

Biographies of Student Delegates

Aisha Abdelmula

Aisha Abdelmula was born on September 29, 1992 to a Sudanese father and Haitian mother. She was born and grew up a Muslim. She has done activities concerning climate change issues. Aisha participates in a recycling program and has done various clean up community service programs. She has also educated herself on the issues and has shared her knowledge with others. This past summer, Aisha completed U.S. in the World International Law and Foreign Policy Program, an internship that touched on various foreign policy issues. One issue was global climate change. She and a group of others established a policy in addition to the Kyoto Protocol. Asiah's main focus on the issue is helping the global citizens who were hurt most devastatingly. Her interests include writing, reading, acting, directing and learning.

Adefola Adeosun

My name is Aedfola Adeosun. I am sixteen years old. I live in Staten Island, New York. I attend the College of Staten Island High School for International Studies. I help stop global warming by learning about it everyday. I also encourage others to be eco-friendly.

Adetola Adeosun

My name is Adetola Adeosun and I am 14 years old. Both of my parents were born in Nigeria but I was born and raised in New York. Currently I attend College of Staten Island High School for International Studies as a junior. Climate change has affected me because the air I breathe is becoming more and more polluted everyday. I also fear what kind of world I will be living in as I grow up.

Marcos Almada

My name is Marcos Almada. My entire family is from Paraguay. I am currently attending White Plains High School. I have lived in the United States for 2 years.

Noni Fernandez

My name is Noni Fernandez. I am 16 years old and a senior at the High School for Global Citizenship in Brooklyn, New York. I started exploring the issue of climate change in the ninth grade when I travelled to the Heifer ranch in Arkansas for a school trip to learn about sustainable resources and lifestyles. I have facilitated workshops on the environment and am employed at a youth farmer's market in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York. I enjoy writing, playing guitar and keyboards, and plan to study music composition and production in college as well as journalism.

Brianda Guzman

Brianda Guzman is 17 years old, was born in Queens, NY and raised in The Bronx. She is of Ecuadorian and Mexican heritage and has three siblings. She currently attends to The Bronx Theater High school as a senior. She joined the Global Citizen Corps and became a leader in her school and community. Her job is to spread awareness about global issues that are destroying our world. Climate Change became one of her main concerns when she started noticing the impacts of it and how it was affecting her community. The pollution and factories in her environment are strongly linked to what is causing climate change and the emissions being released everyday in her backyard. By attending this summit she hopes to be able to persuade all the world leaders attending that climate change is a serious issue that must be taken in consideration and it is time to take action!

Shantanu Kumar Roy

My name is Shantanu Kumar Roy and I am 17 years old. I go to Newcomers High School and am a senior. I was born and raised in Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, my life was fully devastated because of the bad influence of my friends and I was not as motivated to study as I am now. I have never thought that I would be able to show myself the right path to pursue and pull myself out of darkness. My behaviour proved to people around me that I was possessed by a ghost, but it had nothing to do with me being possessed. All I needed was safer and supportive people in my life, but no one was there for me. Since I have come to the United States, my life has changed and I have since realized the value of education.

Sayed Aown Shahzad

My name is Sayed Aown Shahzad and I come from Pakistan. I am currently studying at Middletown High School in New York as an exchange student. I come from an agricultural background and climate change has had an affect on us adversely, socially, economically, a dilemma that the rest of the world faces. I have always taken a keen interest in global issues and the Secretary General High-Level Summit on Climate Change is a great opportunity to get my views and the views of billions of children like me voiced to the leaders of the world. So today I speak for not only myself but for those behind the shadows, the unheard and the unseen. I live the dream of a conservationist and hope to make a difference if not for now, than for the future.

Ho Chit Siu

My name is Ho Chit Siu. I am 17 years old and am a senior at The Bronx High School of Science. I come from China (Hong Kong) and have lived in both California and New York. I see the shortage of water as being the most important impact of climate change. To help with that problem, I've been working with researchers from Queens College and Columbia University for the past two years, developing a new method to find clean groundwater.

Dayanara Veliz

Dayanara Veliz is a sixteen year old who was born and grew up in the Bronx. She is currently a junior at the Bronx Academy of Letters. Her parents were both born and raised in Honduras. She is an active member of the Junior Statesmen of American and hopes to enter the political world. Living in the Bronx she has been able to see the impacts of climate change on the health of the people. She is hoping to influence more people to start changing their lifestyles to be more eco-friendly.

Indy Li

My name is Indy Li. I'm 17 years old and I attend White Plains High School. I come from a very diverse background; my parents are originally from Eastern Europe and China. My interest on climate change, as well as other global issues began in middle school, when along with a few friends and a teacher started a club originally called the "lunch bunch", which today has over 100 members, and currently work with 26 other schools in over 20 countries. Last year we raised \$31,000 towards the building of two libraries, new rain harvesting technology, public bathrooms, and washing stations in Kenya and Uganda. As a youth growing up, I feel it is my job to inform and show people even though we may still be young, we are 1,000,000,000 teens strong, and we can make a difference if given the chance.

Simit Christian

My name is Simit Christian. I am a high school student who currently lives in New York City. I was born in Gujarat, India and moved to the U.S. in late 2003. Living in India has exposed me to some of the effects of climate change. From frequent and intense floods, to the lack of useable water for both drinking and agriculture are some examples of the impacts of climate change. Moreover, having relatives face malaria and other illnesses as outcomes of extreme weather conditions also added to the damage done by climate change. My fear of climate change, specifically rising temperature, air pollution, and the decreasing water supply, is motivated by the fact that these conditions were not simply events that occurred during my life in India, but they happen on a daily basis across the globe, to other individuals. Hopefully, more people can realize the need for action against climate change both on a political and local level.

Gabriel Wahab

Hi, my name is Gabriel Bien Wahab. I'm a junior at The School For International Studies in Brooklyn. My dad is from Bangladesh and my mom is half Puerto Rican and half African American. I feel that climate change is a huge issue and I'm especially worried about how it will impact small islands and coastal areas like Bangladesh. This summer I was lucky enough to go to Kenya with an organization called Global Kids. I saw how some areas of the world will be stricken with drought. I hope that after this Summit, action will be taken to save countless number of lives.