

Biography

Rachel Kyte is the 14th dean of [The Fletcher School](#) at [Tufts University](#). A 2002 graduate of [Fletcher's Global Master of Arts Program \(GMAP\)](#) and a professor of practice at the school since 2012, Kyte is the first woman to lead the nation's oldest graduate-only school of international affairs, which attracts students from all corners of the globe and at all stages of their careers.

Prior to joining Fletcher, Kyte served as special representative of the U.N. secretary-general and chief executive officer of [Sustainable Energy for All](#) (SEforALL). She previously was the World Bank Group vice president and special envoy for climate change, leading in the run-up to the Paris Agreement. She was also vice president at the International Finance Corporation responsible for ESG risk and business advisory services.

In her U.N. role and as CEO of SEforAll, a public-private platform created from an initiative of the U.N. and World Bank, Kyte led efforts to promote and finance clean, reliable and affordable energy as part of the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals](#). She served as co-chair of U.N. Energy.

In the 2020 New Year Honours, Rachel was appointed as CMG for her services to sustainable energy and combating climate change.

Kyte is a member of the U.N. secretary-general's high level advisory group on climate action and an advisor to the U.K. government in its preparations of the climate talks in 2021 as a Friend of COP26. Kyte is chair of the Rwanda Green Fund, chair of the ESG committee of the board of the Private Infrastructure Development Group. She serves on a number of not-for-profit boards, and advises private sector corporations in areas of climate, energy and finance.

A citizen of the U.K., Kyte earned her undergraduate degree in history and politics from the University of London. Kyte is married to Dr. Ilyse Zable and they have two children.