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Global Voices Climate Summit

Pathways to Sustainability: Empowering Green Growth

**Theme: Green Technology, Innovation and AI
for Climate Resilience**

The Academic Development Open Virtual Hub (ADOVH) at the University of South Africa, in collaboration with The Dais, will host the Global Voices Climate Action Summit from September 22nd to 25th, 2025. This event will gather young leaders to discuss "Pathways to Sustainability: Empowering Green Growth." Building on the success of their Model United Nations (UN) Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), which engaged nearly **3221** participants, the summit will simulate the workings of the UN and other international organizations. It aims to enhance participants' skills in critical thinking, collaboration, empathy, and problem-solving while addressing the role of Green Technologies in combating Climate Change.

For information relating to the summit,
you can email ADOVH@unisa.ac.za.

Dates and Time

-  **Dates:** 22nd September 2025
-  **Time:** 17h30 to 19h00 (SAST)
-  **Online:** MS Teams and YouTube

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**Theme: Green Technology, Innovation
and AI for Climate Resilience**
Monday, 22 September 2025
Programme Director: Mr T Ravhudzulo

Time	Topic	
17:30 – 17:35	Welcome Remarks	Prof MD Magano
17:35 – 17:40	Context Setting	Dr D Chetty
17:40 – 17:45	STU-501: Model United Nations (UN)	Mr D Harpestad
17:45 – 18:10	Consideration of the Just Transition Towards a Low-Carbon Economy and Resilient Society	Ms B Setshedi
18:10 – 18:35	The G20: An Opportunity for Youth-Led Climate Action	Ms M Mafantiri
18:35 – 18:40	Student Voices	Mr D Harpestad
18:40 – 18:55	The Dais	Mr K Gupta
18:55 – 19:00	Closure	Mr L Mahlangu

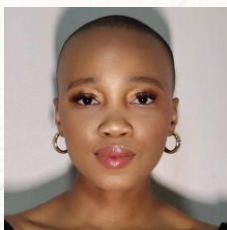
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Ms Moliehi Mafintra



Moliehi Mafantiri is an environmental scientist with an interest in climate diplomacy, the just transition, movement building and gender justice. With a background in environmental management, she is a registered Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Cand. EAP) in South Africa. Currently, she works at the Institute for Economic Justice as a Junior Researcher: Climate Finance. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Geography and Environmental Management from the University of the Free State. She is a trained climate policy negotiator accredited by the Harvard Kennedy School and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Before joining the IEJ, she was a development consultant focusing on civil society perspectives on climate change and gender mainstreaming in Lesotho. Additionally, she worked as a Research and Policy Officer at the Climate Action Network South Africa. As a researcher, she has contributed to several publications, including the BRICS Youth Energy Outlook 2024. Owing to her interest in youth advocacy, she was a member of the African Union Youth Reference Committee, where she engaged with the Office of the Youth Envoy as co-chair of the Migration and Climate Change Working Group.

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Ms Bridgette Setshedi



Bridgette is the Manager: Climate Mitigation at the Presidential Climate Commission (PCC). She is a sustainability professional with over a decade of experience in climate policy, regulation, and advisory work, spanning both national and sub-national levels of government. Her expertise cuts across key sectors including energy, mining, transport, land development, and spatial planning, where she has worked to integrate climate considerations into development pathways and regulatory frameworks.

Her role in the PCC involves building consensus among diverse social partners, shaping evidence-based recommendations for the country's transition to a low-carbon economy, and ensuring that mitigation pathways are socially just, economically viable, and technically robust.

She holds a Master's degree in Aquatic Ecology from the University of Johannesburg and a Battery MBA from Battery Associates, Ireland, equipping her with both scientific grounding and specialised knowledge in emerging clean energy technologies. Bridgette is passionate about fostering innovation, advancing sustainable energy solutions, and supporting South Africa's contribution to global climate goals while ensuring inclusive development at home.

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Global Voices Climate Summit Engagement

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At the Global Voices Climate Action Summit, students will participate in one of the two key committees: ECOSOC and AU. The ECOSOC committee will address economic and social issues, including sustainable development and poverty alleviation, with a particular emphasis on how these issues affect African nations. The AU committee will prioritise strengthening AI capabilities to enhance climate resilience, support indigenous solutions, improve infrastructure, and uphold data sovereignty while advancing intra-African collaboration and global partnerships for green growth. Participants will engage in discussions, draft resolutions, and vote on these resolutions, considering both global perspectives and the unique challenges faced by African countries.

Dates and Time

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Theme: Climate Summit Engagement
Tuesday, 23 September 2025

Time	Topic
Tuesday, 23 September 2025	
14:00-15:00	Session 1: Opening speeches
15:00-16:00	Session 2: Caucuses to Discuss 3-4 sub-issues
16:00-17:00	Session 3: Drafting Resolutions
17:00-18:00	Session 4: Discussions on the Resolutions
18:00-19:00	Session 5: Voting on the Resolutions

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In shaping a resilient and inclusive future, the G20 must embrace the transformative potential of green technology and artificial intelligence (AI) as catalysts for sustainable development. South Africa, alongside its global partners, stands at a pivotal moment to harness AI-driven innovation in energy, agriculture, and urban planning ensuring environmental stewardship while promoting economic growth. A shared G20 vision rooted in collaboration, ethical AI deployment, and climate-conscious strategies will empower member nations to address pressing global challenges, reduce carbon footprints, and foster equitable progress. By aligning technological advancement with sustainability goals, the G20 can lead the way toward a smarter, greener future for all.

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Dates and Time

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Theme: Green Technology, Smart Futures: AI and Sustainability for a Shared G20 Vision
Thursday, 25 September 2025
Programme Director: Mr K Molaudzi

Time	Topic	Presenter
17:30 – 17:35	Context Setting and Welcome Remarks	Dr D Chetty
17:35 – 18:00	WWF SA's Illustrative Peoples Energy Plan (IPEP) project, Ideal Energy Scenario and its focus on achieving a Low-Carbon Economy by 2025	Ms K Masango
18:00 – 18:25	The role of sports in climate change and sustainability - Collaboration between the global North and South	Prof D Garcia
18:25 – 18:30	Code the Climate Winners	Mr R Wright
18:30 – 18:35	Model UN MOOC Winners	Mr D Harpestad
18:35 – 18:45	Youth Voices - Sharing's Outcomes from the Committees	Per Committee
18:45 – 19:00	Awards and Felicitations - The Dais	Mr K Gupta
19:00 – 19:05	Closing Remarks, Vote of Thanks - The Dais and Unisa ADOVH	Mr D Harpestad

Speakers



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Ms Khabonina Masango



My name is Khabonina Masango, and I am the Climate and Energy Specialist for WWF South Africa. I am currently working on the Illustrative People's Energy Plan (IPEP) project where we developed a technical and socio-economic analytical report that will guide the National Integrated Energy Plan to be developed and implemented. In addition, I have 8 years professional experience in sustainable energy and urban development and have worked in energy efficiency in buildings and solar PV projects in the City of Dakar and City of Cape Town respectively, and climate mitigation in the African regional context. I hold a Master of Urban Studies degree specialising in Sustainable Energy and Efficient Cities from the University of Witwatersrand. I was part of the Open Africa Power (OAP) Fellowship hosted by Enel Foundation and the United Nations Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) in 2022 where I advanced my technical skills in sustainable energy.

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Mr Diego García

Diego García Diego, Oviedo, Spain, 1978. Graduated in Law and Labor Relations from the University of Oviedo, and in Sports Management from FIFA/CIES, he is currently Director of Sports and Entertainment at Ontier and a professor at the Real Madrid Graduate School - European University.

He specializes in the sports sector and has worked at several Spanish football clubs as Director of Foundations and Sustainability Areas, including Getafe FC, CF Fuenlabrada, and RC Deportivo de la Coruña. He has developed various programs to raise awareness in football and among fans. Additionally, as Head of Sustainability Areas at various clubs, he has developed internal programs to improve their performance.

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