

## Energy transition and health rights

*Policy debate hosted by the Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2) ahead of WHO EB 156*

**Thursday 23 January 2025, 13.00-14.30 CET**

### **SPEAKERS BIO**

#### **Speakers**

##### **Zagy Berian, Society of Renewable Energy**



Zagy is a social impact leader with a passion for youth engagement in the energy and climate sector, seeking opportunities to leverage research, organizational leadership, and multi-organizational collaboration to accelerate sustainable development. Complementing his academic pursuits, Zagy has authored 6 publications and cares to help students grow and do more in climate and energy through the Society of Renewable Energy (SRE), of which he is a founder. His organization, aims to accelerate Indonesia's energy transition through youth empowerment and multi-organizational collaboration. His leadership has led to the creation of more than 300 events with accumulated participants of around 400k from students to civil society and aimed at increasing gender equality in the energy sector. SRE experienced extensive growth during a 5-year period, with a sustainability ecosystem encompassing 47 student branches, 4,000 regenerative members annually, and handling around million dollars of social projects. Besides SRE, Zagy helps the G20 ETWG for youth movement together with the MEMR, collaborates with B20 TF ESC for side events, Chief of Southeast Asia Youth Forum on Energy of ASEAN. Zagy often participates in events under SRE, including COP 26 – COP 28, the IRENA Youth Forum, scientific conferences, and several national and international events. Zagy actively engages in the global network in SDG 7 YC as a regional focal point in 2022, Global Councils for SDGs IRENA, and the Youth Climate Justice Fund as a Regional Focal Point in South Asia.

### **Lorenz Henggeler, Swiss Climate Activist**



Lorenz Henggeler is a climate activist from Switzerland. Over the past years he engaged with a variety of NGOs to promote climate action, including WWF Switzerland and grassroots organisations such as Swiss Youth for Climate or the Sustainability Week Switzerland. In his professional career he contributed to research on SDG 16 indicator measurement as well as inequality in Switzerland and represented the Swiss position in international climate negotiations. He holds a double master's degree in sustainable development from Tsinghua University and the University of Geneva.

### **Aida Kiangi, Independent Renewable Energy Expert**



Aida is a seasoned and dedicated senior executive with 25+ years of experience and significant leadership accomplishments in strategy development, institutional capacity building, operational planning and financial management in the private sector (extractive and energy), civil society and public sector. Proven success driving innovation and game-changing strategies at senior levels within various sectors including renewable energy and development sector. She has received several awards including being named MBA Alumni of the Year 2013- at Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. She has an MBA (Strategy and Leadership) from Copenhagen Business School, Denmark and an MSc, in Environmental Science from Stellenbosch University, South Africa. She also earned a BSc, in Physical Geography and Biology from the National University of Lesotho.

### **Shalom Iboh, Renewable Energy leader and Climate advocate**



Shalom Chilaru Iboh is a doctoral researcher at the Sustainable Process Design Laboratory, University of Florida, integrating multi-physics simulations, optimization techniques, and machine learning to develop models for sustainable and cost-effective energy solutions. Passionate about addressing energy poverty in Nigeria, she founded Renew Watts Technologies, which has mobilized climate advocates and energy educators, impacting over 5,000 people across 30+ countries. Shalom spearheaded the development of an innovative solar kit designed to replace kerosene lamps, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and repurposing e-waste, earning recognition as a CleanTech Challenge finalist by the London Business School. Shalom has held pivotal roles, including Energy Analyst and

Gender Equality Strategist for the Zero-Emissions Generators (ZE-GEN) initiative. She has championed gender action plans and inclusion in renewable energy technologies, advocated for policy reforms at high-level events like COP29, and co-developed policy recommendations presented at the T20 Summit. With advanced training from institutions such as the University of Oxford, she leverages over five years of cross-sectoral climate leadership to drive Africa's sustainable future and protect the planet.

**Nicoletta Dentico, Director Global Health Justice Program, Society for International Development**



Nicoletta Dentico, journalist and writer, has a solid experience in international cooperation, human rights and public health. After successfully coordinating the *Campaign to Ban Landmines* in Italy, she directed *Médecines Sans Frontières (MSF)*, inaugurating the organization's programs on migrants' rights. She was long involved in the *MSF Campaign on Access to Essential Medicines*, and then led the policy advocacy at *Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi)*. She worked for the *World Health Organization (WHO)* on the global strategy on public health, innovation and intellectual property rights – a topic she continues following to date. She currently leads the global health justice program at *Society for International Development (SID)* and co-chairs the civil society platform Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2). She teaches global health at the University La Sapienza in Rome. She has written extensively on health rights and international development policies, including the books: "Rich and Generous? The Dark Weft of Philanthrocapitalism" (2020); "The Geopolitics of Health: COVID-19, WHO and the Pandemic Challenges" (2021). She is married and has three children.

**Moderator**

**Passy Amayo Ogolla, Program Manager Energy, Environment and Climate Futures, Society for International Development**



Passy Ogolla is currently serving as a Program Manager at the Society for International Development (SID); leading the implementation of the Sustainable Energy Futures (SEF) for Eastern Africa Programme's research, dialogue and evidence-based policy recommendation processes and any linkages to climate change and environmental related activities, with a focus on Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. The initial implementation stages of the SEF Programme resulted in the publication of the energy scenarios report, *Energy for Whom? Scenarios for Eastern Africa*, which is

currently used as a tool for testing energy and climate policies, investments and choices within the Energy Reference Group. She is a member of the official Children and Youth Constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention in Climate Change (YOUNGO), and the Constituency's representative at the UNFCCC Technology Executive Committees (TEC) Taskforce on Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement. She is the Regional Focal Point for East and Southern Africa at the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY)'s SDG7 Youth Constituency, having formerly served as the SDG16 Regional Focal Point for East Africa in 2019. 2019 stood as a pivotal year for global children and youth involvement in the global climate agenda. It is in that year that she took up more nationally focused engagements. During the 4th United Nations Environmental Assembly in Nairobi, she partnered with German youth delegates to raise awareness among young people on the climate crisis, and together partnered with Youth for Climate Kenya to organize the first Fridays for Future Climate March in Nairobi on 15 March 2019, delivering messages from young people to world leaders during the closing plenary of UNEA4. In May 2019, she joined with global youth to create an online climate petitions series on Change.org dubbed All in For Climate Action (AifCA), to act as a platform for raising awareness on the current global climate crisis, as well as place pressure on all citizens and world leaders to take immediate climate action for the sake of securing a sustainable future for all. The online youth movement consists of 91 young climate champions from across the globe who have mobilized more than 1.7 million signatures in support for a youth call for immediate climate action to world leaders.

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