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## COP28 Side Event

# Empowering Youth Climate Leadership: Experiences from the Commonwealth in Access to Climate Finance, Capacity Building and Technology

Saturday 9 December 2023, 1500–1630 (GST), Dubai, Expo City, SE Room 2

This high-level side event is organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat in collaboration with the Governments of Fiji and Zambia, and is based on the engagement of the Secretariat in these countries around youth engagement for climate action. It will also provide an opportunity for partner countries, agencies, and youth groups to share experiences and lessons learned.

### Opening Session

**The Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland KC**

Secretary General  
of the Commonwealth

**His Excellency Naipote Tako Katonitabua**

The Republic of Fiji Ambassador to the  
United Arab Emirates

**The Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu**

MP Minister of Green Economy and  
Environment for the Republic of Zambia

**Dr Ruth Kattumuri**

Senior Director, EYSD, the  
Commonwealth Secretariat

### Panel Discussion

**Dr Nicholas Hardman-Mountford**

Adviser and Head, Oceans and Natural  
Resources, the Commonwealth Secretariat

**Jodi-Ann Wang**

Pan-Commonwealth Co-ordinator,  
Commonwealth Youth Climate Network

**Sheen Tyagi**

Research Director, UNFCCC YOUNGO  
Finance and Markets Group

**Mira Tørres**

Senior Analyst – Climate, Children's  
Investment Fund Foundation

**Unnikrishnan Nair**

Head of Climate Change, the  
Commonwealth Secretariat

**Reshma Ram**

Youth Ocean Leader – COP28 Youth Climate  
Delegate, Fiji

**Jevanic Henry**

Member, the UN Secretary General's Youth  
Advisory Group on Climate Change

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