

THE 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

# COPENHAGEN PEOPLE POWER CONFERENCE

## DAY 1: THE POWER AND POTENTIAL OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

**08:15-08:45** Arrival and registration

**08:45-09:30** Welcome to Copenhagen  
People Power Conference!



Teldah Mwarire // Conference moderator  
Haifaa Awad // ActionAid Denmark Chair

**09:30-09:35** “The World We Share”:  
Solving the great challenges  
of our time together”



Danish minister/Government representative

**09:35-09:45** Keynote



Volker Turk // UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

**09:45-10:25** Solving our planetary crisis  
through people power:  
Trends and patterns,  
challenges and hopes



### PANEL

**Cristina Flesher Fominaya** // Professor of Global Studies,  
Aarhus University  
**Olena Shevchenko** // Human rights defender, LGBTQI+ activist,  
Chairperson of Insight public organization (Ukraine)  
**Jennifer Lasimbang** // Indigenous rights activist, JOAS  
(Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia), former member of the Sabah  
state legislative assembly  
**Chanu Peiris** // Special Assistant to the Global Director for  
Advocacy, Open Society Foundation

**10:25-10:30** The intersecting crisis  
of today



Teldah Mwarire // Conference moderator

**10:30-11:00** COFFEE BREAK

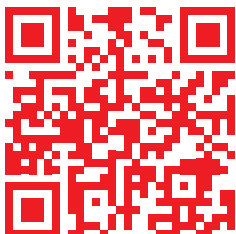
**11:00-12:00** **BREAKOUT #1: What are the  
most pressing challenges  
and potentials in the global  
climate justice movement  
today?**



### PANEL #1

**Abiud Onyach & Samuel Okulony** // STOP the East African Crude  
Oil Pipeline / EACOP (Uganda/Tanzania)  
**Gorm Nissen** // The Danish Green Youth Movement / DGUB (Denmark)  
**Antonia Recinos** // Asociacion de Desarrollo Economico Social  
Santa Marta (El Salvador)  
**Cynthia Houniuh** // President of the Pacific Islands Students  
Fighting Climate Change (PISFCC) (Solomon Islands)  
**Gina Cortes** // Co-Focal Points of the UNFCCC Women and Gender  
Constituency and advocacy and campaigns coordinator at Women  
Engage for a Common Future International (Colombia)  
**Svitlana Romanko** // Founder and Director at Razom We Stand (Ukraine)  
**Nicole Doerr** // Associate Professor of Sociology and Chair of  
CoMMonS (Copenhagen Centre for Political Mobilisation and Social  
Movement Studies, University of Copenhagen (Germany)

Hosted by **Stella Nyanzi** // Scholarship-holder of the Writers-in-Exile  
program of PEN Zentrum Deutschland (Uganda)



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**11:00-12:00** **BREAKOUT #2: How can democratic movements be supported in an age of digitalization and growing autocracies?**



### PANEL #2

**Mohammed Al-Maskati** // Digital Security Helpline Director, Access Now (Bahrain)  
**Benjamin** // Human rights activist (Hong Kong)  
**Ana Tadvaze** // SHAME movement (Georgia)  
**Sergio Balladares** // Board member Movimiento Puente (Nicaragua)  
**Farida Nabourema** // Digital Rights Activist (Togo)  
**Hosted by Ines Pousadela** // Senior Research Specialist, CIVICUS

**11:00-12:00** **BREAKOUT #3: What are movement's role in peace-building efforts and how can they be supported?**



### PANEL #3

**Véronique Dudouet** // Senior Advisor, Berghof Foundation (France)  
**Linda Y. Posso Gómez** // Activist, Buenaventura (Colombia)  
**Sylvain Saluseke** // Operation lead at AFRIKKI and member of LUCHA (DRC)  
**Salim Namour** // head of association of victims of chemical weapons (Syria)  
**Hosted by Hardy Merriman** // President of the International Centre on Nonviolent Conflict

**12:00-13:00** **LUNCH**

**13:00-14:00** **Wise crowd #1: CLIMATE JUSTICE**

Conversation in breakout #1

**13:00-14:00** **Wise crowd #2: DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS**

Conversation in breakout #2

**13:00-14:00** **Wise crowd #3: PEACE AND SECURITY**

Conversation in breakout #3

**14:00-14:30** **COFFEE BREAK**

**14:30-15:00** **Reflections and take aways**

Interactive report back

**15:00-15:10** **Finding light in a world in peril**

**15:10-15:40** **Critical conversations**



**Mahmoud Nawajaa** // General Coordinator, Boycott, Divestment, Santions (Palestine)  
**Njoki Gachanja** // Coordinator, Githurai Social Justice Center (Kenya)

**15:40-16:30** **Cafe: Connect, Converse, Consider**

Networking

**16:30** **Closing the day**



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## DAY 2: HOW TO BE AN ALLY

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- 09:00-09:10**    **The importance of allies**     **Maryam Al-Khawaja** // Human Rights Defender
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- 09:10-09:35**    **The Lifecycle of Social Movements**     **Remberto Ramirez** // Manager, Global Platform (El Salvador)  
**Nalishebo Sinyama** // Lead, Youth4Parliament (Zambia)  
Moderated by **Olivera Singleton** // Learning specialist, ActionAid Denmark MOVE (Serbia)
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- 09:35-10:15**    **How to be a meaningful ally**     **Tim Whyte** // Secretary General, ActionAid Denmark  
**Rosarie Tucci** // Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Center Director, USAID  
**Minna-Liina Lind** // Undersecretary for Global Affairs, Government of Estonia
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- 10:15-10:30**    **From crisis to opportunity: A ToC for supporting civil resistance**     **Hardy Merriman** // President of the International Centre on Nonviolent Conflict
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- 10:30-11:00**    **COFFEE BREAK**
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- 11:00-12:30**    **CAPACITY STRENGTHENING:**  
How can tools, peer learning and mentor programmes be developed to fit the needs of movements?  
**Hosted by:** Beautiful Trouble, Ahel, International Centre on Non-violent Conflict, JASS, Leading Change Network and The Horizons Project.
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- 11:00-12:30**    **FUNDING:** How can bilateral and private donors better support social movements throughout their lifecycle?  
**Kizito Byenka** // Director of Campaigns, Open Society Foundations  
**Paige Andrew** // Co-manager Grantmaking & Operations, FRIDA - Young Feminist Fund  
**Søren Warburg** // Senior Movement Specialist MOVE - Global Social Movement Center  
**Jayshree Satpute** // Female Lawyers Collective, India  
**Marianne Mollmann** // Director of Regional Programs Fund for Global Human Rights  
**Bryan Sims** // Director Peacebuilding & Partnerships, Humanity United
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- 11:00-12:30**    **PROTECTION & SOLIDARITY BY DECISION-MAKERS:**   
How can decision-makers, multi-lateral institutions and politicians be true allies of social movements?  
**Vebjørn Heines** // Policy Director at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**Senator Crystal Asinge** // Member of the Kenyan Senate  
**Salah Hammad**, Director of the African Governance Architecture, African Union Commission  
**Anders Storgaard** // Member of the Municipal government Fred-eriksberg, Denmark  
**Chian Yew Lim** // Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
**Uffe Elbæk** // Author, former Danish Party Leader & Minister of Culture  
**Imanga Wamunyima** // Member of the Parliament of Zambia
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Mostafa Fouad // HR Lawyer HuMENA Egypt  
Nawa Sitali // Global Platform Zambia  
Noor Masood // Leading Change Network, Pakistan  
Assala Mdawkhy // LGBTQI+ Activist, Tunisia  
Rasha Ramzi Michail Sansur // Outreach Specialist, Visualizing Palestine

**12:30-13:30** **LUNCH**

**13:30-15:00** **Onwards:  
BUILDING PEOPLE POWER!**



Bryan Sims // Director Peacebuilding & Partnerships, Humanity United  
Tue Westhoff // Chief Advisor and Team Lead for Civil Society, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Senator Tabitha Mutinda // Senator in the Senate of Kenya and Member of the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association  
Birgit Kainz-Labbe // Coordinator at the Civic Space Unit at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Mary Jacobs Okwuosa // Whispers to Humanity  
Hoshyar Malo // Executive Director, KOHRW- Kurdistan Organization for Human Rights Watch

**15:00-15:30** **COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30-16:00** **PEOPLE POWER AWARD:  
Announcement  
and celebration**



**JURY**  
Rune Lykkeberg // Chief editor, Information  
Kumi Naidoo // Climate justice activist  
Aya Chebbi // Pan-african feminist and diplomat  
Shabana Azmi // Actress and chairperson, ActionAid Association India  
Maryam Al Khawaja // Human Rights Defender

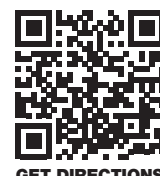
**16:00-16:30** **CLOSING THE CONFERENCE:  
Where do we go from here?**



Arthur Larok // Secretary General, ActionAid International



Everyone's invited to join the:  
**'PEOPLE POWER PARTY'**  
Friday night  
8PM onwards  
At Café Mellemrummet,  
Ravnsborggade 11,  
2200 Copenhagen  
(ActionAid Denmark  
volunteer driven venue).



GET DIRECTIONS