## CLIMATES 4.7.21 Global Climate Dialog Webinar

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<u>Theme:</u> Science. Policy. Action.

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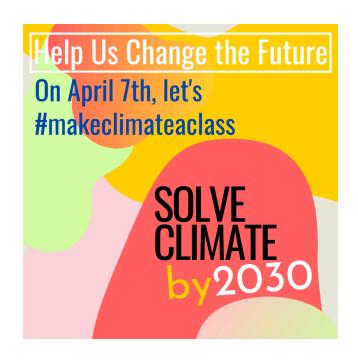
#### Panelists:

1. Dr. Amita Kuttner

2. Dr. Luckerzia Awuor

3. Ruby Swartz

Moderator: Leigh Paulseth, Science Outreach & Enrichment Coordinator, SciXchange



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#### Panelist Bios:



Amita Kuttner is co-founder of moonlight institute, a non-profit organization that seeks to create frameworks for an equitable and just future, taking into account the realities of the

climate emergency, as well as technology, and decolonization. Amita holds a PhD in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of California, Santa Cruz; their research focused on black holes, wormholes, quantum effects, and the early universe. Amita ran for Canadian Parliament in 2019 and served as Critic for Science and Innovation for the Green Party of Canada from September 2018 to February 2020, bringing forward policy on artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. Amita ran for leadership of the Green Party of Canada in 2020 on a platform of justice, science, and resilience.



Luckrezia Awuor is an environmental public health professional currently working with Toronto Public Health – Healthy Environments. Under a climate-change-and-health-research portfolio – my research utilizes environmental public health sciences and practices, communication theories, and health-related public policy principles – to produce and disseminate knowledge that addresses the critical interface between climate

change, social interactions and practices, institutions, power relations, human subjectivity, and health outcomes. Specifically, my research promotes a public-health-framed climate change discourse (communication and exchange of ideas) by doing the following: advancing better communication and discussion of climate change risks and decisions; and promoting adaptive and participatory approaches to the governance of climate change. Elucidating strategies for addressing a fit between institutions and the ecological and social systems and supporting healthy public policies that consider the intricate link between environmental issues and human activities in the social, built, and natural environments are also part of my research approach. Dr. Awuor holds a PhD in Environmental Applied Science and Management and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Occupational and Public Health.

Ruby is an 18 year-old activist from so-called Toronto. She is a core organizer with Fridays for Future Toronto and has been coordinating actions for over a year. Her activism focuses primarily on educating young people on the climate crisis and the ways in which they can act to solve it. Most recently, she has been supporting Toronto actions taking place on the March 19th Global Day of Climate Action.

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