



Meet the Speakers

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REIMAGINING CONSERVATION: ALIGNING NATURE CONSERVATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS



HOST & MODERATOR
TEDDY BAGUILAT
PRESIDENT ICCA CONSORTIUM AND ASEAN
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Teodoro "Teddy" Brawner Baguilat, Jr. is a Filipino politician and activist focusing on indigenous peoples' rights and the rights of other minority groups. He has been mayor of Kiangnan, Governor as well as Congressman for the district of Ifugao. In 2019, he was elected as President of Global ICCA Consortium.



HOST & MODERATOR
HOLLY JONAS
GLOBAL COORDINATOR ICCA CONSORTIUM

Holly Jonas, LLM, is the Global Coordinator of the ICCA Consortium, an international association dedicated to supporting Indigenous peoples' and local communities' territories of life. She has an interdisciplinary background, including in international environmental and human rights law, non-profit leadership, transnational advocacy and multimedia.



SPEAKER

ABIGAIL GUALINGA

SARAYAKU YOUTH LEADER

Abigail Gualinga is a youth leader from the Kichwa village of Sarayaku. As a youth leader, Abigail has participated in various local, national and international events, sharing the Sarayaku vision of responsibility, protection and care of nature. The declaration of *Kawasak Sacha* aims to preserve and conserve in a sustainable manner, territories of life, including the material and spiritual relationship established by the original peoples living in the forest. Abigail works arduously to ensure that her living territory is and will continue to be, free of any type of extractive activities such as oil, mining, logging, biopiracy and others. As young people of the Sarayaku, Abigail makes her presence felt with the spirit of the millennium guided by the energy and wisdom of her elders.



SPEAKER

DANIEL BENALCAZAR

SARAYAKU YOUTH LEADER

Daniel Alejandro Benalcazar Gualinga is 19 years old and was born in Quito. Daniel started elementary school in Quito and was there until the fourth grade when he moved to Santo Domingo where he finished school. After that, Daniel moved to Puyo and started studies at school. When Daniel was in third grade, his mother decided to send him to live in Sarayaku to learn about the culture, customs, language, gastronomy and other things that Sarayaku has to offer. This encouraged Daniel to accept the leadership of the young people and to help Sarayaku.



SPEAKER

PATRICIA ZURITA

CEO 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

MARIA BELINDA DE LA PAZ

CEO HARIBON FOUNDATION

Maria Belinda de la Paz is the Chief Operating Officer of Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources, Inc, the country's pioneer environmental conservation organization. She has provided strategic direction, led fundraising efforts and managed operations of the Foundation since 2014. She represents the Foundation in government bodies and other networks. She has been with the Foundation for 2 decades serving as advocacy officer for half that time, promoting policies on biodiversity conservation. She holds a Master's degree in Natural Resource Conservation.



PANELIST

DALEE SAMBO DOROUGH

**PRESIDENT AND FORMER UNPFII CHAIR
INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR COUNCIL**

Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit-Alaska) is Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, an NGO representing approximately 180,000 Inuit. She holds a Ph.D. in Law from University of British Columbia and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School. She is also former Chairperson and Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, member of the Board of Trustees of UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, and co-Chair of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



PANELIST

MARCO LAMBERTINI

DIRECTOR GENERAL WWF INTERNATIONAL

With 35 years of conservation leadership, Marco Lambertini began his association with WWF as a youth volunteer growing up in his native Italy. Previously he served as Chief Executive of BirdLife International, overseeing a global partnership of over 120 civil society organizations in the world. He sits on the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCCICED), is an international ambassador of the Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU), and a founding member of the Nature Action Agenda and Friends of Ocean Action of the World Economic Forum, the Business for Nature Coalition and the Global Commons Alliance.



PANELIST

HINDOU OUMAROU IBRAHIM

COORDINATOR OF AFPATAND CO-CHAIR OF INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim (Peul) is an environmental activist and geographer. She is the Coordinator of the Association of Peul Women and Autochthonous Peoples of Chad and served as the co-director of the pavilion of the World Indigenous Peoples' Initiative at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COP21, COP22 and COP23.



PANELIST

ACHIM STEINER

ADMINISTRATOR UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Achim Steiner is the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. Before joining UNDP, he was Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, director of the Oxford Martin School, Director General of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams.



SPEAKER

DAVID BOYD

UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT OHCHR

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.



PANELIST

PAUL SEIN TWA

**PRESIDENT SALWEEN PEACE PARK
EQUATOR PRIZE WINNER 2020**

Paul Sein Twa is the Executive Director and founding Member of the Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN), and has been working on social and environmental issues in Burma's conflict areas for over two decades. In 2020, the Salween Peace Park was awarded the Equator Prize. Paul serves as the first President of the Salween Peace Park General Assembly.



PANELIST

AILEEN LEE

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
THE GORDON & BETTY MOORE FOUNDATION**

Aileen Lee is the Chief Program Officer for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's Environmental Conservation program. She was previously an Associate Principal at McKinsey & Company, serves on the board of the Biodiversity Funders Group, and previously served as the Chair of the board of the Environmental Grantmakers Association.



PANELIST

CHRISTIAN RAFAEL GUILLERMET FERNÁNDEZ

**HIGH AMBITION COALITION ON THE CBD POST-2020 AGENDA
GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA**

Mr. Christian Guillermet-Fernández is the Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica. He has been a Foreign Service Officer since 1998, holding positions such as Deputy Director and Director General of Foreign Policy, Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations in New York and Geneva. During his diplomatic career, he was Chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group at the United Nations for the Right to Peace, among others. He is specialized in Human Rights, Peace and Security, International Humanitarian Law, International Law, Humanitarian Disarmament and an expert in the dynamics of multilateralism, particularly the United Nations.



PANELIST

JULIUS ARINAITWE

DIRECTOR OF PARTNERSHIP, COMMUNITIES, AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT, BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL

Julius Arinaitwe Ph.D is Director for Partnership, Communities and Capacity Development at BirdLife International. Prior to this, he worked in BirdLife's Africa Office, first as Programme Manager for the Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas and later as Regional Director. Julius is Ugandan and has first-hand experience in conservation at the local level, especially in Africa. He has supported the development and roll out of the Site Support Group (SSG) approach, which ensures sustainable and locally-led conservation action.