

The Importance of Engaging Young People in the Dialogue on Water and Human Rights

Panellist's Bios

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Mr. Imanol Aguilera is a young Spanish and Uruguayan professional born and raised in the Geneva Region. Imanol is a legal researcher specialised in International Water Law and Human Rights. Having Worked at Waterlex, he is now part of the Human Right 2 Water team. He holds a Bachelor in International Relations and Development (University of Sussex, UK) and a masters in International Environmental Law and Sustainable Development (SOAS University, UK). He also pursued his legal studies by completing a Graduate Diploma in Law at BPP University in London, Waterloo. Through his academic and professional experiences, Imanol has become familiar, and has developed extensive skills in the areas of human rights advocacy, legal research and mapping, and capacity building.

Gussie Lloyd

Communications Manager, Human Right 2 Water, Switzerland



Born in the UK and having completed her secondary education at the International School of Geneva, Switzerland, Gussie Lloyd obtained a first class degree in Liberal Arts from Royal Holloway, University of London. With a passion for helping the vulnerable, her previous experience includes working as fundraising and marketing coordinator for a project that strove to attain an innovative, cost-efficient and sustainable solution to combat post-harvest losses in Ghana. Currently, Gussie is working as communications manager at Human Right 2 Water, where she writes, edits and distributes content, including publications, website content, and other marketing material that communicates the organisation's activities and services, as well as assists in the coordination and management of Human Right 2 Water's Webinar Series.

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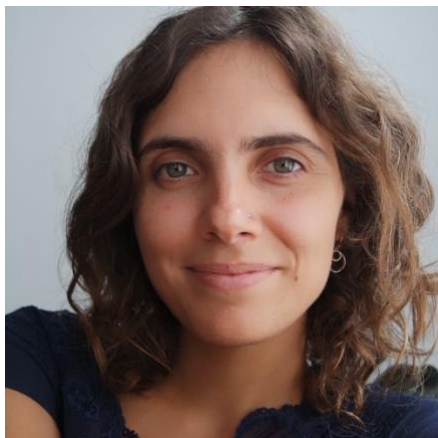
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Mr. Daniel Cano is a historian with a PhD from Georgetown University. Currently he works as Adviser on Indigenous Affairs for the Office of the Secretary General at Organization of American States. He is also co-Founder of the Kuykuitin Project.
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Antonella Vagliente

Co-Founder & Director General, Young Water Solutions, Belgium



Born and raised in Argentina, Antonella is co-founder and Director of Young Water Solutions, an international NGO based in Brussels that supports young people to become water and sanitation entrepreneurs. She started carrying out environmental projects when she was 15 years old, specializing in the last 6 years in WASH projects and youth empowerment. She is also a water and youth advocate, former Vice President of the World Youth Parliament for Water, and a Global Shaper (youth community of the World Economic Forum).

Muhammad Wasif Bashir Babar

Founder and President, Pakistan Youth Parliament for Water, Pakistan



Mr. Muhammad Wasif Bashir Babar born & raised in Pakistan and a very energetic, globally well recognized young Human Rights to WASH leader, youth ambassador and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) advocator. He hold Master of Science (MS) degree in Environmental Science (Specialization in Sustainable Water Sanitation Health & Development); Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology while working in Water sector since 2008. Mr. Wasif is an international youth leader and speakers on United Nation (UN) Agenda 2030 to transfer our future into a peaceful & sustainable development. He has organized different national and international youth related summit, congresses, and forums. He played his

proactive role as a speaker, panellist, moderator, observer and organized sessions in international youth summits, forums and high level congress related to SDGs, Youth, Ecology, Peace and Climate Change. He believes that access to clean drinking water, adequate sanitation and improved hygiene (WASH) is fundamental human rights which must be provided to each and every inhabitant of this planet.

Nuzhat Bashir

Youth Leader and Social Enterpriser in WASH, Pakistan



Ms. Nuzhat Bashir is a young Human Rights to Water and Sanitation Professional from Pakistan. She completed higher education in Textile Designing with focus on Water Use Efficiency, adequate sanitation and improved hygiene. She is youth Leader and social enterpriser in WASH concentrating on Menstruation Hygiene Management (MHM) as fundamental human rights for eradication of period's poverty and achieving sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) inclusively. Ms. Nuzhat is playing her role to engage & empower youth & women in SDG6 (WASH) and climate change to ensure gender inclusion, integrity & equity for creating respectful employment for women through social enterprise. She have dream to develop a congenial platform for women to eradicate the poverty for their prosperity making the planet a peaceful with strong global partnership.

Ashton Busani Mpofo

National Lead, South African Young Water Professionals, South Africa



Ashton is a Senior Water Sector Analyst at GreenCape Sector Development Agency and has worked in the water sector for over six years. His current role encompasses working in the interface of business, government, academia and investors, providing support to support a transition to a water resilient and sustainable green economy. Ashton is passionate about the green economy for sustainable development and is voluntarily deeply involved in the development of the water sector. He currently serves as the National Lead of the South African Young Water Professionals (YWP-ZA) an empowerment platform of WISA and chapter of IWA. Ashton also serves in a number of committees, working and reference groups and advisory boards to advance the water sector. He continues to be involved in water research and has presented in over

five international conferences, published extensively and acts as a reviewer for reputable international journals.

Sheila Ruyondo

East Africa Local Coordinator, Young Water Solutions, Uganda



A Rwandan and Ugandan native, Sheila holds an LLB (Bachelor of Laws) from the Uganda Pentecostal University. She is the founder of the NGO Turi Kumwe, and has previously worked on policy analysis and process mapping to ensure more efficient gender mainstreaming. She has built her career in a variety of roles, ranging from WASH to international education, rule of law program design, and rural public health.

Cauhtémoc Osorno Córdova

World Youth Parliament for Water, Mexico



Cauhtémoc Osorno Córdova has an environmental management bachelor's degree, and he is a researcher on water and sanitation, especially on public policy and human rights. He has collaborated with organizations such as Oxfam México, ONU habitat and Friedrich Ebert Foundation. He is currently a member of Red Mexicana de Cuencas (REMEXCU) and WATERLAT-GOBACIT network. Now, Cauhtémoc is working on the creation of the Mexican Chapter of the World Youth Parliament for Water to promote youth empowerment and generate creative solutions in water management

Abishek Narayan

Coordinator, Swiss Water Partnership Youth, Switzerland



Abishek S Narayan is a coordinator for the newly formed Swiss Water Partnership Youth. He is also a doctoral researcher at Eawag (Swiss Federal Institute for Water) and ETH Zurich. His interests in water came from founding the Clean Adyar Initiative, a citizen action group on river restoration in Chennai, India. He has a background in Engineering and Environmental Policy from Anna and Oxford Universities. He is a visiting lecturer on the topics of Water, Sanitation, Urbanisation etc., at EPFL, TU Berlin, IHE Delft among others. He is on the board of global WASH networks



such as SWP and SuSanA. As a recipient of several fellowships for young people such as the Commonwealth, Skoll Leading for Impact, Unleash, and SHA junior research award, he strongly believes in the contribution that young people can make towards the SDGs, with the right enabling environment.