai, Jung, Fabiana, Rand and Ayah are the founding members of the [Young Transnational Climate Coalition](#), a young, transnational, Global South-led climate justice network.



Patricia Kombo is a 24-year-old environmental activist and tree planter from Kenya. She is the founder and leader of [the PaTree Initiative](#) in Kenya – an organisation that aims to revive environmental clubs in schools and also to help Kenya attain 10% forest cover. She also works with communities to educate on organic and sustainable agriculture and has been recognised as a land hero by the UNCCD.



Archana Soreng is an environmental activist from the Kharia tribe in Odisha, India. She advocates for climate change action and the documentation, preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous communities. She has been selected as one of the seven members of the UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change, but since 2009 she has been part of YOUNGO (the Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC) in addition to attending COP 14 for the UNCCD. She is also a Research Officer for [Vasundhara Odisha](#), and is a former National Convenor for the Adivasi Yuva Chetna Manch.



Kate Yeo is a 19 year-old sustainability advocate from Singapore. Growing up in a culture where public protests are largely against the law, she strives to raise awareness through social media ([@byobottlesg](#)) and community events. On an international scale, she is one of the co-founders of youth NGO [Re-Earth Initiative](#) and a youth member of the UN Environment Programme. Through these different platforms, Kate hopes to build a stronger global network of youth environmentalists and advance collective climate action.