

# CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP SERIES

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## Topic 10: Where to from here? The role of the next generation

**DATE:** 14 October 2021

**TIME:** 17:30 – 19:00 (GMT plus 2)

**VENUE:** Online

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The world is undergoing climate change and is gearing up to gather various voices together at COP26 in Glasgow. One group that is heightening their agency and voice is that of the younger generation. In this panel we will be hearing from the team who recently handed over the SAYCAP (South African Youth Climate Action Plan) to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment on the 1st October 2021. The Head of the Youth Programme and some of the team will be joining the panel to discuss the role of youth as we move forward in transitioning to a safer and sustainable world for all. She will be joined by a young academic who is also leading in the vision and articulation of what role youth are playing in the world at this critical time.

The panel will be moderated by Professor Coleen Vogel, Acting Director, Global Change Institute, University of the Witwatersrand.



**PROFILES OF PRESENTERS:**

**Desirée Kosciulek**  
**Head of Youth Programmes**  
**Youth Programmes at the South African Institute of International Affairs (Youth@SAIIA)**

Desirée Kosciulek is the Head of Youth Programmes at the South African Institute of International Affairs. For the past decade she and a committed team have been working to build youth participation in policy and decision-making spaces in South Africa. She holds multiple degrees and postgraduate qualifications in the areas of anthropology, history, Portuguese, development studies, post-secondary education, and sustainable development.



**Ndoni Mcunu**  
Ndoni Mcunu is a climate scientist and social entrepreneur. She works as part of the secretariat development team at South South North. She’s currently pursuing her PhD in climate change and agriculture at the Global Change Institute at Witwatersrand University, South Africa. She has received multiple awards for her work, including being selected as a 2017 Mandela Washington Fellow (awarded by the U.S Department of State) for her contribution to civic leadership development in Africa.

She has been listed as the top 50 most inspiring women in tech in South Africa in 2017 by the Netherlands Embassy. She has been recognised as one of the 40 under 40 African Leaders for Climate Resilience in 2019 by Wilton Park which is an executive agency of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom.

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