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## Rigoberto Amaya

Global Ambassador, Blue Planet Alliance

Rigoberto Amaya is a third culture individual born in the countryside of Panama who moved to Southeast Asia at the age of thirteen to complete his middle and high school studies. Through his experience abroad, he developed a passion for cross cultural exchange and recognition of the disparities in access to quality air, water and natural resources. With a background in bioproducts and biosystems engineering focused on sustainability and process efficiency, Amaya currently works with the Panama National Secretariat of Energy advancing the Energy Transition Agenda through various projects such as digitalization, process optimization, geodatabase development and management and the UN Energy Compacts project lead.



## Marlén Garcia

Executive Director, Earth Uprising International

Marlén Garcia is an award winning social and environmental activist. She recently graduated from the University of California, Davis with a BS in Community & Regional Development (CRD) and a BA in Political Science. Additionally, she is the Executive Director for Earth Uprising International, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth in the environmental movement. Garcia focuses on centering the voices and experiences of communities that are in the frontlines of this climate crisis. She strongly believes that the voices of the most marginalized communities must be front and center when educating about and advocating for real climate change solutions.



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## Kneyone Murray

Global Ambassador, Blue Planet Alliance

Kneyone Murray, from Trinidad and Tobago, is a dynamic individual known for his accomplishments in entrepreneurship, art, renewable energy, project management and global sustainability efforts. He holds key roles such as Global Ambassador for the Blue Planet Alliance, a Peace Boat US Youth for the SDGs Scholar, and a Sustainable Ocean Alliance Young Ocean Leader, demonstrating his commitment to sustainable development. Through innovative approaches like utilizing organic materials for clean energy and solutions to environmental problems, Murray serves as an inspiring example of how passion and creativity can drive impactful solutions for global challenges. Inspiring others to embrace sustainability for a brighter future.



## Chido Mpemba

Envoy for Youth, African Union Commission

Chido Mpemba is the youngest diplomat in the African Union Chairperson's Cabinet. She leads on youth affairs, representing over 870 Million youth in the 55 Countries and Governments in Africa as the African Union Special Envoy on Youth. A renowned Global Moderator and Speaker, she is recognized as one of 'Top 100 Under 40 Most Influential People of African Descent' by CNN New York. She is an alumni of the Emerging Security Sector Leaders Program from the Africa Center of Strategic Studies, National Defense University, U.S Department of Defense. She is a Global Leadership Council Member of the Generation Unlimited, a Leadership Council Member for AFRICA Reach chaired by first lady of Namibia, a trained Climate Reality Leader, a Mandela Washington Fellow Alumni and a Commissioner for the Climate Governance Commission Co-Chaired by the Former President of Ireland.

