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Daniel Esty

Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law & Policy, Yale School of the Environment & Yale Law School

Daniel Esty is the Hillhouse Professor at Yale University with appointments in both the Law and Environment Schools - and director of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy as well as co-director of the Yale Initiative on Sustainable Finance. Esty has written or edited fourteen books (including the prizewinning volumes *Green to Gold* and *A Better Planet*) and dozens of articles on climate change, environmental protection, regulatory reform and sustainability. He served in a number of leadership roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1989 - 93 (including serving on the U.S. delegation that negotiated the 1992 Framework Convention on Climate Change) and as Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection from 2011- 14. He is currently a Visiting Scholar at the World Trade Organization and a Skoll Foundation delegate.



Nicole Rycroft

Founder and Executive Director, Canopy

Nicole Rycroft leads the strategic direction of solutions-driven not-for-profit, Canopy. Rycroft and her team have worked successfully to conserve the world's forests by transforming unsustainable global supply chains, developing innovative solutions, and greening the purchasing practices of more than 900+ large companies, including H&M, Zara/Inditex, Amazon and Penguin Random House. Rycroft is an Ashoka Fellow, a member of the UBS Global Visionaries Program, Meritorious Service Cross of Canada recipient, and a winner of the 2020 Climate Breakthrough Award. Canopy is part of the 2023 Audacious Project cohort.



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Antoinette Vermilye

Co-founder Gallifrey Foundation and She Changes Climate

Antoinette Vermilye is the co-founder of the Gallifrey Foundation and SHEChanges Climate. She has worked with migrant refugees to understand the impact of EU subsidies for fisheries on migration from Africa; she helped create an online social media campaign to empower citizens to contact airlines on their policies regarding carrying shark fins as cargo, she has leveraged national litigation to protect the ocean, and she curated Voices from the Ocean, an educational podcast series interviewing creatures of the ocean to find out their perspective. She is always on the lookout for unidentified gaps. She is also passionate about inclusiveness in decision-making and co-founded SHE Changes Climate With the goal of bringing more women to the decision-making level at COPs and on boards.



Mahmoud Mohieldin

UN High-Level Climate Champion Team, UNFCCC

Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, is an economist with more than 30 years of experience in international finance and development. In February 2022, Mohieldin was appointed by the Egyptian Government as the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for Egypt at the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27), with aims at enhancing the communication between the Egyptian presidency of COP27 and businesses, the private sector and, international funding institutions working in climate change-related fields. Since February 2020, Mohieldin has been the United Nations Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Development Agenda.



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Amanda Ellis

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Former UN Ambassador (NZ) Amanda Ellis serves as Senior Director of the ASU Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory's Global Partnerships and Networks, Professor of Practice at the Thunderbird School of Global Management and Barrett, The Honors College. She is passionate about being a good ancestor, helping create just and regenerative global futures through transdisciplinary and multi stakeholder engagement. Ellis is a founding member of the Financial Alliance for Women and serves on the Board of Trustees for the World Academy of Art and Science, Blue Planet Alliance, East-West Center Association, Global Governance Forum, Institute for Climate and Peace, and UNICEF Aotearoa (NZ).

