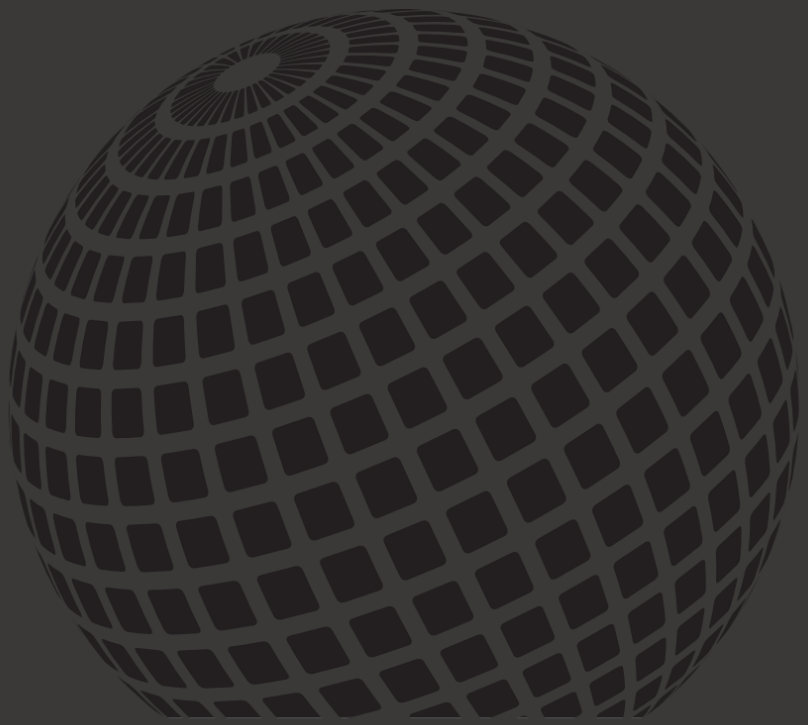
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Masters of Ceremony



Mr Mitesh Patel

Dulce Silveira Lewcock

CEO, Founder, SustainConnect (formerly *Women's Voices for Africa)*



Dulce Lewcock is the Founder and CEO of SustainConnect, an organisation born from the legacy of *Women's Voices for Africa*. Since 2018, she has led initiatives that bring together communities, policymakers, and innovators to confront global challenges through collaboration.

Her track record of leadership includes:

- 2018 – Hosting *We Stand with Albinos in Africa*, Cambridge's first international conference on albinism rights.
- 2019 – Mobilising emergency aid for Mozambique after Cyclones Idai and Kenneth, in collaboration with Willingham Village and Cambridge City.
- 2020–2021 – Promoting *Covid-19 awareness and mask protection campaigns*.
- 2022 – Delivering *Bridging Diversity, Technology & Innovation* in Cambridge, an international conference connecting tech, governance, and sustainability.
- 2024 – Organising Cambridge's *World Food Festival* and founding the Green Impact Awards Gala Dinner, a landmark celebration of changemakers during Black History Month.

Currently a PhD researcher at Liverpool John Moores University (Faculty of Engineering and Technology), Dulce combines academic research in sustainability and advanced manufacturing with practical leadership to advance inclusive growth, environmental resilience, and social well-being.

Adv. Sol. Hon. Cllr Baiju Thittala

Former mayor of Cambridge City Council



Adv. Sol. Hon. Cllr Baiju Thittala (Baiju Thittala Varkey) is a British-Indian politician and legal professional who made history as the **first non-white and South Asian Mayor of Cambridge**, serving for the 2024–2025 municipal term. A member of the Labour Party, he continues to serve as a **City Councillor for the East Chesterton ward**. Outside of politics, he is a qualified **Criminal Defence Duty Solicitor** based in Cambridge.



Dr Saleyha Ahsan

Dr Saleyha Ahsan is a British emergency medicine physician, broadcaster, filmmaker, and former army officer who is widely known for her frontline medical work in conflict zones and television presenting on programs like BBC Two's Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. She made history as the first British Muslim woman to complete the officer commissioning course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Dr Sanjeev Gajjela, FRSC, PMP



Dr. Sanjeev Gajjela, FRSC, PMP is an accomplished scientist, cleantech inventor, and entrepreneur who serves as the Founder and CEO of PySAF Ltd, a London-based startup focused on developing scalable pathways for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).

He has over 20 years of experience spanning biomass fast pyrolysis, chemical fractionation, and the upgrading of fast pyrolysis bio-crude into refinery-ready intermediates. Throughout his career, Dr. Gajjela has accumulated approximately 40 patent filings and helped secure over $30 million in competitive global research grants



H.E. Sara Affoué Amani

Her Excellency Sara Affoué Amani is a seasoned Ivorian diplomat who serves as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Kingdom. Appointed to her post in 2020, she holds the historic distinction of being the first female Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to the UK. She is also concurrently accredited as the non-resident Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland.

Ambassador Amani holds a degree in Public Law from Alassane Ouattara University and entered the prestigious National School of Administration (ENA) in 1999. Before her appointment to London, she built extensive diplomatic expertise serving in Brussels and Israel, and crucially stepped into the role of Chargé d'Affaires during the 2011 Ivorian political crisis

Kamil Musiał Ph.D (Eng)



Kamil Musiał, PhD, is a researcher and lecturer at Wrocław University of Science and Technology, specializing in artificial intelligence, agentic systems, and intelligent methods in production engineering. His research focuses on production scheduling, optimization, and machine learning applications in manufacturing. He brings ten years of industry experience in software development and testing across multiple companies and projects. He teaches artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation, programming, and software testing, combining academic expertise with practical industry insight.



Charlotte Horobin

CEO, Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce

The most widely publicized Charlotte Horobin is a prominent British business executive who serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce, a role she has held since July 2023. In addition to leading the Chamber, she is a member of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Business Board and chairs its Skills & Employment Board. She also serves as Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board for InterAct (an ESRC-led manufacturing innovation network).

Anaximenes Tales De Aquino



Anaximenes Tales De Aquino is a contemporary Brazilian entrepreneur, researcher, and global business development consultant. He is the Co-Founder of AquaSense AI Solutions, a technology startup that builds water intelligence and continuous environmental monitoring platforms.

His name happens to blend the names of Anaximenes and Thales, two of the earliest Pre-Socratic Greek philosophers from the Milesian School, combined with Aquino (Thomas Aquinas), a major medieval philosopher and theologian



Dr Arsalan Ghan

Dr. Arsalan Ghani is an academic, strategist, and industrial consultant who serves as an Industrial Associate / Fellow at IfM Engage, a part of the Institute for Manufacturing (IfM) at the University of Cambridge. He specializes in technology and innovation management, corporate strategy, digital supply networks, and industrial policy.

FEATURED PANEL & INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

Dr Fatou Bensouda

Dr. Fatou Bom Bensouda is a prominent Gambian lawyer, diplomat, and international jurist who currently serves as the Gambian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. She is globally recognized for her historic tenure as the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) from 2012 to 2021, making her the first woman and the first African to lead the ICC's Office of the Prosecutor





Eng. Anna Burduk

Dr. Eng. Anna Burduk is a Full Professor and academic leader at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of Wrocław University of Science and Technology (Politechnika Wrocławska) in Poland. She serves as the Head of the Department of Production Engineering and Management and is the Vice President of the Polish Association for Production Management.

Mr Ibrahim Diakite

Mr. Ibrahim Sory Diakité is a prominent Malian-British community leader, academic, and socio-political advocate currently serving as the Vice President of the High Council of Malians in the United Kingdom (HCME-UK). Elected to the executive bureau for a five-year term (2025–2030), Diakité plays a critical role in managing the thematic divisions of the council. He serves as a vital bridge between the Malian diaspora, UK authorities, and the Malian government.



PROGRAMME

Time	Programme	Details
18:00	Registration & Exhibition Viewing	Welcome drinks • International & country showcases
18:35	Master of Ceremony	Apst.Dr Precious Toe — President, Liberian Community in London; Award-Winning Gospel Singer & Community Leader
18:40	Opening Address & Presentation	Ms Dulce Silveira Lewcock — Founder & CEO, SustainConnect CIC; PhD Researcher, Faculty of Engineering, Liverpool John Moores University
18:45	Official Welcome	Adv. Sol. Hon. Cllr Baiju Thittala – Former Mayor of Cambridge City Council
18:55	Special Presentation	Dr Saleyha Ahsan — Emergency Medicine Doctor, Broadcaster, Filmmaker & Academic Researcher Can We Build Healthcare Systems That Survive Crisis? Science, Innovation and the Future of Human Resilience
19:10	Special Presentation	Dr Sanjeev Gajjela, FRSC, PMP Founder & CEO • SAF Technology • Low-Carbon Fuels • ESG • R&D Decarbonising the aviation sector, including the role of sustainable aviation fuels
19:25	Dinner • Fashion • Music & Raffle	Dinner, entertainment and informal networking
20:00	Special Presentation	H.E. Sara Affoué Amani Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Kingdom From Cocoa Production to Global Value Creation: Côte d'Ivoire, Industrial Transformation and the Future of Sustainable Cocoa
20:15	Special Presentation	Dr Kamil Musiał -Researcher- Department of Production Engineering and Management, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Wrocław University of Science and Technology (Poland). Innovation, AI, intelligent systems and the future of sustainable industrial production
20:30	Special Presentation	Charlotte Horobin — Chief Executive Officer, Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce Business • International Trade • Partnership Engagement
20:45	Special Presentation	Anaximenes Tales De Aquino- Researcher, Consultant-Diplomat- Entrepreneur, CoFounder, AquaSense AI Solutions-From the Nile to The Network- Black Innovation in Water, Past and Future
21:00	Panel Chair Dr Arsalan Ghani-Institute for Manufacturing (IfM), University of Cambridge	Sustainable Industry • Intelligent Systems • Low-Carbon Solutions • International Collaboration.
21:50	Closing Address	
22:00 – Midnight	Executive Networking • Exhibition • Music	One-to-one business engagement and international connections

About SustainConnect CIC

SustainConnect emerged from the legacy of Women's Voices for Africa to become a hub for global collaboration and sustainable development. We believe that transformative impact is achieved through meaningful partnerships and shared values. Our mission is to foster synergistic and impactful connections through collaborative initiatives including events, conferences, festivals, and convenings.

Our Vision: To be a global nexus for inclusive growth, social innovation, and environmental resilience.

Our Mission: To build robust and mutually beneficial relationships among a wide range of stakeholders to collectively enhance social, economic, and environmental well-being.

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