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## Conference speakers



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## **Rasmus Nordqvist**



Rasmus Nordqvist is a member of the Danish Parliament for the Green Left/SF. Nordqvist is the spokesperson on international development and Nordic cooperation as well as climate, agriculture, and green entrepreneurship. Also, among others he is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and substitute in the Foreign Policy Committee. He is a member of the executive committee of the European Greens.



## **Katarina Ammitzbøll**



Katarina Ammitzbøll has been a member of the Danish parliament since 2019 for the Conservative People's Party and has been a member of the Gentofte Municipal Council. She is the spokesperson on human rights and development cooperation, and a member of the Climate, Energy and Utilities Committee, and the Foreign Affairs Committee. Ammitzbøll has experience in strategy and sustainability, diplomacy, and development program.



## **Bo Lidegaard**




Bo Lidegaard is a Danish historian, dr. phil., and co-founder and partner at Kaya Research. Lidegaard has worked as a top civil servant in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and for the Danish government and is a former editor-in-chief of the newspaper Politiken. He has published several best-selling books. For his writing, Lidegaard has received Danish as well as international awards and prizes.



## **Wai Wai Nu**



Wai Wai Nu is the founder and Executive Director of the Women Peace Network in Myanmar, the founder of Yangon Youth Center and the co-founder of Justice for Women in Yangon. She is a former political prisoner. Nu has been recognized as a Champion of Prevention by the UN Office of the Prevention of Genocide and Responsibility to Protect and has received numerous prizes including the Hillary Rodham Clinton award in 2018. Nu was named a Young Global Leader by World Economic Forum, a Next Generation Leader by Time Magazine, and Women of the Year in Financial Times.



## **Avner Gvaryahu**



Avner Gvaryahu was born in the Israeli city of Rehovot. During his army service, he served in the special forces of the paratrooper's brigade, where he attained the rank of staff sergeant. A year after he was discharged, he joined Breaking the Silence as a researcher and tour guide with a focus on working with world Jewry and later became director of the Public Outreach. Since August 2017, he is the organization's Executive Director. Gvaryahu holds a B.A. in Social Work from Tel Aviv University and an M.A from the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University.



## **Morten Kjærum**



Morten Kjærum has been the Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Sweden since 2015. Previously he directed the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights and the Danish Institute for Human Rights. He is a member of the UN board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights and the UN Human Rights fund for Technical Assistance. In 2013 he was rewarded an honorary professorship at the University of Aalborg, Denmark.



## **Brian J. Dooley**



Brian J. Dooley is a human rights activist and author. He is a Senior Advisor for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, and Senior Advisor at the Washington DC-based NGO Human Rights First. He is also a Visiting Scholar at University College, London (UCL). He has served for 8 years as an advisory board member of the Gulf Centre for Human Rights and was a Visiting Scholar at Fordham University Law School in New York. In 2022, The Oxford Middle East Review profiled Dooley on four decades of activism and his approach to human rights work.



## **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**



Hindou Omarou Ibrahim is a Chadian environmental activist and geographer, expert in adaptation and mitigation of indigenous people in relation to traditional knowledge and climate change. She is the founder and coordinator of the Association of Peul Women and Autochthonous Peoples of Chad, a community-based organization focusing on promoting the rights of girls and women, and advocates for leadership and environmental protection. Omarou Ibrahim has served as the Co-Director of the pavilion of the World Indigenous Peoples' Initiative at COP21, COP22, and COP23.



## **Henrik Vinther Olesen**



Henrik Vinther Olesen is the Group Vice President for Communication, CSR, and Public Affairs at Salling Group, Denmark. Vinther Olesen is a former journalist of many years, education director at the newspaper Jyllands-Posten, and former member of the Danish Parliament for the Social Liberal Party. Vinther Olesen is also a board member of Ligeværd, a political organization that works to make a difference for children, youth, and adults with special needs.



## **Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen**



Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen has been the General Secretary of DanChurchAid since 2014. She has an extensive executive management experience in international development, humanitarian assistance, and conflict resolution, and is a board member of the Council for Development Policy, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, member of the Danish Think Tank One/Third on Global Food Waste. She is a former Country Director for Save the Children, worked with UNIFEM with responsibility for women's projects in Southeast Asia, and is a former Director of Social and Health Services in Elsinore municipality.



## **Michael Omaria**



Michael Omaria is an Ugandan priest and the project manager and coordinator for DanChurchAid's partner organization SOCADIDO (Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization). In cooperation SOCADIDO and DanChurchAid work to strengthen economic, environmental, and social conditions for Ugandan smallholder farmers and their families to create sustainable and climate-resistant societies.



## **Hanna Line Jakobsen**



Hanna Line Jakobsen is the Senior Vice President, Social & Humanitarian, at the Novo Nordisk Foundation. She is a former Director of Business Development at UNICEF Denmark, Manager of Social Donations national and international at the Obel Family Foundation, and a Senior Consultant in the Education Department at DJØF. Jakobsen is a board member of the Investment Fund for Developing Countries and has been appointed by the Minister of Innovation to the board of the Social Investment Fund.

## **Sofie Junge Pedersen**



Sofie Junge Pedersen is a Danish footballer who plays as a midfielder for the Danish national team and Juventus, Italy. She has previously played for IK Skovbakken and Fortuna Hjørring in the Danish Elite division, and for FC Rosengård in Sweden. She is a DanChurchAid-ambassador for WE PLAY GREEN and uses her position to promote climate action amongst football teams and players.



## **Flemming Møller Mortensen**



Flemming Møller Mortensen is the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation. He has been a member of the Danish Parliament for the Social Democratic Party since 2007.