

A VIRTUAL EVENT

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Putting Nature at the Heart of Sustainable Development and Green Recovery



9.24: SDG DAY

9.25: BUSINESS & FINANCE DAY

9.28: GLOBAL AMBITION DAY

9.29: LOCAL ACTION DAY

Meet the Speakers

Session 4.0 | TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020, 8 AM - 8:55 AM EDT
YOUTH TAKING ACTION ON NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



HOST & MODERATOR

ISABEL "SCOUT" PRONTO BRESLIN

YOUTH4NATURE AMBASSADOR

Scout is a high school student in NY who co-founded Hudson Valley Wild, a youth organization focused on promoting biodiversity and nature-based solutions (NBS) for the climate crisis and which has organized film festivals, educational events, and the creation of a habitat garden. She developed biodiversity workshops and panels for several regional climate summits and for Drawdown Learn, is the youth representative for her town's Climate Smart Community Task Force under which she created - and is coordinating - the NBS Working Group. She is also a leader in her school's environmental club which is pushing for integration of sustainability into the curricula. At the global level, Isabel attended the 2019 UN Youth Climate summit as a delegate and was a 2019 Coalition Wild Ambassador. She is also a volunteer at an Audubon Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic and the Trevor Zoo. She loves guitar and drawing.



HOST & MODERATOR

KALUKI PAUL MUTUKU

YOUTH4NATURE AMBASSADOR

Mr. Kaluki Paul Mutuku is a Kenya-based young climate advocate and an environmental defender, working to champion meaningful youth engagement for Climate action. His background is in Environmental Conservation and Natural Resource Management from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He has experience in community organizing, climate communication, campaign coordination, environmental education among many other areas. Previously, he worked with [350.org](https://www.350.org/) Kenya, for the [deCOALonize](#) campaign. He is a trained Environmental Educator with A Rocha International, under the Education for sustainable Development, ESD, and a Digital storyteller.

Kaluki is the Regional Director for Africa at Youth4Nature. His key focus for Africa is on land restoration, reforestation, ecological farming and youth leadership across the spaces. He dedicates part of his time to Green Treasures Farms, where he seeks to Intensify Environmental Sustainability by engaging rural communities in Kenya to protect their biodiversity, grow organic food, grow trees and build sustainable communities.



SPEAKER

KYNAN TEGAR

INDIGENOUS FILMMAKER

GUARDIANS OF THE FOREST

Kynan Tegar: 15-year-old Dayak Iban from West Kalimantan, Indonesia. He is a homeschooled young filmmaker whose work seeks to preserve the traditions of indigenous communities through video and photography. His work was displayed in 2019 at the Bali International Film Festival, the same year in which he represented his community by speaking at the Equator Prize as one of the winning territories.



SPEAKER

AMAN SHARMA

YOUTH CLIMATE JUSTICE ACTIVIST

Aman Sharma is a 17 year old youth climate justice activist whose work focuses on recognising the interconnectedness between social inequalities and environmental issues and solving them through joint public action and policy reform. His activism is centred around paving the path for more PoC and Global South youth activists to break social and geographical barriers and get a say in international climate discussions. In May 2019, he petitioned the government for Declaring a Climate Emergency & managed to collect over 370,000 signatures on it, subsequently helping create the network 'All In For Climate Action' consisting of activists from across the world with a combined 1.7 million signature count.



SPEAKER

FERNANDO MORALES

YOUTH RESTORATION EXPERT, SPAIN

Fernando Morales is a young climate activist and environmental scientist at Granada University. Fernando specializes in green entrepreneurship and landscape restoration, leading nature-based restoration projects in southern Spain, helping communities transform desertified-lands into healthy and productive landscapes. Additionally, Fernando keeps his research at the cutting edge of the restoration economy in Latin America by working alongside Regenera Hub. As a strong believer in the power of positive-thinking He envisions a world with intergenerational justice and nature as part of the solution for climate recovery.



SPEAKER

ANTHONY OCHIENG`

FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

TONYWILD & BIOPHILIC CONSERVATION

Anthony promotes wildlife conservation awareness and action through photography, film, and science. He believes in reaching those who are not in conservation practice, to inspire them to take action. As founder of TonyWild, they do this through conservation science, photography, and film. Their projects go beyond creating environmental awareness: they educate people to appreciate wildlife and nature through the projects Visual Ecological Literacy program, Wildlife is Life campaign, and MITIgation. He is the co-founder of Biophilic Conversation, an organization that seeks to enable the ease of access to conservation stories and inspire change among people to protect the environment.



SPEAKER

ALBERTO BORGES

**FOUNDER OF THE EXPLORER'S CLUB OF KENYA
NAT GEO EXPLORER**

Alberto Borges is a youth leader and environmental explorer, from Nairobi, Kenya. He is the founder of The Explorer's Club of Kenya, a non-profit membership based society that works with communities across Kenya to explore, research and conserve landscapes. Borges is a National Geographic Explorer, a TED speaker and an honorary member of the Scientific Exploration Society in the UK. Over the past six years, he has been researching and working with local communities to conserve the vast landscape of Marsabit, Northern Kenya dispersing hundreds of thousands of indigenous grass and tree seeds. He is the principal investigator for the Athi River Expedition, a scientific project investigating the impacts of pollution on local communities and ecosystems.



SPEAKER

HELINA TEKLU

**CO-FOUNDER CLIMATE CHANGE AFRICA AND
SEED BOMB ETHIOPIA**

Helina Teklu has a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from EiABC (Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development). She is also a graphic designer, an environmental activist, and works on women empowerment. Helina is an Alumni of YALIRLCEA cohort 30 Civic Leadership track, Tony Elumelu F(Furniture design). Currently she is the Co-Founder of Seed Bomb Ethiopia and Climate Change Africa (CCA) where she fights climate change with the help of the African youth and Seed balls. Under Climate Change Africa (CCA) she had organized successful 3 expos in Ethiopia and 1 in Kenya foundation fellow 2019 and Connect4Climate (C4C) and currently works as the Networking and Events Chair for YALIRLCEA Ethiopian chapter.

Helina has almost 4 years of experience as a Junior Architect and Interior designer (2019) with the help of the US Embassy A.A. Recently she was one of the panelists for World Economic Forum (1t.org – Empowering the #RestorationGeneration) where she shared her experience and how she plans to be part of the 1 trillion tree movement with the help of Seed balls.