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Marie-Claire Graf

Co-Founder, Youth Negotiators Academy

Marie-Claire Graf, national and international climate policy consultant and advocate, Co-Founder of Youth Negotiators Academy, former Focal Point of the Youth Constituency at United Nations Climate Change, and former Vice-Chair on Youth at United Nations Food Systems Summit. She is a known climate justice activist and public speaker for a just transition towards sustainable development and ambitious climate action. She was the youngest negotiator of Switzerland to any UN climate negotiations and is currently training young diplomats from all over the world for multilateral processes.



Aarathi Krishnan

Senior Advisor for Strategic Foresight, UNDP

Aarathi Krishnan specializes in anticipatory governance for the humanitarian and development sectors. She is currently the Senior Advisor for Strategic Foresight for UNDP, where she is designing a systems approach across the Asia Pacific Bureau to build anticipatory capacities and decision intelligence to see, manage and respond to short and long term risk signals, policies and investments. She is also an Affiliate at Berkman Klein Centre for Internet and Society at Harvard University as well as a 2020-21 and 2021-22 Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Harvard Carr Centre for Technology and Human Rights. Previously she has supported a range of international humanitarian organizations on embedding institutional foresight and global strategy to drive transformation, including the UN Resident Coordinators, UNV, the World Bank, UNHCR, MSF, ICRC and IFRC.



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Derek Walker

Commissioner, Office of Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Derek Walker is the second ever Future Generations Commissioner, having started the role on March 1, 2023, when he called for 'urgent and transformational change' in Wales. Previously he was chief executive of Cwmpas, the UK's largest co-operative development agency. He spent 12 years as CEO, working to support people and communities to create jobs and strengthen communities, and changed the organization's focus to development that meets the needs of current generations without compromising the needs of future generations. Walker began his career as policy officer for London Councils, in London and Brussels. He has also worked as Head of External Affairs at the Big Lottery Fund (Wales), as Head of Policy and Campaigns at the Wales TUC and was the first employee of Stonewall Cymru.



Saber Chowdhury

Member for Dhaka-9, Bangladesh Parliament

Saber Hossain Chowdhury is Member of Bangladesh Parliament (Dhaka 9 constituency) and Honorary President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). As the first and only Bangladeshi, he served as 28th President of the IPU from 2014-2017. An active Parliamentarian and now serving his fourth term, he is currently Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and also a Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Ministry of Planning. He also acts as Special Envoy to Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for Environment and Climate Change.

