

The United Nations presents:

Anote's Ark



Anuna De Wever

Belgian Climate Activist, Youth for Climate

Anuna is a Belgian climate activist associated with the Youth for Climate movement. Inspired by the activism of Swedish youth Greta Thunberg, 17-year-old Anuna De Wever and 19-year-old Kyra Gantois, both students, started protesting for the climate in January 2019. Using social media as a call to action, Anuna helped grow both the Youth for Climate movement and the weekly protests around Belgium. Anuna and Kyra have written a book "We are the climate. A letter to everyone" which was released on 8th March, with half the profits going to Youth for Climate.



Rachel Simon

Climate & Development Policy Coordinator, Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe

Rachel pushes for ambitious and equitable climate finance for developing countries through the EU's external action funding streams and the UNFCCC process. Before joining CAN Europe Rachel worked in environmental consultancy and in local government on environmental and social policy in the UK. She has also researched and reported on environmental issues in Latin America. Outside work she has been an active environmental campaigner in the UK and now in Belgium. Rachel has an MSc in Environmental Policy from the University of Bristol and an MA from the University of Oxford.



Thierry Lucas

Acting Head, Brussels Office, UNEP

As Acting Head of the United Nations Environment Brussels Office, Thierry is responsible for promoting and facilitating partnership-building between UN Environment and the EU institutions as well as key EU stakeholders in Brussels. This includes taking the lead on facilitating the policy dialogue between UN Environment and the European Commission under a joint Memorandum of Understanding, supervising and coordinating UN Environment's outreach initiatives in Brussels, assisting and advising the UN Environment leadership on EU Policy, and representing UN Environment in meetings and public events.



Petra Hongell

Information Officer at UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre

Petra works as an Information Officer at the United Nations Regional Information Centre, responsible for communication and public outreach to the Nordic countries. She is the moderator of the debate as well as the Coordinator of UN Cinema (Ciné ONU) in Sweden and Finland. Previously, she has worked for the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Finnish Permanent Representation to the European Union within the sector for Energy, Research and Competitiveness. She holds a Master of Science in Political Sciences from the University of Åbo Akademi, Finland.

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Climate Marches

Youth for Climate is an international movement of students who skip school to march for the climate! The protests across Belgium started in December 2018 with a "Claim the Climate" march, when over 65,000 demonstrators called for Belgian and European leaders to adopt ambitious climate policies in line with goals set by the Paris Agreement in 2015 (Euractiv).

The movement started with Greta Thunberg in Sweden and has now gone global. School strikes have spread to at least 270 cities in countries across the world, including Australia, the UK, Switzerland, Germany, the US, Canada and Japan.

CAN Europe

Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe is Europe's leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change. With over 150 member organisations from 35 European countries, representing over 1.700 NGOs and more than 40 millions citizens, CAN Europe promotes sustainable climate, energy and development policies throughout Europe.

Climate Change 'Absolute' United Nations Priority, Secretary-General Tells Pacific Island Leaders

"Pacific Islands are on the front line. Allow me to tell you the United Nations has many priorities. For me, at the present moment, there is a [single] priority, an absolute priority: climate change. I am very concerned. It will be the central concern to ensure countries enhance their ambitions over the next two years."

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development -adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit - universally apply to all countries who will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 13:

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

UN Environment

The United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

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