

## Biographies for the LDC5 Side Event

### **Integrating risk reduction and resilience into the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action through an inclusive multi-stakeholder approach**



**Moderator: Adessou Kossivi**  
**Director of Africa Regional Office, GNDR**

Specialist of International Environmental Law (IEL), he has developed expertise in Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management. As the global lead of Climate Change at GNDR, Kossivi contributes with several partners to making Loss and Damage a standalone and key topic to promote solidarity, responsibility and social justice toward community victims of climate related events. He is the co-chair of the Global Board of Climate Action Network International (CAN-I). He has worked in

Togo, Mozambique, and Senegal covering climate change Adaptation and DRM and development topics.



**Speaker: Marco Toscano-Rivalta**  
**Chief, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction**

Marco has several years of experience within the UN system, both within UNDRR, as well as UN OCHA. He holds a Law degree and PhD in International Human Rights Law



**Speaker: Ms. Aminata Monékata**  
**Programme Manager, ActionAid Mali**

Aminata has over 7 years of experience of working in the humanitarian and development sector in Mali – a country in conflict while facing multiple disasters mainly associated with climate change impacts. Aminata currently is focusing her work on protection of women and girls in a complex context promoting the idea of nexus programming. She also works closely with the government of Mali supporting development of gender responsive solutions to crises that is impacting the development of Mali especially on accountability to the affected communities, localization of humanitarian and development actions, civil society engagement in decision-making and so on. Aminata is a women rights activist advocating for gender justice in all national and international policy spaces especially focusing on Agenda 2030 implementation in Mali.



**Speaker: Rebecca Yei Kamara**  
**Member Of Parliament for Eastern Region, Sierra Leone (tba)**

Born in Koindu City Kono District Eastern Region of Sierra Leone on 28th February 1976. She is a Social Worker with BA in Community Development Studies, SCTMCTC, Diploma in project Design and Implementation. Being a social worker, she has contributed immensely to project implementation and carried out oversight functions that will help change the lives of her people. Based on this she was called by her people to be the figurehead in representing them in Parliament. Honourable Rebecca Yei Kamara is among the few women that were appointed as the deputy chairman for the lands and environment committee in the house of Parliament. She is also a Member of the tourism committee and mines and minerals committee.



**Speaker: Pradip Khatiwada**  
**Executive Director, Youth Innovation Lab**

Pradip Khatiwada is the Founder and Executive Director at Youth Innovation Lab (YI-Lab)—a not-for-profit social enterprise. He is recognized for his leadership on anti-plastic bag movement and getting legislation on plastic bags ban and leading a Guinness world record attempt for the 'largest tree hug' event. Pradip earned his post graduation from Tata Institute of Social Sciences -Mumbai, India with focus on Disaster Management and Livelihood Recovery. Before starting YI-Lab, he worked as the researcher at National Science Foundation's PEER Science project at Kathmandu Living Labs



**Speaker: Gertrude Kenyangi**  
**Grassroots member of the Forest - a Dependent Indigenous and Local Community in Uganda**

Gertrude Kabusimbi (based in Uganda) has a 20-year work experience in Forest and Biodiversity Conservation right on the grassroots in Uganda. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Makerere University, A Masters in Rural Development Planning, A Masters in Gender and Women Studies both from Makerere University. She has been involved in the discourses surrounding Environment and Climate Change policy at global level such as CBD, COP, Agenda 2030/SDGs, bringing a gender dimension and advocating for framing sustainable development in its scientific as well as social identity. The Organisation Ms. Kenyangi works with, Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN) is ECOSOC and UNEP Accredited.