

# OMNIA ELOMRANI

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## PROFILE SUMMARY

Advocate, climate activist and medical doctor with seven years of experience and passion for developing strategies and solutions at the intersection of human health, climate justice, and intergenerational equity to unlock systematic change for the health and prosperity of children, adolescents and youth globally.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Youth Envoy for the President of the 27th UN Climate Change Conference

08/2022 – present

The COP27 Presidency Team | Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

- Developed a one-year strategy with key objectives and indicators of success for the priorities and responsibilities of the Envoy.
- Represented COP27 President and Egyptian Foreign Affairs Minister Sameh Shoukry in 7 high-level global conferences including the COP27, the 77th **UN General Assembly** and the UNFCCC Africa Climate Week.
- Integrated children and youth for the first time in the COP27 outcome decision including the integration of young representatives and negotiators in official country delegations and hosting of the Children and Youth Pavilion and the Sharm El Sheikh youth climate dialogue.
- Held **10** consultations and needs assessments with youth-led organizations and groups in Gabon, New York and virtually.
- Launched a global campaign for children and youth at COP including the [#7Stories4COP27](#) and the [Youth-COP](#) platform.
- Created a COP27 capacity-building **toolkit** for children and youth with a calendar of youth-focused events and developed a toolkit website with Connect4Climate, the global partnership program of the World Bank Group.
- Organized the official Presidency's Youth Day with the UNFCCC Children and Youth Constituency (YOUNGO).
- Organized the first-ever youth climate policy forum with YOUNGO and invited the Ministers, Chairs of country groups and negotiators to two high-level roundtable discussions with youth experts and practitioners on adaptation and mitigation.
- Organized two intergenerational climate dialogues with children and adolescents with UNICEF, Save the Children, Child Rights Connect and the UN High-level Climate Champions Team.
- Moderated the COP-mandated High-level Climate Action Event for the UN Climate Champions.
- Delivered keynote remarks and interventions in **30** official side events by the UNFCCC and different pavilions at COP27 with Mary Robinson, Frans Timmermans, Tony Blair, Paul Bolman and others.
- Co-authored two **commentaries** with the WHO Partnership of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health on the human-rights based approach to children, adolescents and youth participation in the climate agenda in the British Medical Journal.
- Worked closely with the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports and Foreign Affairs as the liaison for the 17th Conference of Youth.
- Selected as a member of the **New York Times Generation Climate** Cohort and delivered a talk in NYT Climate Forward sessions.
- Represented COP27 Presidency in global and national media outlets including CNN, BBC News, and Bloomberg Daybreak.

### Member of the Youth Sounding Board of the European Commission DG INTPA (YSB)

07/2021 – present

European Commission's Directorate-General for International Partnerships | Brussels, Belgium

- Advised the Commissioner and DG INTPA on policies related to youth and especially on youth participation and empowerment through international partnerships.
- Supported DG INTPA and the Commissioner in monitoring the rollout and the use of tools aimed at strengthening youth participation and empowerment.
- Conducted interviews and focus group discussions with youth-led organizations and individuals for the first flagship report of the YSB on the Meaningful Inclusion of Youth and specifically co-authored the health and climate justice sections.
- Advised the formulation of the first Youth Action Plan in EU External Action and delivered inputs to the final report.
- Represented YSB in the European Development Days Forum and organized a climate change and health dialogue.
- Attended two Board meetings both in Brussels and virtually as well as facilitated breakout discussions with YSB members.

### Commissioner

10/2020 – 12/2022

The Lancet-Chatham House Commission on Improving Population Health post COVID-19 | London, UK

- Identified practical, pragmatic, and politically achievable steps to guide policymakers, commercial actors, and others toward a healthier and more sustainable future.
- Mapped the shared drivers of pandemic protection, population health, and environmental degradation.
- Conceptualized specific actions with the Commissioners to drive equitable, sustainable improvements in human and planetary health and addressed the inclusion of youth and intergenerational equity in the final report

United Nations Children's Funds and AstraZeneca's Young Health Programme | New York, USA

- Co-authored the **COVID-19, Mental Health, and Youth Engagement** commentary with UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore and WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus in the Journal of Adolescent Health.
- Facilitated two sessions on mental health and COVID-19 with UNICEF and the UN Youth Envoy Office.
- Represented UNICEF in the International Council Meeting of UNICEF funders in Copenhagen to advise the formulation of their youth engagement taskforce.

### Women Leaders for Planetary Health Associate

07/2020 – 07/2021

Women Leaders for Planetary Health (WLPH) | Berlin, Germany

- Coordinated virtual capacity-building sessions and coffee talks to empower women from the Global South with advocacy skills.
- Participated in the organization of WLPH annual summits and broader governance processes.
- Co-authored a **commentary** on the untapped potential of women to safeguard nature in the Lancet Planetary Health.

### Co-Chair and Interim Advocacy Director

10/2019 – 06/2021

Youth for Road Safety (YOURS) | Culemborg, The Netherlands

- Co-chaired the 2nd World Youth Assembly on Road Safety in Stockholm.
- Delivered **opening speech** at the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Road Safety attended by 130 Ministers.
- Delivered interventions in the Global Child Forum by the Swedish Royal Family and UNITE 2020 conference.
- Supported the strategy development of the Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety and evaluated the progress of the advocacy strategy in the Middle East and North Africa region.
- Conducted global stakeholder mapping and event strategizing for the Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety.

### Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues

10/2015 – 10/2021

The International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA) | Copenhagen, Denmark

- Represented 1.3 million medical students from 130+ countries in 15 global conferences including the UN ECOSOC Youth Forum, the World Health Assembly and Prince Mahidol Award conferences.
- Led two delegations of medical students to the 24th and 25th Climate Change Conference of Parties in Katowice and Madrid and the Bonn Intersessionals.
- Led a research team that conducted the first **global survey** across 112 countries to assess the integration of climate change in the medical curriculum – published in Medical Teacher Journal.
- Led a team of medical students with the WHO to conduct a scoping review of original research on climate change and human health from 2010 to 2020 that was launched in COP26 Glasgow.
- Co-designed an online **course** on food for health and sustainability with EIT Food and EAT Foundation.
- Facilitated 74 hours of training sessions and capacity-building workshops in 14 countries.
- Organized two COP simulations in Rwanda and Slovenia for 300+ medical students.
- Published 20 research papers and commentaries in the Lancet Planetary Health, Nature, and BMJ on climate change, food systems, youth engagement and adolescent health.
- Presented 5 abstracts that were accepted for publication in global conferences including the LSHTM Planetary Health Conference and 23rd International AIDS Conference.
- Initiated three new Memorandums of Understanding with UNICEF, Youth Health Organization and Global Alcohol Policy Alliance.

**Expert** – The World Health Organization (WHO) Working Group on Air Pollution | The WHO Steering Group on Non-Communicable Disease Lab and the Next Generation | The WHO Civil Society Working Group to Advance Climate and Health.

## MEDICAL EXPERIENCE

### Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery Training

06/2021 – 06/2022

Ain Shams University Teaching Hospital, Egypt

### Medical Intern

03/2020 – 03/2021

Ain Shams University Teaching Hospital, Egypt

### Elective in Emergency Medicine Department

09/2018 – 10/2018

Hialeah Hospital – Florida International University, USA

### Elective in Cardiac Surgery Unit

08/2015 – 09/2015

Cattinara Hospital – University of Trieste, Italy

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MB BCh)

Ain Shams University | Cairo, Egypt | 2013 – 2020

Excellent with Honor

## QUALIFICATIONS

Arabic, native

English, IELTS certified

French, Delf A2 certified

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- **El Omrani O**, Carmen VA, Bionat JF, Ghebreyesus TA, Fore H, Wickramanayake J. COVID-19, mental health, and young people's engagement. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. 2021 Jul 27.  
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- **El Omrani O**, Dafallah A, Paniello B, Amaro B, Taneja S, Amzil M, Sajib M, Ezzine T. 2020. Envisioning planetary health in every medical curriculum: an international medical student organization's perspective. *Med Teach*.
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- **El Omrani O**, Haidar A. Climate Change in Every Medical Curriculum. Short Communication presented at Association for Medical Education in Europe Conference; October 2020; Virtual.
- **El Omrani O**, Ukkas S. Youth-led Efforts to Combat COVID-19 Infodemic. Poster presented at World Congress on Public Health; October 2020: Virtual
- Ukkas S. **El Omrani O**, Medical Students Worldwide Take Action Against COVID-19. Poster presented at ESCMID Conference on Coronavirus Disease; September 2020: Virtual
- **El Omrani O**, Janušonytė E, Lalucat L. Sex-positivity in public health strategies and medical consulting. Poster presented at 23rd International AIDS Conference; July 2020; Virtual.
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