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Beyond climate activism, Benjamin is a dedicated advocate for children's rights. He served as youth advisor to the Flemish Children's Rights Commissioner and is currently a climate advisor to CRIN (Child Rights International Network). He firmly believes children and young people deserve a genuine seat at the table as experts of their own experiences and active members of the society.

Benjamin represents UNEP in the UN Youth Core Group, is an EU Climate Pact Ambassador, and a plaintiff in the TotalCriminal lawsuit against TotalEnergies. He has spoken at the past three COPs, organizing sessions to amplify frontline youth voices. Known as a bridging figure, he connects grassroots movements with political institutions, advocating for stronger ties between affected communities and those in power.

He places intergenerational justice at the heart of his work, collaborating closely with young people from the Global South to amplify their voices. Benjamin is currently studying Social Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, balancing his studies with activism, public speaking, and strategic advocacy. More info: climatejusticeforrosa.org