

## **Valencia Clement** Author, entrepreneur and scholar

Valencia Clement is a Haitian, queer, doctoral candidate, activist and artist. They are a daughter, a sister, a friend, and a leader. She was the first person in her family to be born in the United States and was raised in Queens, New York. Upon being awarded the Posse Foundation scholarship, she attended and graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. with a BS (2016) and Master of Public Policy (2018). She is currently a doctoral candidate studying Education Policy and Program Evaluation in Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University, an author of seven independently published poetry books and a vegan cookbook, and an entrepreneur focused on social enterprise, houselessness and food justice. In her spare time, she likes to go to farmers markets, longboard, dance, hike and travel to beaches. Valencia's scholarly work focuses on epistemic justice, blues aesthetics, Black feminist and womanist philosophy, and arts-based methods.



## **Colin Butfield** Co-founder and executive director of Studio Silverback

Colin is co-founder and executive director of Studio Silverback. He is also the co-founder and chair of "Open Planet." He is the executive producer of the BBC series "Earthshot," YouTube Originals climate change series "Seat at the Table," and "The Climate Games." He is an advisor to The Earthshot Prize and author of the bestselling book, "Earthshot: How to Save Our Planet."

Prior to founding Studio Silverback, Colin was WWF's executive producer for the "Our Planet" project. He was the scientific and conservation advisor to the Netflix "Our Planet" series and is executive producer of the feature documentaries "David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet" and "Breaking Boundaries." Over the past 10 years, Colin has written and produced many high profile events (often with Sir Attenborough) on the climate and nature crisis. These include Sir Attenborough's speech at the opening of COP26, main stage events at Davos 2019 and 2020, World Bank and IMF spring meetings, COP26 Private Finance Agenda, G8 and U.N. Security Council.

Colin has worked on conservation issues around the world and during his career led many high profile campaigns and worked across a number of U.N. climate and biodiversity agendas. He has produced award winning short films and digital content pieces on issues around climate change, nature and sustainable development.



## **Mahmoud Mohieldin**

### U.N. Climate Change High Level Champion for Egypt and the U.N. Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin is an economist with more than 30 years of experience in international finance and development. He is an executive director at the International Monetary Fund and has been the United Nations Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda since February 2020.

He was the World Bank Group senior vice president for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships until January 2020. Mr. Mohieldin has also held numerous senior positions in the government of Egypt, including minister of investment from 2004 until 2010. He also served on several boards of directors, including the Central Bank of Egypt and the banking and corporate sector. He is a professor of Economics and Finance at Cairo University, an honorary professor at Durham University and a member of the advisory board of the Durham Business School. He has authored numerous publications and articles in leading journals in the fields of international finance, economics, and development in English and Arabic.

He received his doctorate in Economics from the University of Warwick, MSc in Economic and Social Policy Analysis from the University of York, and BSc in Economics, first in the order of merit, from Cairo University.



## WE Empower UN SDG Challenge honorees

### World Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

Yetunde Ayo Oyalowo | Founder, Market Doctors  
Nigeria

Yetunde Ayo Oyalowo is the founder of Market Doctors, a social enterprise creating access to healthcare in the informal sector of Nigeria through mobile clinics and health posts in market locations. The informal sector makes up 75% of the population of Nigeria, and with a ratio of 1:5,000 doctors to patients, it is imperative that the people of this sector receive affordable treatment.



### World Region: Asia-Pacific

Bharti Singh Chauhan | Founder and CEO, PraveenLata Sansthan & Carvers India Trades LLP  
India

Bharti Singh Chauhan is the founder and CEO of PraveenLata Sansthan & Carvers India Trades LLP, a social enterprise in India. Its mission is to benefit the social and economic transformation of girls and women by selling reusable sanitary pads made out of bamboo charcoal, while also promoting safe practices around periods.



### World Region: Greater Middle East and North Africa

Dina Abdul Majeed | Founder and CEO, 360Moms  
Jordan

Dina Abdul Majeed is the founder and CEO of 360Moms, an online platform that connects mothers around the world with certified experts, getting their questions answered on health challenges, child behavioral issues and working as a mother. They provide free articles and courses in Arabic and English, as well as low-cost health consultation.



### World Region: Latin America & the Caribbean

Priyanka Srinivas | Founder, The Live Green Co.  
Chile

Priyanka Srinivas is the founder of The Live Green Co, a food tech company with the vision of accelerating the world's transition to plant-only, healthy and sustainable food at scale using their proprietary technology. The technology, known as Charaka, blends ancestral wisdoms of plant nutrition with biotech and machine learning.



### World Region: Europe, North America & Other

Danielle J. Harris | Managing director of engagement and innovation, Elemental Excelerator  
United States

Danielle J. Harris is the managing director of engagement and innovation at Elemental Excelerator, an organization on a mission to redesign the systems at the root of climate change. Elemental has invested in 134 companies with new technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across energy, water, food and agriculture, transportation and waste.



## Peter Schlosser

GF22 co-chair; vice president and vice provost,  
Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory

Peter Schlosser is a leading earth scientist, with expertise in the Earth's hydrosphere and how humans affect the planet's natural state. He is the vice president and vice provost of the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory at Arizona State University. He holds joint appointments in the School of Sustainability, the School of Earth and Space Exploration in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering. Prior to joining ASU, Schlosser was the Maurice Ewing and J. Lamar Worzel Professor of Geophysics and Chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering, and the deputy director and director of research at the Earth Institute at Columbia University.

Schlosser's research includes water movement and its variability in natural systems using natural and anthropogenic trace substances and isotopes. His research adds to the understanding of ocean circulation and the ocean's role in climate. He also studies reconstruction of continental paleotemperature records using groundwater as archive; anthropogenic impact on natural systems; and sustainable development. He has published more than 180 articles in leading journals.

He is a member of the German National Academy of Sciences, an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, and the American Geophysical Union. He completed his PhD in Physics at the University of Heidelberg.



## Johan Rockström

GF22 co-chair; director, Potsdam Institute  
for Climate Impact Research

Johan Rockström is a professor in environmental science with emphasis on water resources and global sustainability. Rockström is an internationally recognized scientist for his work on global sustainability issues. He helped lead the team of scientists that presented the planetary boundaries framework, first published in 2009, with an update in 2015. The nine planetary boundaries presented in the framework are argued to be fundamental in maintaining a "safe operating space for humanity."

Before focusing on the planetary scale, Rockström's research aimed to address building resilience in water scarce regions, and he is an expert on water resources. After completing a PhD at Stockholm University's Systems Ecology Department in 1997, he spent nearly two decades working on applied water research in tropical regions. He has also published research on agriculture systems, land use and ecosystem services.

Aside from his research helping to guide policy, Rockström acts as an advisor to several governments, business networks, and multilateral institutions. He is chair of the steering committee for CGIAR's Research Program on Water, Land, and Ecosystems; a member of the U.N. Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN); and acts as chair of the advisory board for the EAT Foundation, among others. Rockström has published over 100 research articles, including articles in Science and Nature, as well as 20 book chapters. He has also published four books.

