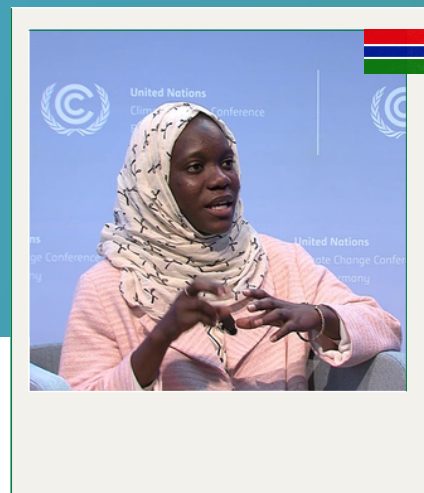


Fatou Jeng

Youth climate & gender equality activist

Languages: *English*



Bridging the gap between grassroots activism and high-level decision-making

In 2016, Fatou Jeng attended her first Plant-for-the-Planet Youth Summit, unaware that this moment would ignite a journey leading her to the forefront of global climate leadership.

Determined to turn awareness into action, Fatou founded *Clean Earth Gambia*, a youth-led nonprofit tackling climate crisis through education, forest restoration, and community engagement. The organization has trained over 500 schoolchildren, planted over 30,000 trees, and, in partnership with UNICEF Gambia and the Gambian government, organized the country's first National Children and Youth Conference on Climate Change, producing a national climate engagement strategy.

Her impact extends far beyond The Gambia. In 2019, she was selected as one of the first-ever YOUNGO delegates to the UN Climate Negotiations (UNFCCC), where she became a driving force for gender and climate policy, later serving as Policy Operations Lead for Women and Gender. She also played a key role in youth engagement during Africa Climate Week and has been recognized as one of the 30 most influential young Gambians.

Fatou's advocacy for gender inclusion in climate action has made her a sought-after speaker and media voice, with appearances on BBC, Deutsche Welle, and UNFCCC platforms. In 2023, she was appointed to the UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change and the UN's Early Warning System for All Initiative, ensuring youth voices shape global resilience strategies. That same year, she spoke at the Athens Democracy Forum on climate justice and democracy. Recognized among the Top 100 Young African Conservation Leaders, she was also appointed to the Soft Power Bowl Club. Yet for Fatou, the mission is clear: *empowering youth, shaping policy, and making climate justice a reality.*

Awards to date:

[Youngster Green Award \(2024\)](#)

[25 up-and-coming young personalities from Africa \(2019\)](#)

[Winner of the Women Championing Environmental Rights Award \(2023\)](#)

[30 most influential young Gambians \(What's On Gambia magazine, 2019\)](#)

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