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The Hon. Dr. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim

Former President, The Republic of Mauritius

Ameenah Gurib-Fakim served as the 6th and first female President of the Republic of Mauritius (2015-2018). Previously, she was the Managing Director of the Centre International de Développement Pharmaceutique as well as Professor of Organic Chemistry with an endowed chair at the University of Mauritius. Since 2001, she has served as Dean of the Faculty of Science and Pro Vice Chancellor. Elected Fellow of several academies and societies, Gurib-Fakim received several international prizes. In 2021, she was appointed as Distinguished Professor at the John Wesley School of Leadership, Carolina University. In 2016, she was in the Forbes List for the 100 “Most Powerful women in the world” and first among the Top 100 Women in Africa Forbes List 2017, 2019. She is honored as one of Foreign Policy’s 2015 Global Thinkers and is the recipient of six Honorary Doctorates.



Jojo Mehta

Co-Founder, Stop Ecocide International

Jojo Mehta co-founded Stop Ecocide in 2017, alongside legal pioneer the late Polly Higgins, to support recognition of “ecocide” - mass damage and destruction of nature - as a crime at the International Criminal Court. As key spokesperson and executive director, she has overseen the remarkable growth of the movement while coordinating between legal developments, diplomatic traction and public narrative. Mehta is also Chair of the charitable Stop Ecocide Foundation and was convenor of the Independent Expert Panel for the Legal Definition of Ecocide chaired by Philippe Sands KC and Dior Fall Sow.



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Maya Soetoro

Co-Founder, Institute for Climate and Peace

Dr. Maya Soetoro is a co-founder of the Institute for Climate and Peace and a Faculty Specialist in the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She also serves as the University's liaison to the Obama Foundation, working with the Obama Leaders program and Global Girls Alliance on initiatives in Hawai'i and the Asia-Pacific region. Soetoro sits on several voluntary boards and is the Co-Founder of the non-profits Ceeds of Peace, The Peace Studio, and the Institute for Climate and Peace. In 2021, Soetoro launched a podcast entitled "The Bravethrough Series: Courageous Conversations on Community" in partnership with KTUH Honolulu.

