

Fifteen years turning degraded land into working forests.

Co-Founder and CEO, EcoPlanet Bamboo · Member, Global Restoration Council · TEDxBoston 2026

BIO — 50 WORDS

Camille Rebelo is the Kenyan-born co-founder and CEO of EcoPlanet Bamboo, which restores degraded land across five countries into working forests that deliver verified carbon removals, employ thousands, and grow the feedstock for deforestation-free fibre and net zero fuels. She sits on the Global Restoration Council.

BIO — 100 WORDS

Camille Rebelo is the Kenyan-born co-founder and CEO of EcoPlanet Bamboo. Trained in ecology at Imperial College London and the Yale School of Forestry, she has spent two decades in restoration operations across more than twenty countries. Since 2010 EcoPlanet has restored more than 40,000 hectares of degraded land across Nicaragua, Ghana, Rwanda, South Africa, and the Philippines, generating the world's first VCS-verified bamboo carbon credits and the first FSC certification for a commercial bamboo operation. She serves on the Global Restoration Council and was named to the 2024 Meaningful Business 100.

SPEAKS TO

Financing nature-based solutions. Where most efforts still fail, and what fifteen years of doing it differently has proven.

Fuel for the industries that cannot electrify. Aviation, shipping, and heavy transport, and the case for bamboo as feedstock.

Carbon markets, from the inside. The early forest carbon markets she worked on through the UNFCCC, and what they have become.

Women's leadership in climate. Why the most operationally credible companies in the field are increasingly built and led by women.

Building a global business from Africa. 400 million African youth entering the workforce by 2030, and the jobs that do not yet exist for them.

BIO — 200 WORDS

Camille Rebelo grew up in Kenya watching conservation projects rise and fall with their grant cycles, and concluded early that restoration would only endure when it paid for itself. Trained in ecology at Imperial College London and the Yale School of Forestry, she spent her early career across more than twenty countries in Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia before co-founding EcoPlanet Bamboo in 2010 on degraded pastureland in Nicaragua.

Fifteen years on, EcoPlanet stewards more than 40,000 hectares across five countries on three continents, employs roughly 2,000 people, more than 99 percent of them local hires, and delivers verified carbon removals under the VCS with community outcomes quantified against SD VSta. The company generated the world's first VCS bamboo carbon credits in 2013, holds the first FSC certification for commercial bamboo, and received the U.S. State Department Award for Corporate Excellence in 2014. Its next chapter converts restored bamboo landscapes into net zero liquid fuels for the industries that cannot electrify.

Camille sits on the Global Restoration Council, was named to the 2024 Meaningful Business 100, and in 2025 was invited by the Government of Rwanda to name a mountain gorilla at Kwigizira. The name she chose means bamboo.

RECENT PLATFORMS

2026	TEDxBoston <i>Why electrification alone will not get us to net zero</i>
2024	Business of Conservation Conference <i>African Leadership University</i>
2024	Meaningful Business Summit <i>MB100 honoree programme</i>
2021-22	AFSIC — Investing in Africa <i>Featured speaker, multi-year</i>
2015	FAO World Forestry Congress <i>Commercial forestry session</i>

FORMATS

Keynotes, fireside conversations, technical panels, and closed-door investor sessions. Comfortable on technical and broad public stages alike. Available in person or remote; based in Nairobi, travels worldwide.

BOOKING

Speaking, press, and partnerships:
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EcoPlanet Bamboo, at a glance.

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2010

FOUNDED · NICARAGUA

5

COUNTRIES · NICARAGUA, GHANA, RWANDA, SOUTH AFRICA, PHILIPPINES

40,000+

HECTARES STEWARDED

2,000

EMPLOYEES AND FIELD STAFF · 99% LOCAL HIRES

21M+TONNES CO₂E PROJECTED OVER PROJECT LIFECYCLES**2013**

WORLD'S FIRST VCS BAMBOO CARBON CREDITS

BOILERPLATE

EcoPlanet Bamboo is an integrated land-restoration and bioeconomy company. Founded in 2010, it restores degraded land at industrial scale into working forests, led by bamboo and including native species such as South Africa's spekboom, delivering verified carbon removals today and growing the feedstock for deforestation-free fibre and net zero liquid fuels. EcoPlanet operates across Nicaragua, Ghana, Rwanda, South Africa, and the Philippines, holds the first FSC certification for a commercial bamboo operation, generated the world's first VCS bamboo carbon credits in 2013, and received the U.S. State Department Award for Corporate Excellence in 2014. Community and biodiversity outcomes are quantified against SD V1Sta alongside its carbon certification.

RECOGNITION

Global Restoration Council — member, appointed by the German Ministry of Environment with the World Resources Institute.

U.S. State Department Award for Corporate Excellence — 2014.

Meaningful Business 100 — 2024.

Kwita Izina — invited by the Government of Rwanda to name a mountain gorilla at the 2025 ceremony.

STYLE NOTES

Camille Rebelo (not Rebello). EcoPlanet Bamboo, or EcoPlanet on second reference. Co-Founder and CEO. "Fibre" in British usage. Bamboo is a grass, not a tree; EcoPlanet plants clumping species that do not spread.

APPROVED QUOTATION

"The next generation's oil wells will be these beautiful bamboo forests."

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Two approved images ship with this kit (camille-1.jpg, camille-2.jpg). Print-resolution files and field photography from all five countries are available on request. Credit: EcoPlanet Bamboo.

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