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# Bruno Jochum

Executive Director | Climate Action Accelerator

**Bruno Jochum** is the director and founder of the Climate Action Accelerator.

He has been involved in emergency medical humanitarian action for 20 years, having worked all over the world, from Iran to Rwanda to South Africa. After several years in the field with Médecins du Monde as well as with Médecins sans Frontières, he became successively Programme Manager, Director of Operations and then Director General of Médecins sans Frontières in Geneva (OCG), an NGO employing 7000 staff and a budget of 260 million CHF. Before launching the initiative, he was a Global Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, where the Accelerator was incubated.

Bruno has a degree from Sciences Po Strasbourg in Political Studies and holds a Master's in Political Science from University of Paris I: Panthéon-Sorbonne and in International Public Law from the University of Nancy. His awareness of the human impacts of climate change and his taste for challenge led him to launch this new non-profit initiative, which aims to make a difference by operationalising climate action and provoking a domino effect among organisations in society.





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# Joyeeta Gupta

Professor of Law and Policy in water and environmental resources | University of Amsterdam

**Joyeeta Gupta** is the 2023 winner of the Spinoza Prize, the highest prize in the Netherlands for academic work (Euro 1.5 Million). She co-chaired UNEP's Global Environment Outlook-6 (2016-2021), presented to governments at the United Nations Environment Assembly in 2019, and won the Association of American Publishers PROSE award for Environmental Science. She is presently co-chair of the Earth Commission (2019-2022), and has a plenary presentation to the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2023. She is member of the Global Commission on the Economics of Water (2022-2024), which is preparing a report for the 2023 UN Water Conference.

In 2022, she was awarded the 2022 Piers Sellers Prize for world leading contribution to solution-focused climate research, recent world-leading research outputs and evidence of resulting impacts; application of an interdisciplinary approach; and focus on climate solutions, Priestley International Centre for Climate, Leeds University.

She is full professor of environment and development in the global south at the University of Amsterdam and IHE Delft Institute for Water Education. She is also the Faculty Professor on Sustainability (2019-2024). She leads the programme group on Governance and Inclusive Development. She was lead author in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore and of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment which won the Zayed Second Prize. She has published several books, is on the editorial board of seven journals, and has (co-)edited 13 Special Issues. She has successfully supervised 29 PhDs and is currently supervising 20 PhD students in the areas of climate change, forest, food/fish, water and disaster governance as well as in development challenges such as food governance and child marriage.





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# Gilles Carbonnier

Vice-President | International  
Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

**Gilles Carbonnier** is the vice-president of the ICRC. He also is a member of the Climate Action Accelerator's Board.

Since 2007, he has been a professor of development economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva). Prior to that he worked with the ICRC in Iraq, Ethiopia, El Salvador and Sri Lanka, and served as an economic adviser at the ICRC's headquarters.

His expertise lies in international cooperation, the economic dynamics of armed conflict, and the nexus between natural resources and development.





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# David Nabarro

Strategic Director | 4SD Foundation

**Professor Sir David Nabarro** is Co-Director of the Institute of Global Health Innovation and Professor of Global Health at Imperial College London. He is strategic director of the Geneva-based Foundation Skills, Systems and Synergies for Sustainable Development (4SD). 4SD accompanies practitioners as they advance transformation of complex and contested people-centred systems.

David has served as Special Envoy of the World Health Organization on COVID-19 (since early 2020) and has led the Food Workstream in the UN Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance (GCRG) since March 2022. The GCRG equips the UN to respond to difficulties faced by people and nations due to increases in the cost-of-living, exacerbated by climate change and conflicts.





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# Béatrice Godefroy

Director Policy Engagement | Climate Action Accelerator

**A seasoned professional in humanitarianism, security and peace, [Béatrice Godefroy](#) brings to the Climate Action Accelerator 20 years of experience in the area of public policy, research, strategic management, and project development with a commitment to improve the fate of populations caught in crisis.**

Beatrice currently holds the position of Policy Engagement Director where one of her main areas of focus is the amplification of the climate transformation of the humanitarian sector. Throughout her journey as a humanitarian worker, she was deployed in multiple conflict-affected countries, and served in several leadership roles at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Most recently, Beatrice was Europe Director at the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC), in charge of CIVIC's engagement with European Governments, the European Union, and NATO in view of promoting better policies and practices to improve the protection of civilians.

She holds an MA in Public Policy from Princeton University and graduated from Sciences Po Paris.





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# Kathrine Vad

Outgoing Environment and Climate Change Advisor  
| International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

**Kathrine Vad** has close to 20 years of experience in implementing solutions to the climate and environmental crises.

From May 2017 to October 2023, Kathrine was the ICRC's Environment and Climate Change advisor. Kathrine has been a catalyst for the ICRC's environmental sustainability agenda; she has notably supported the institution in adopting an ambitious GHG emission reduction target, and lead the construction of the ICRC's environmental roadmap.

Before the ICRC, Kathrine worked as an environmental management consultant and sustainability expert for governmental bodies and the private sector.





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# Thomas Thompson

Director Supply Chain Strategic Engagement |  
World Food Programme (WFP)

**Born in California, [Thomas Thompson](#) is currently assigned to WFP HQ responsible for charting the way forward for WFP's supply chain of the future. Tommy has been with WFP for 29 years with over 20 of that in the field. Much of this experience has been in emergency work in austere environments and challenging operations.**

Tommy began his WFP career in Sudan in the early 90s, and has done all things Logistics and supply chain, including managing air operations, river deliveries, procuring bulk grains, and managing interagency offices, much of it in war zones. From Operation Lifeline Sudan, the Indian Ocean Tsunami, building roads in South Sudan, Somalia drought response, Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator, and Ebola response, Beirut blast response, Tommy is one of WFP's more experienced field operatives. His most recent field assignment was as WFP's Emergency Coordinator in Northern Ethiopia.





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# Tewodros Asresehegn

Program Component Manager | Deutsche  
Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit  
(GIZ)

**Tewodros Gebreegziabher Asresehegn** holds the role of Program Component Manager for the GIZ – ClimateSensitive for Land Management (CLM) project. Simultaneously, he is pursuing his PhD at Wageningen University and Research.

His doctoral research centers on identifying viable routes toward the sustainable restoration of agroecosystems. Tewodros is a seasoned expert in natural resource management, with a wealth of experience in Ethiopia's sustainable land management program.

Presently, he spearheads a team of senior advisors collaborating with the Ministry of Agriculture to implement the CLM project. This initiative focuses on strengthening community-based institutions aimed at ensuring sustainable land management in the highlands of Ethiopia.





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# Claire Fehrenbach

Engagement, Impact and Communication  
Director | Nutriset

**Claire Fehrenbach** is the Engagement, Impact and Communication Director for the Nutriset Group.

Nutriset develops and produces nutritional solutions to save lives, prevent and treat malnutrition in the most affected countries.

She first joined the NGO sector during the Kosovo war, and then worked in Africa with refugees and landmines victims. Then from NGO headquarters, she influenced donors and raised institutional funds to develop humanitarian and development projects.

As Oxfam France Executive Director from 2014 to 2018, she was fully mobilized for the Paris agreement in 2015, and remains highly committed to reduce carbon footprint while saving lives.





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# Charlotte Dufour

Senior independent expert on sustainable food systems and co-Chair of Groupe URD

**Charlotte Dufour** has been working on nutrition and food systems for over 20 years, starting with Action contre la Faim (in Afghanistan, HQ and Ethiopia) and Groupe URD.

She worked for the FAO from 2005 to 2017, in Afghanistan and at its headquarters on nutrition-sensitive food systems.

She is an independent consultant since 2017 and currently works with the UNDP-hosted Conscious Food Systems Alliance.

She contributes to the 4SD Foundation Immersions on Living Systems leadership and the Territorial Food Project for the Cluny region (France). Charlotte is the co-Chair of Groupe URD's Board and co-founder of Listening Inspires.





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# Dr Jemilah Mahmood

Executive Director | Sunway Center for  
Planetary Health

**Dr. Mahmood** is a medical professional with decades of experience managing crises in health, disasters and conflict settings, since founding the international humanitarian organization, MERCY Malaysia.

She is currently Professor and Executive Director of the Sunway Centre for Planetary and holds various advisory and board roles, including Roche, Government of Malaysia, Malaysia Red Crescent Society, Norwegian Refugee Council, and the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council of Responsible Resource Use.

Dr Mahmood is also the recipient of numerous awards including the 2019 ASEAN Prize, 2013 Bahrain's Isa Award for Humanity, and the King-Ikeda Award for community development and peacebuilding, amongst others.





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# Fawzia Rasheed

Senior Advisor, Climate and Environment Lead |  
Aga Khan Health Services

**Fawzia Rasheed** is a Programme and Policy Analyst with a science research background. She is Climate and Environment Lead for Aga Khan Health Services, and holds professorships at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the James P. Grant School of Public Health.

She is also a member of the Executive Committee for the Lancet Commission *on Sustainable Health Care* working on KPIs for global use. Fawzia has worked with over 20 governments. She was Senior Policy Advisor to an intergovernmental South–South initiative of 16 Ministries of Health; a Global Health Leadership Fellow and has been 'Senior Policy Adviser' to the World Health Organization (WHO), UNAIDS, and The Global Fund.

Relevant to this session: her work in decarbonizing health care is at the forefront of this field. The innovative methods that her team has developed have been vetted and co-branded with WHO, and shared by WHO with all member states. Fawzia has led training for representatives of over 40 countries' Ministries of Health, including Kenya. Her own day-to-day responsibilities include reaching net-zero operations for over 400 facilities and hospitals in 8 countries – all LMICs by 2030. Much of her work is published in peer reviewed journals and her technical and policy advice is highly sought after in this field.





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# Kiran Jobanputra

Health Programme Lead | Climate Action Accelerator

**Kiran Jobanputra** leads the Climate Action Accelerator's health programme.

He is a medical doctor specialising in family practice and public health, and has worked for 16 years in humanitarian medical programmes with Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) as well as with the World Health Organisation (WHO) on non-communicable diseases in humanitarian emergencies.

He joined the Accelerator to bring together his interests in health equity, improving access to care in fragile and conflict-affected settings, and strengthening resilience and environmental sustainability of health services.





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# Aditya Gurudanti

Head ESG & Sustainability Operations |  
Dr Reddy's Laboratories

**A solutionist at heart, [Aditya Gurudanti](#) has been putting sustainability in the centre of strategy table for about a decade.**

Expert at framing viable business cases for ESG, Aditya aims to make value chain sustainable, not by compulsion, but by pure business choice. As a believer in human ingenuity, he believes that industry can provide solutions to global problems such as climate change & global food crisis.

Aditya is an electrical engineer by graduation & an MBA by post grad. Previous to Dr Reddy's, he was working with Novartis in supply chain sustainability.





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# Vincent Bretin

Director of Results and Responsible for the  
climate roadmap | Unitaid

**Vincent Bretin** joined Unitaid in 2016 as Director of the Results team, in charge of Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact assessment across Unitaid's portfolio.

Since 2020, Vincent has also been leading Unitaid's work in Climate and Health – from the initial carbon footprinting of Unitaid's investments to the inclusion of Climate and Health as a key priority within Unitaid's 2023–2027 Strategy.

Vincent holds a PhD in Physics, and started his career as strategy consultant at the Boston Consulting Group where he worked for over a decade.





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# Sonia Roshnik

Executive Director | Geneva Sustainability  
Centre, International Hospital Federation

**Sonia Roshnik** is Executive Director of the Geneva Sustainability Centre for the International Hospital Federation. She also is a member of the Climate Action Accelerator's Board.

The Geneva Sustainability Centre is set up to support hospitals and healthcare leadership to ensure their contribution towards a healthy and sustainable future for all. It offers sustainable leadership development programmes and tools to support rapid progress on this agenda including the Carbon Emissions Learning Lab and the Sustainability Accelerator Tool.

Sonia comes with 30 years of experience in health and social care internationally as a clinician, in senior hospital management, and in sustainability. She was previously International Climate Policy Director for Health Care Without Harm and Director of the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) in the National Health Service (NHS) in England.

She trained as an Occupational Therapist, holds a Masters degree in Systems Thinking and is a member of the Faculty of Public Health in the UK. She is committed to the transformations needed for a sustainable and healthy planet for all.





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# Fiona Macklin

Senior Adviser | Groundswell, Global Optimism  
and former Campaign Director, Race to Zero,  
UNFCCC

**Fiona Macklin** is currently Senior Advisor to Groundswell, a joint project by the Bezos Earth Fund, Global Optimism, and the Systems Change Lab.

Groundswell supports a diverse and distributed chorus of voices to shape a narrative of courage and possibility, in order to achieve our Paris goals.

Prior to joining Global Optimism, Fiona led the Race to Zero campaign as part of the Climate Champions' team.





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# Mathieu Lizée

PhD student in Physics | Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris

**Mathieu Lizée** is a former student of the Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris, where he studied quantum optics and condensed matter physics.

He started working on mesoscopic properties of 2D disordered superconductors at the Sorbonne Université as a master student. He subsequently shifted his interests towards nanofluidics and is now working as a PhD student in the group of Alessandro Siria and Lydéric Bocquet at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris. Using homemade scanning probe microscopes and transport experiments in nanochannels, he focuses on ion transport at the nanoscale and on liquid–solid interactions.

Aside from physics, he has been giving talks on sustainability and transition, trying to give a physics-based perspective and draw possible directions for the future. For a few weeks now, together with a few other scientists, he is advocating for the environmental transition through the Manhattan project, attempting at accelerating research and industrialisation on the technological side of the transition.





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# Rob Macquarie

Adviser in Climate policy, former Policy Analyst and Research Adviser to Lord Nicholas Stern | Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics

**Rob Macquarie** is a political economist, writer, and expert on climate policy and finance, just transition, and sustainable development. He works as an independent advisor and consultant to governments, international organisations, and civil society initiatives.

He was formerly a research advisor to Lord Nicholas Stern and an analyst at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (LSE). His research on global climate finance flows with Climate Policy Initiative has been used by the UNFCCC and IPCC





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# Alexandre Robert

Senior Community Project Manager | Climate Action Accelerator

**Alexandre Robert** joined the Climate Action Accelerator to coordinate its community of actors. A nurse by training, he has worked since 2010 in emergency and psychiatric services and as a project and research manager in health promotion. Graduated with a Master's degree in Public Health and Environment from the Université de Lorraine and a Master of Science in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, he worked for five years in the response to health crises for the United Nations in West Africa and the DRC. An activist since 2018, he participated in the co-founding of the francophone association Alliance Santé Planétaire. This activity led him to develop the promotion of planetary health in the Francophone space and to teach it at Sciences Po Paris. Defining himself as a planetary health nurse, Alexandre hopes to participate in the emergence of a coalition of actors committed to taking care of all living things in order to preserve and regenerate the conditions of habitability of our Earth.





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# Dr Karim Laouabdia-Sellami

President | Climate Action Accelerator

**Karim Laouabdia-Sellami** is the former deputy general director of the Agence française de biomedicine, a French government body, former director of MSF's Campaign for Essential Medicine and former Director General of MSF in Paris. **He is President of the board of the Climate Action Accelerator.**