



Meet the Speakers

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TELEVISION PRESENTER AND JOURNALIST

Femi Oke is an award-winning international journalist, broadcaster, professional moderator and co-founder of the diverse moderators bureau "Moderate The Panel." Based in Washington, D.C., she hosts the interactive current affairs show "The Stream" for Al Jazeera English; is a correspondent for the Al Jazeera documentary series "Fault Lines"; and the social media correspondent for NPR's midday news program "Here and Now."



SPEAKER

KATY THOMPSON

**TEAM LEADER, RULE OF LAW, SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS,
CRISIS BUREAU, UNDP**

Katy Thompson is the Team Leader of UNDP's Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights Team. She has extensive experience in rule of law, security and human rights programming in conflict affected contexts; criminal, international and human rights law; war crimes/transitional justice issues; legal system monitoring; trafficking in human beings and gender-based violence; peace-building. She has work experience in the UN and OSCE which followed several years of activism with NGOs and a three-year stint as a criminal defense lawyer in England. She also holds a BA Hons in Social and Political Science from Cambridge University and an LLM International Human Rights Law (Essex).



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MICHELLE BACHELET JERIA

**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
OHCHR**

Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria is the seventh High Commissioner for Human Rights; was elected President of Chile on two occasions (2006 – 2010 and 2014 – 2018), Defense Minister (2002 – 2004). She also served as Health Minister (2000 - 2002). In 2010 she chaired the ILO/WHO Social Protection Floor Advisory Group to promote social policies to stimulate economic growth and social cohesion. In 2011, she was named the first Director of UN Women. In March 2018, she was named Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. As Co-Chair of the High-Level Steering Group for Every Woman Every Child, Ms. Bachelet launched Every Woman Every Child Latin America and the Caribbean, the first platform for tailored, regional implementation of the EWEC Global Strategy.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DIANE HOLDORF

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FOOD AND NATURE, WBCSD

Diane Holdorf is Managing Director of Food and Nature at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), based in Geneva, Switzerland, since December 2018.

Before joining WBCSD, Diane was Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer for Kellogg Company. She joined Kellogg in May 2008 as Senior Director, Environmental Stewardship and in 2009 was promoted to Vice President, Environmental Stewardship, Health and Safety. In 2011, she was promoted to Chief Sustainability Officer, Vice President Environment, Health & Safety and in 2015, in recognition of the increasing importance of sustainability across the Kellogg business, became Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer to focus full time on advancing Kellogg's sustainability leadership efforts.



SPEAKER

DAVID BOYD

SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS, UN

David R. Boyd is the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment and an associate professor of law, policy, and sustainability at the University of British Columbia. Boyd is also the author of ten books and over 100 reports and articles on environmental law and policy, human rights, and constitutional law. His books include *The Rights of Nature* (ECW Press, 2017), *The Optimistic Environmentalist* (ECW Press, 2015), and *The Environmental Rights Revolution* (UBC Press, 2012). He lives on Pender Island with his partner and their daughter, and loves to run, kayak, cycle and go to the beach!



SPEAKER

PATRICIA ZURITA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL

Patricia Zurita is the Chief Executive Officer of BirdLife International, the world's largest nature conservation partnership, bringing together over 115 organisations worldwide to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainable use of natural resources. Patricia is also the first woman from a developing country (Ecuador) to become CEO of an international conservation organisation. Prior to BirdLife, Patricia was the Executive Director of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, and led the Conservation Stewards Program in Conservation International. She previously worked for the Ecuadorian Government and holds a Masters in Natural Resource Economics from Duke University, USA.



SPEAKER

MATHILDE MESNARD

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AND ENTERPRISE AFFAIRS,
OECD**

Mathilde is Deputy Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs of the OECD, covering financial markets, international investment, corporate governance, competition and anti-corruption. Previously, she was Coordinator of the New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) Initiative and Senior Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General. She launched an OECD-wide project on integrity and anti-corruption. From 2001-2009, she was an economist working on corporate governance and developed the OECD Guidelines on corporate governance of SOEs. Ms. Mesnard previously held positions as management consultant with Deloitte & Touche and Financial Analyst at Citibank. She holds a PhD in Economics from the EHESS, a Master's Degree in Finance from the ESCP, and an MBA from Drexel University.



SPEAKER

ANTHONY NYONG

**DIRECTOR, CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN GROWTH,
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

Professor Anthony Nyong has about 30 years of experience in environmental and natural resources management, renewable energy and green growth. Before joining the African Development Bank, he was a Senior Climate Change Specialist at the International Development Research Centre of Canada and prior to that, a Professor of Climate Change at the University of Jos, Nigeria. He was a Coordinating Lead Author for the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report and a member of the IPCC Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis. Mr. Nyong holds a Ph.D. in Geography from McMaster University, Canada and a D.Sc (hc) from the University of Calabar in Nigeria. He is a Senior Executive Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a Chartered Geographer and a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. He is named among the top 20 of the 100 most Influential People in Climate Policy 2019 by Apolitical.



SPEAKER

DENNIS VAN BERKEL

CO-DIRECTOR, CLIMATE LITIGATION NETWORK

Dennis van Berkel is legal counsel to the Urgenda Foundation in the Netherlands, the organisation which won the first case in the world in which a government was ordered to increase its climate change ambitions based on its human rights obligations. He is the co-founder and co-director of the Climate Litigation Network, which supports litigation around the world that seeks to increase national climate mitigation ambitions.



CLOSING REMARKS

ANDY RAINE

HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UNIT, UNEP

Andy Raine is the Head of the International Environmental Law Unit in the Law Division at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He leads a team based in Nairobi that works globally towards the progressive development and implementation of international environmental law. Andy is an Australian and UK-trained lawyer with expertise in environmental law, policy and governance at the national, regional and international levels. He has worked for over 17 years in the field, with experience gained working in private practice in international law firms and UN agencies.