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The Hon. Bogolo Kenewendo

Africa Director & Special Advisor, UN High-Level Climate Champions Team

Hon. Bogolo J. Kenewendo is currently championing climate action and finance as a catalyst for development in Africa and the global south in her role as Africa Director & Special Advisor of the UN High Level Climate Champions Team. Kenewendo was appointed as a member of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council, a member of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres' High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation, Advisory group on the gender architecture of the UN and group on Financing for Development. She is also a member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Trade Advisory Group, Global Future Council on Global Public Goods in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and a WEF Young Global Leader. She is also a Non-Resident Fellow with the Center for Global Development. She has previously served as the Cabinet Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry and Specially Elected Member of Parliament in Botswana.



Lisa J. Graumlich

Dean Emeritus and Professor, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences at the University of Washington

Lisa Graumlich is a professor in the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences and dean emerita of the College of the Environment at the University of Washington. She has devoted her career to studying the causes and impacts of climate change, with a special focus on using paleoecological records such as tree-rings to understand the magnitude of human impacts. She is passionate about science communication, and she speaks frequently on climate change impacts and adaptation. She has testified on long-term climate variability before the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming and is the president of the American Geophysical Union as of January 1, 2023. Lisa served as the inaugural dean of the UW College of the Environment from 2010 to 2021.



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Carmen Vicelich

Founder, Generate Zero

Carmen Vicelich is a technology and data entrepreneur with several successful businesses focused on global transformation and sustainability. Her Generate Zero platform uses AI and Machine learning to capture, measure and reduce carbon emissions for organizations to accelerate their sustainability journey. Vicelich's Valocity company digitizes property decisioning and democratizes access to data such as climate change, risk and property attributes to enable lenders and consumers to make data driven decisions across over 2000 cities including in Australasia and India. Outside of her entrepreneurial success Vicelich is on the UNICEF NZ board where she champions children's rights, safety, sustainability and wellbeing for every child globally.



Nigel Topping

UN High-Level Climate Champions Team

Nigel Topping, CMG was appointed by the UK Prime Minister as UN Climate Change High Level Champion for COP26. In this role Topping mobilized the global private sector and local government to take bold action on climate change, launching the Race To Zero and Race To Resilience campaigns and, with Mark Carney, the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero. Topping is now a global advisor to governments, financial institutions and private companies on climate and industrial strategy. He is a non-executive director of the UK Infrastructure Bank, an Honorary Professor of Economics at Exeter University and was awarded the honor of CMG in Queen Elizabeth's final honors list in 2022. Topping read Mathematics at St Johns and won two rugby blues, before entering a career in the manufacturing industry.

