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Saliha Dobardzic is a Senior Climate Change Specialist with the Adaptation Program at the Global Environment Facility, which manages the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund.

Saliha's involvement with environmental issues began with founding the first student environmental awareness group at Kuwait University, where she obtained her Bachelors of Science in Zoology.

She has since worked for the World Bank in post-conflict Bosnia and later on environmental and urban issues with the Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Program.

Prior to joining the GEF, she spent three years with the World Bank's Middle East and North Africa region where she worked on climate change strategy and programming. As a researcher, she has had short-term involvement with The Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center, UN-Habitat, Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction, and a number of prominent NGOs.

Saliha has a MS in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park where she continued on to PhD studies on human-environment dynamics applying spatial science tools.

She has co-authored several published reports and studies on climate change. She is among "Women Leaders in Energy and Climate Change", a select group of one hundred individuals convened jointly by the White House and U.S. Department of Energy.