

TEAM 1: Time 4 Change



Celia Pellet – ITU Staff – Team Leader

Currently working in the Development sector of the ITU, the UN's specialized agency for ICTs, supporting our outreach strategy and developing solutions to ensure the continuity of our products and services during COVID-19. I am passionate about innovation in the humanitarian-development sector and how to mobilize tech and ICTs to increase the effectiveness, inclusivity and sustainability of our solutions to current challenges. Recent graduate in development studies at the Graduate Institute in Geneva, I have experience working with refugees and navigating international organizations, in a range of settings: NGOs, research institute, diplomatic mission or UN organization. I have always been passionate about youth engagement, gender equality and international cooperation. My most treasured commitment: G(irls)20 Ambassador, advocating for women's political and economic empowerment.



Jenny Arana - ITU Staff

Jenny Arana is a Digital Inclusion Programme Officer at ITU focusing on various projects on topics such as youth engagement, socioeconomic empowerment of women and girls through technology, and ICT Accessibility, among others. She has worked in ITU since 2017, where she had the opportunity to engage in various initiatives led by the General Secretariat and the Telecommunication Development Bureau. Prior to ITU, she was a member of the Foreign Service of her home country for 10 years, having culminated that experience as a diplomatic representative at the Permanent Mission of her home country to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva, WTO and other international organizations.



Nastassia Lahutsik – ITU Staff

Lahutsik Nastassia graduated from the Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics. She has two degrees in telecommunications and marketing, as well as a master's degree in electronic government. She is currently studying for a PhD degree in Quantum Communications. Since 2016, she has been working at JSV Giprosvjaz, it's a government organization engaged in the development of strategies for the introduction and development of new ICTs in the Republic of Belarus. Since June 2020, she has been an intern at the ITU Regional Office for the CIS Region.



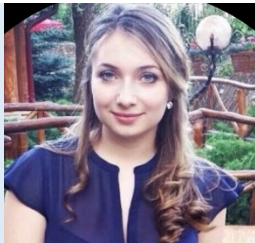
Elisa Linu [Young Environmental Activist] - External Youth Expert

I am a youth committee volunteer for Caramel Rock charity in London. From a major in history I transitioned and came to focus my academic interest on development and sustainability. I am particularly interested in environmental issues from an economic perspective. I wrote my dissertation on climate change effects on African economies to this moment, and highlighted possible prognosis based on trends and current reports. I am also keen on learning about technological progress, education and financial issues, which for me are crucial in assessing long term sustainability and growth. I want to be able to change the world a little through my work and hopefully one day I will manage to do so.

Ahmed Jafar [DoT Ethiopia's young nominee] - External Youth Expert

Youth leader in DOT since September 2019 who has been trained in leadership and community empowerment focusing on entrepreneurship and business leadership. He has facilitated number of StartUp business skill trainings in his community for peers and women. As a youth leader he also engaged in social innovation competitions as part of impact learning which gives due emphasis to Human Center Design (HCD) approach.

TEAM 2: FIT FOR YOUTH



Carolina Frumusachi - External Youth Expert – Team Leader

Carolina Frumusachi [Moldova] is one of the youngest Associate Private Bankers at Kleinwort Hambros, where she advises international High Net Worth Individuals on their global financial affairs. She also sits on the Board of Directors of SWIM Enterprise, a community interest company that aims to help people in 'hard-to-reach' groups live healthy and purposeful lives. She is also a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment. Carolina graduated from Royal Holloway University with First Class Honours and an Economics Degree.



Karimot Odebode - External Youth Expert

Karimot Odebode is a Poet, Writer, Youth activist and Law Graduate from Ibadan, Nigeria. She was a two-time Youth Champion for ONE Campaign (2018/2019) where she advocated for a world free of poverty and inequality. Karimot is one of the 45 female African activists from 15 African countries that signed the open letter for gender equality which was presented to world leaders. She was ONE in Africa representative at the European Parliament during the European Youth Week where she spoke on African Youths participation in politics.

Karimot has over four years' experience in community development. She is the Project Lead of The Black Girl's Dream Initiative – a youth led organization bridging gender gaps in local communities through Art, education, advocacy and sensitization. She has been featured on various platforms including the United Nation Girls Education Initiative, The ONE Campaign and The BBC Africa.



Henok Tamerat [DoT Ethiopia's young nominee] - External Youth Expert

Youth leader in DOT since September 2019 where he is being trained in leadership focusing on entrepreneurship and business leadership. He has been facilitating StartUp business skill in his community for peers and women. Henok is also a social inventor currently working on his impact idea of designing digital platforms for kids to create safe learning space as part of DOTs impact learning program which includes Human Center Design approach. His social impact idea was on "Tech for Kids, a digital platform or technology which is designed for kids"



Genoveva Sassia - ITU Staff



Orsolya Bader - ITU Staff



Mariam Arghamanyan - ITU Staff



Onder Cetinkaya - ITU Staff

TEAM 3: Youth On-Air



Kathia Salazar - External Youth Expert – Team leader

Kathia Salazar is a pioneer in social development and has five years of experience working in this field. She is Development Manager at Global Changemakers and Co-founder of its Mentorship Program, helping 15-22 years old explore their story, their potential, and their resources to create change in their community through social impact projects. She holds a Master's Degree in Global Affairs from Tsinghua University in China as part of the Schwarzman Scholars Program and a Bachelor's Degree in Financial Economics and International Business.

As a former finance professional working in the banking sector, Kathia's mission is to contribute to higher equality and economic opportunities through sustainable development solutions. She always seeks to be a bridge between opportunities and talents to empower the next generation of leaders, especially youth and women from vulnerable communities. Kathia is 24 years old and from Nicaragua.



Ted Chen [UNMGCY nominee & Co-founder of Evercomm Singapore] - External Youth Expert

Ted Chen is the Co-founder of Evercomm Singapore – one of Asia Pacific's fastest growing Energy AI startup in the cleantech sector. Evercomm is a Singapore Digital (SG:D) Accredited company with an emphasis on delivering triple bottom line results.

Youngest to receive the prestigious Singapore Energy Award and recognized as one of the digital pioneers by the Singapore Committee on the Future Economy (CFE), Ted works closely with the United Nations Major Group for Children & Youth (UN MGCY) as the Science-Policy Interface Focal Point for topics related to ICTs, Information Systems, & Internet Governance, with the mission of advancing the role of children and youth in contributing to the sustainable development. He is also an expert technical partner for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) City2City Network and a Barclays Unreasonable Impact Fellow.

Ted has notably received the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and made it to World Cities Summit Young Leader and Forbes' inaugural 30 Under 30 Asia list.



Florent Commenoz - ITU Staff



Lilian Marin - ITU Staff

The wave to the future [2nd Runner Up]



Birke Laubinger - ITU Staff – Team Leader

Birke Laubinger has recently joined ITU as a Communications Intern, after graduating in Social and Business Communication from the Berlin University of the Arts and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Due to her studies and her extracurricular engagement with the global youth organization CISV, Birke grew high curiosity towards fostering global exchange and connectivity. With CISV, she frequently organizes and leads international youth camps dedicated to educating and inspiring for peace through building inter-cultural friendship, cooperation, and understanding, from which she gained valuable insights into working with young citizens



Blenda Goncalves Da Silva - ITU Staff

Blenda Silva currently works at the Americas Regional Office of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). She is an International Relations Specialist and an English graduate by the University of Brasilia, Brazil. Before the UN, Blenda was executive assistant to the Ambassador of India to Brazil from 2016-2018 and managed the Brazil office of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development (BRICS-PED) from 2015-2016. She has been a volunteer of the Brazilian Red Cross for 5 years and has extensive international experience.



Joyce Danso - External Youth Expert

Joyce Okyerewaa Danso is a Schwarzman Scholar Alumni and the founder of Career101- a platform that provides career and Personal development content and services for students & graduates, entrepreneurs, entry and mid-level employees and senior executives. She has professional experience as a Youth Programs Manager, an Assistant Institutional Renewal Manager, and a Human Resource Consultant. As a trainer, Joyce has conducted training programs for MTN GHANA, Media General Company Limited, and Agave rural bank.

Joyce is one of the 1500 Resolution Fellows around the world to receive seed funding for the social venture dubbed, the Agenda Project. As co-founder of the Agenda Project, she focuses on orphan education and providing special tuition for students who have to repeat a class due to poor academic performance. The project has 25 Beneficiaries so far. Joyce has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Ghana and a Master's degree in Global Affairs from Tsinghua University.



Sean Doral - ITU Staff

Scrum [Winning Team]



Samuel Curtis - External Youth Expert – Team Leader

Samuel Curtis is an AI Policy Researcher at The Future Society, and is currently working on a project with the Global Partnership on AI's (GPAI) AI & Pandemic Response Subgroup, to map, evaluate, and support AI initiatives that have mobilized to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. He also researches the use of facial recognition technology in China, and his work has been featured in publications by the Beijing Academy of AI and the Asia Society. In his free time, he engages with the Montreal AI Ethics learning community and is a contributor to the China Tech Blog. He received an MSc in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University through the Schwarzman Scholars Program, and has a BA in Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology from Whitman College [USA].



Rosie McDonald - ITU Staff

Rosie McDonald is an E-waste Consultant at the International Telecommunication Union. Her current work focuses on e-waste statistics, policy, and capacity building. Previously she provided scientific and technical support to the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, and worked as a greenhouse gas researcher on the land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector of the UK national greenhouse gas inventory. She also has experience of working within outreach, widening participation for first generation students and STEM enrichment in a higher education setting. She holds a PhD in Environment Sciences from the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, an MSc in Environmental Protection and Management from The University of Edinburgh, and a BSc in Geography from the University of Aberdeen.



Janati Nakimera - External Youth Expert

Janati Nakimera is a steering committee member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Uganda Section, and a student pursuing a Master's degree in power systems engineering of Makerere University, Kampala. Under the IEEE, she serves as treasurer and is also in charge of industrial relations in Makerere University IEEE Student Branch. Her role is to enable students to get access to opportunities in the industry that can be of benefit to them. Janati is also co-founder and CEO of Solar Net metering Uganda, a solar energy startup company for rural Uganda. The team led by herself has participated in the Global Sustainable Technology and Innovation Conference (GSTIC) held in Brussels in the month of November 2018 where she was a youth speaker. Solar Net metering Uganda became an IEEE N3XT® Star at G-STIC 2018. She embraces diversity and envisions a violence-free world where the majority of men and women are educated and can actively participate in building their communities in all sectors. Janati is a Social Impact Liaison on the 2020 IEEE Entrepreneurship Steering Committee.



Wondmagegn Mengistu [DoT Ethiopia's young nominee] - External Youth Expert

Youth leader in DOT since September 2019. In his stay in DOT he has been trained in leadership focusing on entrepreneurship and business leadership. He has been facilitating StartUp business skill in his community for peers and women. As a youth leader he has been also engaged in social innovation competition following the participation in impact learning which includes Human Center Design approach. The social impact idea he is working on is "Digital Document verifications and authentications."



Carla Licciardello - ITU Staff



Adel Darwish - ITU Staff

YLCTW [Youth Leaders Connecting The World]



Ali Al-Toblani [Model UN Bahrain] External Youth Expert – Team Leader

Ali is a university student studying Industrial Engineering at the American University of Bahrain. He is highly decorated when it comes to both academic and extracurricular achievements. In University Ali is considered a public figure, as he is the Vice President of the student council. Ali is not only considered a student, he is also considered as an asset to both his school and University, due to his continuous achievements as a representative. He believes highly in personal branding and self-development. As he keeps growing and achieving, whomever Ali represents benefits from his growth, as much as he does represent them. Ali aims to seize every opportunity possible in order to continue his journey of self-development.



Niina Meriläinen PhD - External Youth Expert

Niina Meriläinen (PhD) is a senior researcher in Demos Helsinki's Research Institute in Finland. She specialises in multidisciplinary youth, power relations and human rights research. Niina's core expertise is critical, multidisciplinary, theoretical, and empirical research that stems from the fields of humanities and political sciences. In her research, Niina specialises in narratives and framing in power relations in the context of qualitative and quantitative human rights and youth research that is done with co-research and co-design methods next to more traditional academic research. Niina has worked with researchers from various academic fields as well as various co-researchers such as vocational school students for multiple years.

Her research has focused on:

- Narratives in human trafficking
- Social and political participation of vocational school students
- User-based design of digital interactive technologies
- Power relations in political decision-making



Odunze Eberechukwu Caleb [Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador] - External Youth Expert

Odunze Eberechukwu Caleb is a Youth, Peace and Security Practitioner with several years of extensive work experience in volunteer management. He is the MD/CEO of Telbes Consults Limited. Telbes is into Security and Technology, Business Support, Logistics Services and Consultancy. Odunze holds a Bachelor degree in Science Laboratory Technology from University of Benin and an Associate member of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technologist (NISLT). He currently volunteers as Nigeria Coordinator for Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN). He has been trained by the Commonwealth, Council of Europe, and UNICEF among others. His antecedence through youth and community engagement earned him the 2017 Best Male Youth Peace Ambassador by Search for Common Ground (Battle for Humanity) in Nigeria, He is a member of several organizations and has served in various capacity and putting in his best in changing narratives and building a safer society for all.



Emmanuel Niyikora - ITU Staff



Anna Polomska - ITU Staff

Next Generation [1st Runner up]



Samantha O'Riordan - ITU Staff – Team Leader

Samantha is the Program Officer for Giga, the joint ITU and UNICEF initiative which aims to connect every school to the internet and every young person to information, opportunity and choice. Prior to joining the ITU Samantha worked on multiple projects with European telecom operators, as well as working for the GSMA. She holds a Masters in International Business and a BSc in International Business with French.



Christelle Dernon [Young Political Experts] - External Youth Expert

Christelle Dernon is the former Chief of Staff of the French Secretary of State in charge of Poverty Alleviation. In her role, she contributed to advancing women and youth economic empowerment by implementing the French Poverty Alleviation and Prevention Strategy. Prior to joining the Government, she served as a Parliamentary Assistant, volunteered on President Macron's political campaign, and worked as a public affairs and crisis management consultant for ICT interest groups, Internet giants, and start-ups.

Over the years, she has developed expertise in technology policy challenges and Internet regulation, and particular attention for digital inclusion. She holds a Master in Public Policy from Sciences Po Toulouse and a Master in Law, Economics, and Management.



Henry Mkare [DoT Ethiopia's young nominee] - External Youth Expert

Henry Mkare is the founder of Kickstart Kilifi – a social enterprise that uses an experiential learning model to prevent students from dropping out of school, and also equips youth in rural areas of Kilifi County, Kenya with ICT, communication, entrepreneurship and life skills.

Henry is a member of Digital Opportunity Trust's Youth Leadership Advisory Board (YouthLAB), an alumnus of Kanthari International Leadership Training Institute as well as Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) East Africa, and DOT Kenya's Youth Leadership Program.



Regina Valiullina - ITU Staff



Ahmed Riad - ITU Staff