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Our delegates - a diverse set of climate experts and zero waste implementors from across the map are available for interviews and collaboration. For more information, go to www.no-burn.org/COP-waste-and-climate. To schedule an interview with one of our spokespeople, please contact Claire Arkin at claire@no-burn.org or on whatsapp or signal at +1 973 444 4869. To reach our team on the ground, please message **Maribel Vilella** at maribel@no-burn.org / +44 7847 079154.

Maheshkumar Revabhai Pandya (India)

Director of Paryavaran Mitra

Area of Expertise: socio-environmental issues

Mahesh is known as an environmental and human rights activist. His goal is to support and mobilize communities at the local level, guiding them to access, control and manage the resources in a healthy fashion. As the Director of Paryavaran Mitra, he took great initiatives to promote public hearings and engaging in public consultations to establish transparency.

Ramakrishna Anil Kumar (India)

Director for the Mysore branch of Hasiru Dala

Area of Expertise: social justice for waste pickers and social waste management

Anil Kumar joined in 2017 as a Director for the Mysore branch of Hasiru Dala, a social impact organization that focuses on securing social justice for waste pickers. They primarily work on collection of dry waste and effective segregation and recovery of recyclable waste.

Mansoor (India)

Founder of the Clean City Recyclers Association

Area of Expertise: inclusion of waste pickers and informal workers

Mansoor has worked his whole life in scrap shops and over the years he ended up managing a Dry Waste Collection Centre. He also founded the Clean City Recyclers Association and is a member of Thyajya Shramika Sangha, a union of waste pickers speaking for the informal workers in waste across Karnataka.

Gayathri Sankarankutty Nair (India)

Councillor in the state of Kerala, India

Area of Expertise: decentralized waste management practices

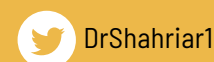
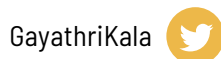
Gayathri is one of the youngest elected representatives in the local bodies in India, and has a Masters in Economics at Pondicherry Central University. She is currently a chairperson of the Health and Sanitation wing of the Trivandrum municipal corporation and promotes decentralized waste management among the state.

MD Shahriar Hossain (Bangladesh)

Founder of Environment and Social Development Organization

Area of Expertise: environmental conservation

Dr. Shahriar Hossain (PhD) is a journalist, ecologist and social justice advocate. He is the founder of the Environment and Social Development Organization. ESDO is committed to protect biological diversity and ensure ecological balance. He is an active member of several professional and activist groups, from journalist societies to NGOs such as GAIA, IPEN, UN Environment and more.



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Maria Fernanda Soliz Torres (Ecuador) **Founder, Alianza Basura Cero Ecuador (ABCE)**

Area of Expertise: political ecology of waste and human rights

María Fernanda is a psychologist, specialist in scientific research, Master in Health and PhD in Public and Environmental Health. She is the founder and general coordinator of the Zero Waste Alliance Ecuador and a member of GAIA since 2010. Her main fields of work are political ecology of waste, sacrificial territories, intercultural health, post-extractivism and more.



Victor Hugo
Argentino de
Morais Vieira



Victor Argentino (Brazil) **Zero Waste Consultant, Instituto Polis**

Area of Expertise: organics management, methane reduction, waste picker justice, closed loop food systems

Victor's work focuses on developing studies and supporting municipalities to develop and implement zero waste strategies, with special focus on composting and organic waste management, in different Brazilian local contexts.



Tamlynn Fleetwood (South Africa) **Researcher for the Urban Future Centre (DUT)**

Area of Expertise: urban and environmental issues and climate change

Tamlynn Fleetwood (PhD) is a research and evaluation specialist with extensive research, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), and project management experience. At present, Tamlynn is the co-investigator and MEL lead on an innovative zero waste project situated in the informal markets of Warwick (South Africa).



Mark Tubedan Peñalver (Philippines) **Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability**

Area of Expertise: sustainable management of watersheds and climate change

Mark Peñalver is a lawyer and currently serves as the Executive Director of Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability. He commits, as his mission, to stop the establishment of a Waste-to-Energy incineration facility in Davao City and he is working with a private company that works towards the management of organic wastes.



Soledad Mella (Chile) **Red LACRE and ANARCH**

Area of Expertise: Waste pickers justice

Soledad Mella is President of the National Association of Recyclers of Chile (ANARCH), member of the Secretariat of the Regional Network of Waste Pickers of Latin America RedLacre, and spokesperson of the International Alliance of Waste Pickers. Her mission is the recognition of grassroots recyclers in Chile and she has a key role in the international negotiations of the plastics treaty.



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Isaac Ndyamuhaki (Uganda) **Programs manager, Circular Economy at GAYO**

Area of Expertise: sustainability, entrepreneurship and youth leadership

Isaac is a passionate conservationist and entrepreneur with deep interest in circular economy, sustainable energy and ecosystem. He consistently laid building blocks towards sustainability through green entrepreneurship, youth leadership and empowerment in conservation spaces at Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO).



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Aline Sousa da Silva (Brazil)

President Director of Catadores de Materiais Recicláveis

Area of Expertise: Waste pickers, sustainability and racial equality

Aline Sousa da Silva is the President Director of the Central das Cooperativas de Trabalho de Catadores de Materiais Recicláveis do Distrito Federal, representative of the National Movement of Waste Pickers and National Secretary for Women and Youth of UNICATADORES. She works as a recycling entrepreneur, committed to sustainability, female empowerment, racial equality and the environment.



Aminetou Bilal (Mauritania)

North Africa Lead, ALMA Youth Advisory Council

Area of Expertise: climate change, youth and women

Geologist by training, Aminetou is currently working on issues related to the environment and climate change, youth, women, peace and security.



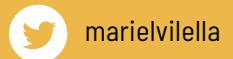
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Mariel Vilella (U.K.)

Global Climate Program Director, GAIA

Area of Expertise: international waste and climate policy

Mariel Vilella is currently leading the development and implementation of the GAIA's Global Climate Program, with focus on methane and organics management, zero waste solutions to climate change, carbon markets or other international sources of climate finance, engaging in policy advocacy at the UNFCCC and other international climate policy spaces.



Christie Keith (U.S.A.)

International Coordinator, GAIA

Area of Expertise: international zero waste, climate justice organizing

Christie joined GAIA in 2005 and has 25 years of experience with social movements and international non-profit organizations. For the last 15 years, Christie has worked from the U.S. on international waste, public health, and environmental justice issues.



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Shibu Nair (India)

Regional Organics Campaigner, GAIA Asia Pacific

Area of Expertise: zero waste systems and organic management

Shibu is one of the pioneers of the zero waste movement in India and led the zero waste campaigns and programs for Thanal in South India. His expertise is in organics management, designing and developing zero-waste systems at the community level, and strategizing zero waste programs and campaigns.



Yobel Putra (Indonesia)

Global Climate Policy Officer, GAIA Global

Area of Expertise: zero waste and environmental engineering

Yobel worked as Zero Waste Policy Advocacy staff at YPBB Bandung (a local NGO which implemented a Zero Waste Cities program since 2013). He was also involved in Aliansi Zero Waste Indonesia before joining GAIA's Asia Pacific Team. Yobel graduated from Institut Teknologi Bandung with a degree in environmental engineering.



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