



Nesha Abiraj is an International Human Rights Lawyer. She is the Co-Founder & President of, Climate Rights & Justice International, focused on the impact of the climate crisis on human rights. She has been chosen to be featured in Marquis Who's Who in America as a top professional in her field. She previously served as an Ambassador to Island States and vulnerable Coastal Regions on climate justice and human rights. She also served as an Ambassador to Stop Ecocide International an organization seeking to make ecocide, which is broadly understood to mean, largescale and systematic destruction of nature, the 5<sup>th</sup> International Crime against Peace. She previously worked with Human Rights Watch, Save the Children and continues to serve as a Lead Advocate for UNICEF USA on international humanitarian response relating to key poverty focused issues impacting the lives of children living in humanitarian and developmental settings including conflict zones.

Nesha also serves as a member of the US National Coalition to end early, forced and child marriages and is a US Advisory Board Member to [Sahiyo](#), an NGO dedicated to ending the practice of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). She is also a Climate Reality Leader trained under the former Vice President of the United States, Mr. Al Gore.

Nesha became the first Trinidad & Tobago National to be awarded the Schuette Fellowship in Global Health and Human Rights. She has worked on international human rights policies related to the promotion and protection of the rights of women, children, migrants, the environment and global health and human rights. Notably she worked on infectious diseases law and policy in India, China, the United States and the Eastern Caribbean. In the last 3 years she worked on 9 successful human rights campaigns which resulted in child marriage being banned in 9 US States including New York and [Massachusetts](#).

She was also the first National of Trinidad and Tobago to be awarded the Citation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for her tireless work to protect children from early, forced and child marriages. She has also done over a decade of humanitarian service in the aftermath of natural disasters in the Commonwealth Caribbean & the US. She is also the recipient of the Pen America, Pen Toni & James C. Goodale, Free Expression Courage Award. She is a member of the Law

Association of Trinidad and Tobago and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, Young Lawyers Division.

### **Awards, Publications and Highlights**

**2025-** Marquis Who's Who in America Top Executive in the field of International Human Rights;  
<https://marquistopexecutives.com/2025/03/06/nesha-abiraj/>

**2024** – Rights in Crisis: Should Ecocide become the 5<sup>th</sup> International Crime against Peace? | [International Law Association](#)

**2024** – Featured in the Book [“Women Who Win: Real Stories, Real Women: Inspiration, Resilience, and Ambition from Women Around the World”](#)

**2024** – The Ai I Breathe: The Right to a Healthy Environment | [Commonwealth Borneo Rainforest Law Conference, Malaysia](#)

**2023 - Present:** Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director| The Climate Rights & Justice International

**2023: Rights in Crisis| CLA** <https://www.commonwealthlawyers.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CLA-India-Summit-Paper-2023.pdf>

**2023:** Represented the Law Association of Trinidad & Tobago at Commonwealth Summit on the Status of Refugee Rights;  
[https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7039447564093374464?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop](https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7039447564093374464?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop)

**2023:** [The Climate Crisis and Human Rights](#) | Sahiyo

**2023:** Ambassador| Stop Ecocide International

**2022, 2023:** Ambassador to Island States and coastal regions on Climate Justice and Human Rights| Island Innovation

**2022 - present:** Climate Reality Leader | Climate Reality Project

**2022-** [Pushed to Poverty, Women, Girls and the Climate Crisis](#) | Climate Reality Project and Faiths for Future

**2021:** [Voices Reflection: “An Advocate’s Journey”](#) |Sahiyo

**2021:** [Advisory Board Spotlight](#) | Sahiyo

**2021:** [“From Trinidad & Tobago to International Human Rights”](#) | Women Who Win 100

**2020:** [“Reimagining our world with the hope of a better tomorrow”](#)| Paradise Pulse Magazine

**2019 - present:** Appointed UNICEF USA Advocacy Lead | UNICEF USA

**2019:** +1 mil reach “[End Child Marriage: Massachusetts](#)” | Human Rights Watch

**2019:** Recipient of Citation for efforts to end early, forced & child marriages| The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**2019:** “[Break the Chains of Child Marriage](#)” |The Progressive Magazine

**2018:** “[SWAHA’s own Nesha Abiraj featured by Amnesty International](#)” | SWAHA International

**2018:** [Schuette Fellowship in Global Health and Human Rights](#)| Northwestern University, Human Rights Watch

**2018:** “[Student Portrait](#)” | Amnesty International

**2016:** Recipient of the Pen America, Pen Toni & James C. Goodale, Free Expression Courage Award