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Wanjira Mathai is the Chair of the Wangari Maathai Foundation (WMF). The WMF's mission is to advance the legacy of Prof. Wangari Maathai by nurturing a culture of purpose and integrity that inspires courageous leadership. The WMF recognizes that because youth make up 80% of Kenya's population, they will play a profound role in shaping the nation's future. As such character building and personal leadership, inspired by the life and work of Wangari Maathai, are key elements of their ability to address pervasive greed, selfishness and apathy in society.

Wanjira also serves as Senior Advisor at the World Resources Institute and sits on the Boards of the Wangari Maathai Institute and the World Agroforestry Institute. She is an advisory council member of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, a councillor of the World Future Council, and co-chair of the Global Restoration Council. Wanjira was also named one of the 100 most influential Africans of 2018 by New African Magazine.