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Ralien Bekkers has been working on climate action and sustainable development since 2009, starting at the national and local level in the Netherlands.

She served as the Dutch UN Youth Representative on Sustainable Development from 2012-2014, engaging closely in the UN negotiations for the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For the adoption of the SDGs, she worked at the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General in New York City.

At Yale University, she started a course on implementation of the SDGs, while graduating with a Master of Environmental Management. In addition, she holds a Master of Science in Public Financial Management with Distinction from SOAS University of London. Between 2017-2023, Bekkers worked at the NDC Partnership in Washington DC, a global climate coalition that assists countries to implement their national climate plans under the Paris Agreement.

In early 2023, she returned to The Hague to lead international climate work at the Dutch Ministry of Finance, in particular a global climate coalition of Finance Ministries. In 2023, she published her first Dutch book on climate action, women's leadership, and gender equality.

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