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Hala Kilani holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the American University of Beirut and a degree in International Affairs-Political Science from the Lebanese American University. In 2009 she completed an MA in Anthropology at the University College London, UK.

Kilani began her career as a journalist for the Lebanese newspaper, *The Daily Star*, where she covered social and environmental issues, with a particular focus on refugees and domestic foreign workers rights.

After that she worked in sustainable development with various organizations including the United Nations Development Program, Mercy Corps, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature where she introduced regional work based on a traditional nature conservation system. In 2012 she served as the Outreach and Public Engagement Director with the Qatari Presidency of the 18th Session of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kilani joined the climate movement and has been serving as Senior Communications Officer with the international Secretariat of the Climate Action Network, a network of more than 1,300 organizations advocating climate action.

In the field of human rights advocacy Kilani has assisted with the UK Department for International Development through the Forest People Program and the University College of London on projects aimed to advance the rights of the Indigenous Baka Forest people in the Congo Basin.