



SDG 16 CONFERENCE

Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



SDG 16 as a compass for navigating intersecting crises

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SPEAKER BIO



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Pato Kelesitse is a climate justice advocate and development practitioner who advocates for sustainable development, with a gendered lens, as a critical development pillar. She engages in conversation and communication as a primary tool of advocacy. Her experience in advocacy includes youth and community engagement and mobilization, workshop facilitation, and project coordination. She

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Kelesitse is the founder of Sustain267 and the host of the Sustain267 Podcast, a series of climate change and sustainability conversations with Africans to amplify their voices and solutions within the climate justice movement. She has previously served as the coordinator of Resilient 40. Currently, she is a project officer at the South African Climate Action Network and Curator of Global Shapers Community Gaborone Hub. She serves as an advisor for Urgent Action Fund- Africa and is a FuturElect Fellow.