



**Ujunwa Ojemeni,**  
African Women in Energy Development Initiative,  
PFAN Advisor

Ujunwa Ojemeni is an impact investing, energy and development expert with experience in the areas of opportunity maturation, financing, and policy. She is focused on driving the achievement of SDG 7 in Africa by 2030 and is an advocate for gender inclusivity/equal representation in the Energy sector.

At the Office of the Honourable Commissioner for Energy & Mineral Resources Lagos State, she drives policies, investments opportunities and implementation strategies to deliver reliable energy to the citizens of the State. She is also an Advisor with: the Private Finance Advisory Network (PFAN) – the hosted by United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) which is focused on bridging the investment gap between investor, entrepreneurs and project developers.

Ujunwa has coordinated several gas and power development opportunities as well as energy funds worth over \$1 Billion. She has received several awards for her phenomenal work in the energy sector including the 2019 Young Leaders Award in the Energy and Sustainability category by the Mandela Washington Fellowship Alumni Association in Nigeria. She was selected as one of 60 young African Clean Energy Leaders by Enel Foundation, and a finalist at the IFC Sustainability Exchange Contest in 2019.

Ujunwa is the founder of the African Women in Energy Development Initiative (AWEDI Network). AWEDI's aim is to promote the growth of women and female students with interest in the sector through mentorship programs, career sponsorship (acceleration), networking opportunities, professional development and leadership training.

She has spoken on several regional and international platforms including: MIT Solve 2020, ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum in Accra, and the West Africa Power and Energy Cooperation Conference in Dakar. Ujunwa's articles have been published by both international and local media outlets such as Forbes, Devex and Business Day. She holds a Master's degree in International Development - Development Finance from the University of Manchester, and has a First-Class Bachelor's of Science degree in Banking and Finance from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.



**Giovanni Porcellana,**  
EPFL

Giovanni is a Nuclear Engineer and Business Developer focused on bringing scientific and technological innovation from academia to society. He currently works at EPFL in Switzerland, after a long experience at CERN, Geneva. In parallel, he is part of the Global Shapers Community and of the Young Ambassadors Society, the association organising the official engagement group of the G20 2021.



**Jasmin Haider,**  
Austrian Ministry for Climate Action, Environment,  
Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

Ms. Jasmin Haider is a policy expert in international energy affairs. As policy officer at the Austrian Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology she specializes in multilateral energy affairs. Currently, she is involved in the preparation of Austria's accession to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the policy network REN21.

Jasmin holds a Master's Degree in European & International Relations from Sciences Po Strasbourg. She previously worked on European policy and policy cycle planning in different international organisations, including the Council of Europe, the European Union and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Jasmin also contributed to various studies and evaluations on European integration as a consultant at Metis.



**Ripu Bhanjan Singh,**  
USAID GTG-RISE Initiative

Ripu comes with an enriching international multi-disciplinary experience of fourteen years in facilitating India's clean energy transition. Ripu specializes in design and development of both on-line and off-line monitoring and evaluation and knowledge management systems. His specialized experience is in the clean energy sector, during which he has worked with a variety of donors and institutions, including USAID, UKAID (DFID) and TERI. While at TERI, he also led multiple key CSR projects for a variety of public and private corporate donors as the Principal Investigator.

Ripu is a great believer in forming alliances. In his most recent engagement at USAID Greening the Grid (GTG) Renewable Integration and Sustainable Energy (RISE) Initiative, he has been instrumental with on boarding of leaders, experts, international agencies and think-tanks in forming interest groups such as the South Asian Women in Energy (SAWIE) Initiative. SAWIE's primary objective is to assist in accelerating representation of women at the leadership levels in the energy, industrial and manufacturing sectors in the South Asia Region.



**Kerry Max,**  
Special Advisor, Climate Finance Partnerships,  
Global Affairs Canada

Kerry has over thirty years of experience in international development including in climate action, gender equality, private sector development, innovative finance, trade, and investment. He currently focuses on promoting gender-responsive climate action partnerships and mobilizing private sector investment to support climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Kerry is a member of the Climate Partnerships task force in Global Affairs Canada's Partnerships for Development Innovation Branch, building on his previous role as Deputy Director, Climate Finance Governance in the Innovative and Climate Finance Bureau.



**Kavita Sinha,**  
Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF

Kavita Sinha is the Deputy Director in Green Climate Fund's Division of Mitigation and Adaptation. She has over 25 years of experience in energy transition, climate mitigation investment, policy and business development. Prior to joining GCF, she worked in leadership roles with multinational firms, international development agencies, philanthropy and governments in climate mitigation, sustainable infrastructure and digital utility space. She also served as a senior climate policy advisor to the US Mission in India and managed a South Asia regional programme for energy cooperation for the US Agency for International Development.

She has an honours degree in Chemical Engineering with graduate training in energy systems from leading engineering schools in India as well as an MBA from Rutgers Business School, USA. She has also studied international relations and political economy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



**Reuben James Barrete,**  
Male Champions of Change

Reuben is a development worker, independent consultant, and advocate based in Manila, Philippines. He is currently the Program Director of Champions of Change Philippines Group, a coalition network that works with influential leaders to redefine the role men play in acting on gender inequality. It activates peer groups of male CEOs, supports them to step up beside women, and facilitates the adoption of high impact actions within their organizations and across sectors.

Reuben has a wide professional experience, and has worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, doing communications, and policy and research advocacy for the Philippine government's Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), and the International Center for Innovation, Transformation, and Excellence in Governance (INCITEGov) on causes related to peace and security, social protection, gender, and human rights. He has also gained experience in campaigns management, lobbying, and capacity building during his relevant years of engagement with a registered lobbying and campaigns firm in the Philippines catering political, corporate, and advocacy projects. He holds a Master in International Studies from the University of the Philippines, and a Bachelor in Public Administration and Governance from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.



**Pontsho Moletsane**  
Entrepreneur, GCIP South Africa 2017

Pontsho is the founder of the cleantech startup Yellow Beast (Pty) Ltd, which makes and sells Nosetsa, a digital, remote and solar-powered product that saves water in agricultural markets.



**Israel Faleye,**  
Co-founder CEO at MYSOLARBID LTD

Israel Faleye is a clean energy analyst and consultant with about 4 years of experience in the solar industry across different roles and organisations, including P7 Development Ltd., UK, Renewable Energy Access Network (also referred to as the Renewable Energy Association of Nigeria, “REAN”), DKL Systems and Pirano Energy.

Israel recently co-founded MySolarBid Ltd. – Nigeria’s premier online solar comparison shop. MySolarBid helps users access pre-verified solar installers and multiple financing options to provide sustainable and alternative power solutions for their businesses and residents. He started in the energy sector as an undergraduate intern in 2013 at Nigeria’s highest-emitting power plant, Egbin thermal station. After learning about carbon emission and climate change, Israel switched to renewable energy (“RE”). His first engagement in the RE industry was as a project strategist for the \$200m Social Housing, Energy and Economy Project (“SHEEP”) by P7 Development Ltd. UK, at Ede, Nigeria in 2016. Afterward, he worked with REAN as the association’s pioneer staff and consulted for various RE firms in off-grid energy data collection and analysis. He finished with a 2:1 in Physics with Electronics from Osun state university and has a Masters degree in Energy Economics from the Center for Petroleum, Energy Economics and Law (“CPEEL”), University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Israel’s career choice is summed up in his belief that “the need for energy is what brings us together, but only clean energy will keep us together.”



**Mr. Samuel Afadu,**  
Co-Founder Light My World International

Samuel is the Co-Founder of Light My World International, an non-governmental organization based in Ghana providing access to safe and clean lightning solution to students living in villages without electricity. Having seen and researched about the plight of students and inhabitants of communities without electricity in the world especially in Ghana and Africa, Samuel organized a team to come together and propose solutions to such problems. Currently he is a Scholar at the Ban Ki-Moon Centre for Global Citizens as a result of his project ideas and zeal towards helping to reach the SDGs. He holds a degree in Actuarial Science from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana.

As a passionate social and well being individual, Samuel has been part of high profile international conferences such as the European Forum Alpbach – a leading interdisciplinary conference and a variety of academic and artistic seminars, United Nations Youth Assembly which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York where he deliberated with over 1500 youth from all over the world discussing and initiating actions for social inclusion and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal of the United Nations, Global Youth Forum and many others. He is also a Shaper of the Global Shapers’ Prague Hub under the World Economic Forum.

Samuel and his team at Light My World participated in the I4A and emerged as regional finalist(Africa) of the Ideas for Action (I4A) 2018 edition which is a World Bank Group and the Zicklin Center at Wharton competition, which engages young people to develop innovative solutions in support of the implementation of the SDGs.



## **Anurag Maloo,** Seedstars

Anurag is currently leading Partnerships for Seedstars in Asia-Pacific, to impact people's lives in emerging markets through technology and entrepreneurship. Currently, he is the Program Director for CTCN Youth Climate Innovation Labs and leads the key partner accounts focussing on UN SDGs.

He is the Cofounder and Director of Green and Good Foundation. He is an entrepreneur, community builder, innovation and well-being coach and an ecosystem architect. As a multicultural professional experienced in developing and operationalising innovation strategies in the non-profit, public and private sector, and in international development, Anurag brings a depth of leadership experience in creating inclusive startup communities and vibrant entrepreneurship ecosystems across India and Asia-Pacific.

Previously, he has worked with Techstars, the global platform for investment & innovation, as Regional Manager (Asia-Pacific) for 6 years, to grow, develop and catalyse the regional entrepreneurship ecosystems across APAC. He has been instrumental in launching Techstars India, and was the Happiness Director for the first cohort of Techstars Bangalore Accelerator. He is also the Curator for Emerging Economies Startup Digest, and a Global Facilitator, Community Leader, Mentor & Jury for Startup Weekend from the last 7 years.

Anurag is a former Teach For India fellow who was selected as 2041 Antarctic Youth Ambassador and was invited to join the polar explorer and environmental leader, Robert Swan (OBE, FRGS) on the 2041 Inspire International Antarctic Expedition in 2013. He is a former UNLEASH Global Talent 2018 and now involved as UNLEASH+ Specialist and UNLEASH Global Facilitator for SDG Innovation Labs since 2019.

Previously, he has also been involved in various climate action, sustainable development, entrepreneurship development and innovation projects worldwide with Techstars, StartupWeekend, UNLEASH, #Hack4Climate 2017 (UNFCCC's COP23), Initiatives of Change, Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN), 350.org and North East Centre for Environment Education and Research (NECEER). He continues to engage globally with young people, and bring global communities together to accelerate the pace of innovation and development towards achieving UN SDGs 2030.



## **Akshay Makar,** Climatenza Solar

Akshay Makar is an experienced thought-leader, Innovator, and Climate Entrepreneur within the field of sustainability. His vision is to dedicate his professional career in making breakthrough technologies using Innovation as a tool for improved sustainability practice, helping global sustainable solutions succeed, and making the sustainability agenda more attractive. He is driven by a strong passion to accelerate the transition towards a renewable energy future. Under his leadership, CLIMATENZA has become a global energy company with offices in India and Chile.



**Olasimbo Sojinrin,**  
Country Director at Solar Sister Nigeria

Olasimbo Sojinrin is a strong advocate for renewable energy and women empowerment across Africa. She is currently the Country Director at Solar Sister Nigeria, where she leads a network of women entrepreneurs distributing clean energy products in underserved communities across Nigeria. She has received many awards, including Gender mainstreaming in Energy Award Champion by ECOWAS ECREEE 2019, Google Impact Challenge in 2018, Winner of the 2017 Rurh Summit in Germany, 2016 Woman in Energy award from the Nigerian Energy Forum and 2015 Emerging Leader at Techwomen USA.

She has presented at national and international forums, including UNCSW annual meeting and the UNCTAD's Commission on Science and Technology. Simbo is the National President of Women's Consortium of Nigeria. She holds a Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship from INSEAD and a Masters in Public and International Affairs from University of Lagos.

Olasimbo started her career early in 1997 by advocating for the rights of young persons and taking a role as youth Director, Women's consortium of Nigeria (WOCON), a National NGO committed to the enforcement of Women and children's Rights and the attainment of equality, development and peace. She was the first elected African youth Representative that served as an advisory committee to the board of ECPAT International. Olasimbo was an Oxfam Action Partner at the International Youth Parliament in 2002. Olasimbo began to focus on Climate change when she joined the British Council in 2004, there she managed several partnership projects including Connecting Classrooms, Dream + Teams and Green Clubs that strived to educate secondary schools students on issues of Climate change.

She thereafter took a role as Capacity Development Manager of a UNDP assisted project called 'Access to Renewable Energy' where she pushed for climate change legislation with policy makers at Federal and State level as well as organised capacity development programs for renewable energy service providers in Nigeria and financial institutions. Olasimbo organised 3 annual high-level renewable energy investment forums to drive funding to the sector.

In 2014, she took up the Country Manager role at Solar Sister, a social enterprise with a mission to eradicate energy poverty through women's economic empowerment. Solar Sister solves the problem of 'last mile' energy access and brings high-quality, affordable clean energy solutions right to the community's doorsteps and also offering women an opportunity to make a sustained living by distributing clean energy products. She also serves as Director of Women's Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON) founded by Bisi Olateru-Olagbegi in 1995.



**Malgosia Bartosik,**  
WindEurope

Malgosia joined WindEurope in 2004, working her way up from intern to deputy CEO. She is responsible for all business operations, PR and membership strategy. She was announced one of the Wind's 100 most influential female power-brokers, deal-makers and influencers in A World about Wind 2017 report. In 2015, the Recharge magazine has proclaimed Bartosik as one of the 40 under 40, in acknowledgement of her key contribution in driving WindEurope's successful operations, and a celebration of the decade of outstanding commitment to the development of the wind industry in Europe. Bartosik is also a regular speaker at various meeting industry events, advising associations executives and events' planners on creative marketing, crisis management and communication strategies. She is one of the city of Brussels Ambassadors, actively engaged in promotional activities of the Europe's capital.

Since March 2020, Malgosia co-ordinates the activities of the RE-Source Platform. The Platform raises awareness on the advantages of renewable electricity sourcing and advocates for the right EU and national energy market legislation to boost green electricity procurement.



**Tareq Emtairah,**  
UNIDO

Mr. Tareq Emtairah has recently joined the UNIDO family as the Director of the Department of Energy. Mr. Emtairah's work experience spans over 22 years in developed and emerging economies with a progressive focus on sustainable industrial transformation, energy transition, policy advocacy, applied research and capacity development. Before joining UNIDO, he worked as a senior research fellow at the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE) at Lund University, Sweden where he worked with research and analysis on the transition to low carbon economies with a focus on cleaner technologies and cities. From June 2012 to June 2015, he served as the executive director of the Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), an inter-governmental technical cooperation center based in Cairo, where he drove for the conceptualization, development and implementation of the programmatic areas of the Center for advancing policies and strategies for sustainable energy in the MENA region. Mr. Tareq Emtairah is a graduate of Lund University-Sweden, where he received a PhD in Industrial Environmental Economics (2009), and Rutgers University-USA, where he received his BS in Materials Engineering (1990).



**Christine Lins,**  
GWNET

Ms. Christine Lins works as Executive Director of GWNET, the Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition, which aims at empowering women in the sustainable energy sector, and. Furthermore, she is Member of the Board of Directors of ISES, the International Solar Energy Society.

From July 2011 until March 2018, Ms. Lins acted as Executive Secretary of REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network of the 21st Century, headquartered at UNEP, the United Nations Environment Programme in Paris/France.

Between 2001 and 2011, Ms. Lins served as Secretary General of the European Renewable Energy Council. Previously, she worked in a regional energy agency in Austria promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

Ms. Lins holds a Masters degree in international economics and applied languages. She has more than 25 years of working experience in the field of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.



**Sheila Oparaocha,**  
ENERGIA/Hivos

Sheila Oparaocha has eighteen years of working experience in the gender and energy sector. She holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Veterinary Medicine and a Master's Degree in Gender and Development Planning. Sheila is the International Coordinator and Programme Manager of the ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy. She has the overall and primary responsibility for managing ENERGIA's international programmes, planning, monitoring, reporting and liaising with ENERGIA's donors. Sheila also provides technical support to ENERGIA's activities on women entrepreneurship development, gender mainstreaming in energy programmes, international policy advocacy, research and evidence development, network building and knowledge management. Sheila co-chairs the Sustainable Development Goal 7 Technical Advisory Group that has been convened by UNDESA to review progress on SDG 7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs for the 2018 High level Political Forum.



**Hooria Faizi Sardarzada,**  
Director General of Early Childhood Care and  
Education ECCE/Kindergartens at Ministry of  
Labor and social affairs in Afghanistan

Horia Faizi Sardarzada is responsible to overlook the service providing processes of ECCE in the country. Previously she was working as Deputy Program Director for Women's Economic Empowerment National Priority Program in Afghanistan where she had a policy level role for empowering women economically in Afghan context. Before that, she was serving as an Expert of Gender thematic area of One UN with UN Women at the Office Afghan President on UN Affairs, where she was providing assistance on carrying out the One UN Agenda in Afghanistan with UN Women on gender related issues.

She is also a board member and research fellow in Afghanistan Center for Policy Studies (ACPS), which is a nonprofit policy studies and research organization, established by a committed group of Afghan academic and development specialists. Besides that, she serves as a board member of Women's Initiatives for Sustainable Energy (WISE), which is an Afghan association registered with ministry of justice to educate fresh university female graduates on energy efficiency and advocate for women's empowerment in the energy sector of Afghanistan.

Hooria Faizi Sardarzada holds her first masters in Persian Linguistics and second in Gender and women studies. She has served as WEP ASIA global citizen fellow for Ban Ki Moon Center in 2019 and was a cohort member of Next Generation Leaders Flagship Program of McCain Institute of Arizona University in 2020.

During years of professional and academic life, Hooria has received different appreciation letters and awards included:

- Appreciation letter for best efforts in Early Childhood Development Sector of Afghanistan from Afghan Senate House in 2020, Award for Young figure of the year by FEFA Afghanistan in 2019;
- Appreciation letter for best efforts in taking Gender as Cross cutting issue in One UN from Senior Advisor of Afghan President on UN Affairs 2018;
- Appreciation letter for increasing the number of women in Water Sector from Dr.Abdullah Abdullah Executive Director of Afghan Unity government 2017;

Besides mentioned appreciations; her efforts have been recognized internationally as: Candidate for N-peace Awards in Campaigning for action category from Afghanistan in 2018;



**Rana Ghoneim,**  
UNIDO

Rana has over 15 years of experience at UNIDO in the design and implementation of projects advancing the use of clean energy technologies in developing countries. Her work focused mostly in the MENA region and Africa. Since June 2018, she serves as the Chief of the Energy Systems and Infrastructure Division, where she is responsible for developing the organization's strategy for promoting a carbon neutral energy infrastructure and the decarbonization of industry.

She leads on behalf of UNIDO global initiatives and engagement with global actors such as SEforALL and the Clean Energy Ministerial.

Rana holds a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Science and a Master Degree in Environmental Economics from Imperial College.



**Abir El Saadi,**  
Minister's Advisor for Funding and Developmental  
Projects - Ministry of Trade and Industry – Egypt

Abir worked for several governmental and international organizations providing and expertise reaching currently over 28 years of experience in economic modeling and research, business development, project management, Trade and development agreements, human development and capacity-building strategies, strategic monitoring and evaluation, and results-based finance and budgeting.

Abir is a Professor of Economics, Finance and Investment at SSM, AAST and other universities. She is currently the Minister's Advisor for Funding and Developmental Projects in Ministry of trade and industry responsible of managing, supervising and strategizing the ministry's portfolio of projects with all developmental agencies.

Abir holds a B.Sc. in Economics and Finance from Algeria University, and an MBA in International Marketing from AASTMT. She finished a diploma in Economic Modeling from Sussex University – England and a diploma in Macroeconomic modeling from Purdue University – USA. She received her Doctorate Degree in Business Administration – Finance & Banking from AASTMT.



**Passy Amayo Ogolla,**  
Society for International Development

Ms. 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. Ms. Ogolla 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 Ms. Ogolla 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[1], delivering messages from young people to world leaders during the closing plenary of UNEA4.

In May 2019, Ms. Ogolla 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.



**Marta Luca,**  
SNAM

Marta Luca (Head of Human Capital Development and Diversity & Inclusion – Snam), a global mindset with 18+ years of Human Resources experience in international companies across different industries & multiple roles in Learning & Development, Talent Management & Succession Planning, Performance Management, Organizational Development, Employer Branding & Talent Acquisition, Internal Communication and Engagement Management. Previously Director of Corporate Learning & Development, Talent Management & Organizational Development for Luxottica Group and Group Leadership Development Manager in Barilla, she also worked in Learning & Development roles in the USA and spent 4 years working in Fiat's Corporate University, ISVOR-FIAT. Gained a BA in organizational communication (USA) with a Master Degree in Training & Development (USA) and a three-year certification program in organizational counseling (Italy). Proven track record in bringing innovative tools to all aspects of employee lifecycle and linking people, process, systems to the business strategy. Energetic and creative in delivered a portfolio of complex projects on time and budget by leading teams across different geographies. Passionate about inspiring teams, leveraging on individual talents to ensure performance and engagement. Member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee of Valore D she is very committed in playing as a role model for young female and making organization more diverse, more inclusive.



**Sandra Caballero,**  
REDMERE

Ms. Sandra Caballero is the founder and General Coordinator of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Women's Network (REDMERE) in Mexico, the first and most dynamic network of its kind in Latin America. Sandra is a gender and energy expert with extensive experience in project management in development cooperation. She was appointed member of the IPCC Gender Task Group representing Mexico and she is also a member of the Executive Board of the National Association of Solar Energy, where she drives initiatives on diversity, inclusion, and gender.

She has been a strong advocate for gender equality and women's empowerment in the energy sector. Sandra is a pioneer of gender mainstreaming in the energy transition and has advised multiple governments, national and international organizations on the gender-energy nexus. Currently, she is a senior consultant in development cooperation projects of Canada, the United Kingdom, and South Korea.

Throughout her career, she has led sustainability projects in several Latin American countries. She has worked with the National Women's Institute in Mexico, the German Cooperation (GIZ), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

Ms. Caballero's work, commitment, and passion for REDMERE had been recognized in prestigious newspapers and magazines such as Forbes. Also, she was awarded GIZ's Gender Prize in 2016 and MIREC Community Award in 2018. Furthermore, she was selected as one of the ten most influential women leaders in the Mexican energy sector in 2020.



**Rind Alhage,**  
UNMGCY SDG7

Energy, sustainable development, and youth engagement are Rind Alhage's main passions. She is the co-thematic focal point on Variable Renewable Energy Grid Integration in the UNMGCY SDG7 youth constituency. As a UNESCO Education for Sustainable Development Youth Arab Leader, she has moderated several workshops on the SDGs. She has also represented youth in multiple conferences, notably as a panelist in the NGO-UNESCO liaison committee international forums, and as a speaker at the 2016 « Many Languages, One World » Global Youth Forum at UN HQ.

On an academic level, she is a Lebanese engineering student at École polytechnique in France, specialized in renewable energy such as wind, marine and hydro power. She hopes to combine her scientific and technical knowledge on energy engineering with her interest in energy policies in upcoming doctoral studies. The aim is to bridge the gap between scientific research and policy making to formulate comprehensive action plans that drive the energy transition forward effectively.



**Andrea Micangeli,**  
RES4Africa

Andrea Micangeli (Ph.D. in 2001) published over 100 memories as reviewed papers, book chapter, and publications, in the last 20 years of Renewable Energy System Projects, he involved more than 500 students in Rural Projects and Data Analysis, in more than 80 public-private programs (PPP) successfully realized.

Andrea Micangeli is the coordinator of "RenewABLE Against Covid" the program launched by RES4Africa, and Grand Challenges Scholars Program, with 40 people among professors professionals and students (from national and international Faculties). He launched a specific research initiative on Energy Systems for Covid Emergency Centres in Africa, with a joint training on-line and a real impact on the studied health centres.

As GCSP EU Chapter Director, we propose to continue our research with EU, US and African scientist on Mini Grids Models giving priority to this topic, and these kind of case studies. He also launched Engineering in COVID-19 for Africa chapter of GCSPS of the National Academy of Engineering (Washington) for and the Research Group "Field Studies for Mini-Grids Optimization", within FS4MGO successfully published studies within a strong collaboration among Scholars from Oxford, Columbia NYC, State University of New York, MIT energy initiative Sapienza, Pisa, East African, about new scientific models and tools to optimize Mini-Grids for rural electrification based on real data and scientific evidences, and participated to the research project "Stand-alone Mini-grid based Energy System: optimization through the integration of a Stirling Ice-machine" based on his application of cold chain in Kitobo island- Uganda. For RES4Africa he coordinated 15 sessions of the "Micro Grid Academy" at Strathmore University (Nairobi), University of Zambia, Addis Ababa University.



**Mr. Jichen Liu,**  
Founder&CEO of Clear Plate

Jichen Liu is China's first Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals nominated by UN. He is the Founder and CEO of Clear Plate®, an app that rewards people for not wasting food. Users take photos of their plate after meal, collect points after the image was recognized by AI, and redeem gifts or meal donations with their points. Clear Plate hopes to start a new fashion among the younger generation, encouraging people to carry out the virtue of cherishing food and developing the habit of low-carbon lifestyle.

Launched in 2018, Clear Plate currently has more than 4 million users who have taken 40 million times zero food waste action, which is equivalent to reducing food waste by 1530 tons and carbon emissions by 6000 tons. In light of this, Clear Plate has won the Chinese Food Science and Technology Progress Award and several other awards.

Liu has long been concerned about food and environmental issues. He is also the director of Youth Vegetarian Development Fund, a charitable foundation project aims to promote plant-based lifestyle and support youth veg-advocates.

With years of experience in the field of social innovation, Liu had also won the Champion of UNDP Youth Co:Lab Young Change-Maker Challenge, Social Entrepreneurship Star of The Year 2019, and Gold Medal of Entrepreneurship Competition in Tsinghua University.



**Esther Wanza,**  
UNMGCY

Esther Wanza is an Energy Business Mentor at Energy 4 Impact and the UNMGCY Regional Youth Focal Point for Africa in support of the Food Systems Summit. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Renewable Energy and Bio-fuel Technology from Kibabii University, and while studying there she developed a great interest for off-grid energy technologies that can provide affordable, reliable and sustainable energy solutions in Sub-Saharan Africa. Her recent work at Energy 4 Impact has included supporting women led enterprises, design and implementation of Renewable Energy projects and Research and Development of Productive Use of Energy technologies such Cold rooms, Solar Irrigation and Solar Milling Technologies which have given her a good insight on how to implement sustainable business models in these value chains.