



## Hilda Flavia Nakabuye - bio

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Hilda Flavia Nakabuye (born 15 April 1997) is a Ugandan climate and environmental rights activist who founded Uganda's Fridays for Future movement. She also advocates for greater gender equality and racial diversity in the climate change movement. One of her environmental concerns is saving Lake Victoria, which connects Uganda to neighbouring countries. As part of her activism, Nakabuye visits schools and communities to empower more women to join the fight against climate change, stating that "the climate crisis has no borders. She also created Climate Striker Diaries, an online platform to encourage digital awareness about climate change.

Nakabuye has been protesting in Kampala, Uganda, since 2017 after gate-crashing a climate dialogue by the Green Climate Campaign Africa (GCCA) at Kampala University. It was this event that made her realise that climate change was the cause of the severe weather that had destroyed her grandmother's farm. She began volunteering with the GCCA as a green campaigner, but soon felt the need for a stronger movement to evoke effective change.

As part of Uganda's Fridays for Future movement, Nakabuye and her fellow climate activists have been dedicated to mobilising a strong youth movement to demand urgent action towards the climate crisis. The Fridays for Future movement in Uganda is now East Africa's largest youth movement, with over 50,000 young people spread across 52 schools and five universities, as well as members of the general public across Uganda, Sierra Leone, Angola, Gabon, Nigeria and Kenya. Nakabuye has also spoken out about the lack of diversity in the climate change movement, stating that, "the debate on climate change is not for whites only".

Nakabuye's climate activism has received international attention, having been featured as one of the prominent young women striking for climate change in various news outlets, including BBC News, and Time. On 11 October 2019, she was invited to give a speech at

the C40 Mayors summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, to demand urgent action from the leaders of the world's largest cities.

#### INITIATIVES

- Founder of Fridays For Future Uganda.
- Founder of Lake Shore cleanups.
- Green Girls For Nature
- Protagonist in documentary film, Dear Future Children.
- Led a documentary report on Lake Victoria for a French and German TV, Arte.
- Organized a youth climate change dialogue together with the French Embassy in Uganda and Oxfam.
- Project lead of the Young Ugandan voices for Cop26 project.
- Save Bugoma Forest Campaign
- Clean Up Standard Chartered Bank Campaign
- Project lead of a campaign to stop the East African Crude Oil Pipeline project and part of the Global Stop EACOP coalition.
- Coordinator of the project Empowering Young Women on the frontlines of Climate Change Project.

#### BOOK WRITING

- Co-Author " The Climate Bible" by Greta Thunberg
- Co- Author of the book "Standing up for a sustainable world - voices of change" by Edgar
- Co-Author of the book: "The last Chance! Under the section" Coming Generations on the front
- Co-Author "The bigger Picture" by Vanessa Nakate
- Co-Author of an open letter to world leaders about the urgency of climate action.