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Abarchi Harouna

Organization: ASSOCIATION NODDE NOOTO (A2N); IYRP West and Central Africa

Country/region: Niger; West and Central Africa

Preferred language: French

Topics of Expertise: Rangeland management, Soil biodiversity, Climate adaptation, Land governance, Pastoral land tenure

A pastoralist leader from Niger and co-chair of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists for West and Central Africa. He brings Indigenous and pastoral community perspectives to global policy discussions, with a focus on rangelands, soil biodiversity, climate adaptation, land governance and secure pastoral land tenure.



Gregoria Jimenez

Organization: CITAFRO

Country/region: Honduras; Latin America and the Caribbean

Preferred language: Spanish

Topics of Expertise: Afro-descendant territorial rights, Land restoration, Racial equity, Human rights, Environmental justice

CITAFRO leader and President of ODECO, working to advance Afro-descendant territories in global environmental policy. At COP31, she will highlight the impacts of desertification and land degradation on Afro-descendant communities, and advocate for restoration, racial equity, human rights, and environmental justice.

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Reagan Siamito

Organization: ILEPA; MPIDO / ESIPA / CDLS network context

Country/region: Kenya; Kajiado County

Preferred language: English, Swahili

Topics of Expertise: Climate resilience, Community-led conservation, Land governance, Indigenous knowledge, Pastoralist communities

Community representative and mobilizer from Indigenous pastoralist communities in Kajiado County, Kenya. He advocates for climate resilience, community-led conservation, land governance, and Indigenous knowledge systems, and supports partnerships that strengthen pastoralist community resilience.



Edith Santiyian

Organization: Nalala Tree Foundation; ESIPA; Women Land Rights Initiative; PACAR

Country/region: Kenya

Preferred language: English, Swahili

Topics of Expertise: Indigenous land rights, Climate justice, Ecosystem restoration, Sustainable livelihoods, Women and youth leadership

Indigenous Maasai leader from Kenya and Founder and Executive Director of Nalala Tree Foundation. Her work focuses on Indigenous Peoples' land rights, climate justice, ecosystem restoration, sustainable livelihoods, and the leadership of Indigenous women and youth.

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Elisabeth Simanjuntak

Organization: Barisan Pemuda Adat Nusantara (BPAN)

Country/region: Indonesia

Preferred language: English, Indonesian

Topics of expertise: Indigenous Peoples' rights, Territorial protection, Environmental sustainability, Youth organizing

An Indigenous youth leader from the Opung Ronggur Simanjuntak Community in Indonesia. With a background in law, she works on Indigenous Peoples' rights, territorial protection and environmental sustainability, with a focus on organizational development and meaningful youth participation in protecting customary territories.



Cindy Yohana

Organization: Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) / BPAN

Country/region: Indonesia

Preferred language: English, Indonesian

Topics of expertise: Indigenous youth organizing, Territorial rights, Self-determination, Youth networks

An Indigenous youth leader from the Wairasa Indigenous Community in Sumba, Indonesia. Through BPAN, she strengthens Indigenous youth organizing, leadership and networks and supports the protection of Indigenous territories. She also advances Indigenous Peoples' rights and self-determination through regional youth networks.

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Pema Wangmo Lama

Organization: Youth Federation of Indigenous Nationalities-Nepal (YFIN)

Country/region: Nepal

Preferred language: Nepali

Topics of expertise: Indigenous Peoples' rights, Gender justice, Climate policy, Youth leadership, National climate plans

A Mugum Indigenous climate activist and feminist from Nepal. Her work advances Indigenous Peoples' rights, youth leadership, gender justice and climate action through policy advocacy and capacity building. She has engaged in UN climate and women's rights processes and supported Indigenous participation in Nepal's climate planning and COP31 position.



Anjatiana Radoharinirina

Organization: AIKA Alliance

Country/region: Madagascar

Preferred language: English, French, Malagasi

Topics of expertise: Youth participation, Climate action, Biodiversity conservation, Desertification, Human rights

A climate and human rights activist from Madagascar and co-founder of the AIKA Alliance, a coalition of more than 70 youth organizations. She has led projects addressing climate change and social inequalities and advocates for meaningful youth participation in national and international decision-making.

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Manuel Marti

Organization: Fundación PRISMA
Country/region: El Salvador; Central America
Preferred language: Spanish
Topics of Expertise: Roadmap to halt deforestation by 2030, Climate finance mobilization

Director of Fundación PRISMA, a research and dialogue center on environment and development in Central America.



Nadino Calapucha

Organization: Tú Amazonía
Country/region: Ecuador
Preferred language: Spanish
Topics of Expertise: Roadmap to transition from fossil fuels, Climate finance mobilization

Indigenous leader of the Kichwa Amazonian Nationality of Ecuador and a defender of his people's rights since childhood. He is co-founder and President of Tu Amazonía, and previously served as Youth Focal Point, head of communications and Technical Coordinator of the Program for the Defense of Indigenous Defenders (PDDD) at COICA. He has completed law studies and is a member of the Science Panel for the Amazon (SPA).

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Arlindo Alemão Gregório (Arlindo Baré)

Organization: RRI / APIAM
Country/region: Brazil
Preferred language: Portuguese
Topics of Expertise: Roadmap to transition from fossil fuels

Indigenous leader of the Baré people from the Cué-Cué Marabitanas Indigenous Territory in São Gabriel da Cachoeira, Amazonas, and a leading voice for the permanent demarcation of that territory. A student of Electrical Engineering at Unicamp, he works at the intersection of Indigenous science, climate justice and a just energy transition. He is the creator of Projeto Solar Rio Negro, founder of the Rio Negro Indigenous Learning Center, and co-founder and former president (2022–2025) of the Plurinational Union of Indigenous Students (UPEI).



Mina Beyan

Organization: Green Landscapes Initiatives (GLI)
Country/region: Liberia
Preferred language: English
Topics of Expertise: Climate finance mobilization, Carbon Markets and Article 6

Liberian environmental leader and Executive Director of Green Landscapes Initiatives (GLI), a women-led organization advancing community forest governance, biodiversity conservation and climate resilience. She works with forest-dependent communities to strengthen women's leadership, secure land and resource rights, and promote locally driven solutions. At COP31, she is advocating for climate finance to reach women-led and grassroots organizations, and for the full application of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in Article 6 carbon market mechanisms.

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Jaqueline Gomes de Moura (Jaqueline Kambiwá)

Organization: Articulação Nacional das Mulheres Indígenas Guerreiras da Ancestralidade (ANMIGA)

Country/region: Brazil

Preferred language: Portuguese

Topics of Expertise: Loss and Damage Funding, Global Goal on Adaptation, Climate finance mobilization, Assessing ambition of new NDCs, Roadmap to transition from fossil fuels, Carbon Markets and Article 6, Roadmap to halt deforestation by 2030

Indigenous woman of the Kambiwá people, socio-environmental activist and human rights defender. Through ANMIGA, she promotes and defends the rights of Indigenous women and girls, with an emphasis on confronting gender-based violence. She holds specializations in Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples (at the UN headquarters in Geneva) and in Environment and Climate Change (Instituto Rio Branco, Brazil's diplomatic academy), and is a UNODC Youth Ambassador.

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Bella Cisse

Organization: Network for Inclusive Development in Sahel (NIDS)

Country / region: Mali / West Africa

Is currently working as executive Director of the Network for Inclusive Development in Sahel (NIDS), and African Regional Focal point of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus (GIYC). Originally from the Fulani pastoral community of the Sahel, he has many years of experience in environmental issues and community development, particularly those related to the environment and the rights of pastoral peoples. He also works in education and development that impact Indigenous Peoples and their local communities. His advocacy work takes place at the local, national, regional, and international levels, where he translates international discussions to the local level and vice versa. He has advocated for the recognition and respect of the voices and rights of isolated Indigenous peoples. He holds numerous positions and is a member of several boards at the national, regional, and international levels.