



Women Leading Solutions on the Frontlines of Climate Change - Paris

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Featuring:



Titilope Akosa (UNFCC Women and Gender Constituency; Center for 21st Century Issues, Nigeria)

Titilope Akosa is the Executive Director of Centre for 21st Century Issues in Nigeria, and has been involved in gender and climate justice work from the local level to the global level. During the process leading up to COP15, she mobilized and coordinated meetings for Nigerian women. She has experience with various networks including the Bridge Institute for Development, UNHABITAT, and Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA) and WEDO.

She also serves as a member and representative of the UNFCC Women and Gender Constituency, working inside and outside of COP climate negotiations. Titilope has facilitated many trainings on gender and climate change for local communities in Nigeria and Ghana; trainings for women on gender and energy efficiency; trainings for journalists and media practitioners on gender and climate change under the African Adaptation Program; and trainings for conflict and climate change for small holder farmers.



Naomi Ages (Greenpeace USA, USA)

Naomi Ages is the Climate Liability Project Lead at Greenpeace USA. The Climate Liability Project focuses on establishing legal, political, and financial accountability for climate change, in various legal and quasi-legal fora. She also works on Greenpeace's Climate Justice campaign, which seeks to protect and empower those who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. In addition, as part of Greenpeace's UNFCCC delegation, Naomi covers loss and damage, focusing on equity and mechanisms for finance, adaptation and compensation. Prior to joining Greenpeace, Naomi was a global finance lawyer in private practice. Her pro bono work focused extensively on asylum and gender rights issues, and she served on the executive committee of the Women's Bar Association International Human Rights Committee. Naomi received her AB from Harvard University, where she was a Harvard College Scholar, and her JD from the University of Southern California. She is the recipient of the Carl Mason Franklin Prize for International Law, and has written about the development and enforcement of international environmental law.



Aleta Baun (Conservationist and activist, Indonesia)

Aleta Baun is an Indonesian conservationist and activist who led a successful non-violent movement against mining companies in Timor. Working with local villagers, the campaign culminated in a year-long weaving occupation of the mines by 150 women that drew public interest from across Indonesia. Today, she works to combat unsustainable and environmentally damaging 'development' projects in conjunction with efforts to protect indigenous territorial rights and defend their land from exploitation. She was awarded the 2013 Goldman Environmental Prize for her successful halt of the mining industries ecologically destructive practices.



Eriel Deranger (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Canada)

Eriel Tchekwie Deranger is a Dene Indigenous activist and member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) of Northern Alberta, Canada. Eriel is currently employed as the Tar Sands Campaign and Communication Coordinator for ACFN. Her work focuses on creating greater awareness about the impacts of the Alberta Tar Sands and demanding that all levels of government and the private sector fully implement the unique Indigenous rights her people hold as described by Treaty 8, and the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples. Eriel is a wife and mother of two who comes from a family that has long battled industrial and sometimes illegal activities on their traditional and treaty lands.



Casey Camp-Horinek (Ponca Nation elder; Indigenous Environmental Network, USA)

Casey Camp-Horinek of the Ponca Nation is a long-time Native rights activist, environmentalist and actress. As traditional Drumkeeper for the Ponca Pa-tha-ta, Woman's Scalp Dance Society, Camp-Horinek helps maintain the cultural identity of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma for herself, her family and her community. She has been at the forefront of grassroots community efforts to educate and empower both Native and non-Native community members on environmental and civil rights issues. In April of 2008 Camp-Horinek, as a delegate of the Indigenous Environmental

Network (IEN), was chosen to speak to the United Nations Permanent Forum on indigenous Issues and present IEN's global platform regarding the environment and Native rights. Casey is an honored member of the WECAN International Advisory Council and US Women's Climate Justice Initiative.



Thilmeeza Hussain (Voice of Women, Maldives)

Thilmeeza Hussain is the founder of Voice of Women Maldives, her country's only non-government organization addressing women and climate change. She is also a member of Climate Wise Women, a global platform promoting women's leadership on climate change. Thilmeeza served as Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Maldives to the United Nations from 2009 to 2012 when the first democratically elected government was toppled. During her term at the UN she had the sustainable development portfolio and led the Maldives on environmental and climate change issues. Prior to serving at the UN, Thilmeeza was Minister of State for Home Affairs - North Province, and was among the team of young enthusiastic members of her country's first democratically elected government. She worked extensively with the decentralization process, was charged with establishing the North Province Office, and managed the administration of the island of Dhuvaafaru, a previously uninhabited island that was settled by Maldives after the 2004 tsunami.



Angelina Galiteva (100% Renewables Policy Institute, USA)

Angelina M. Galiteva is an expert in renewable energy strategy and environmental and sustainability policy programs. She is founder of 100% Renewables Policy Institute, Chairperson of the World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE), and Chair of the Renewable Energy Working Group at the Business for Environment (B4E) Summit. Ms. Galiteva also works as founder and Principal of NEOptions, Inc. and as a Board Member for TECOGEN, inc and ViaSpace, Inc. Angelina is an attorney with a JD and Masters' of Law Degrees in International, and Energy Law.



Nino Gamisonia (Rural Communities Development Agency of Abkhazia, Georgia)

Nino Gamisonia is the Project Coordinator for the Rural Communities Development Agency (RCDA) where she manages projects related to the use of renewable energy and women's empowerment. She is a member of the Women and Gender Constituency who has previously participated in COP19 and COP20. At the local level, Nino works with women's groups and has developed recommendations for local and national government as well as international organizations to prepare action plans for ensuring gender equality. From 1999 to 2002, Nino worked in the Parliament of Georgia on the Ad Hoc Commission on Abkhazian Issues, then with 'Women for Future', the Ministry of Health of Abkhazia, and Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia. Her publications to date include research on agricultural recycling, clean water technologies, safe sanitation and women's access to energy. Nino is actively involved in civic activism and is a member of Independent Group of Feminists.



Patricia Gualinga (Indigenous Kichwa leader, Sarayaku, Ecuador)

Patricia Gualinga Montalvo is a Kichwa leader from Sarayaku, Ecuador, working on the frontlines of the fight to end oil exploitation and militarization in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Mrs. Montalvo was a key protagonist in the historic 2012 Inter-American Court of Human Rights case that found the Ecuadorian government guilty of rights violations after authorizing oil exploration on Sarayaku's lands without community consent.



Natalie Isaacs (1 Million Women, Australia)

Natalie Isaacs is the driving force behind 1 Million Women, an Australia-wide campaign of women taking practical action to reduce waste and pollution in their daily lives – household energy, food, fashion, shopping, transport and travel. 1 Million Women is now Australia's largest women's movement acting on climate change, with the goal of uniting 1 million women to collectively cut 1 million tons of CO2 pollution. A mother of four with a deep concern about the world her children are inheriting, Natalie's philosophy is one of taking personal responsibility, acting on climate change through the way we live, and inspiring a other women to live low carbon lives.



Osprey Orielle Lake (Women's Earth and Climate Action Network, USA)

Osprey Orielle Lake is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN). She works internationally with grassroots and Indigenous leaders, policy-makers and scientists to mobilize women for climate justice, resilient communities, systemic change, and a just transition to a clean energy future. Osprey is Co-chair of International Advocacy for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and the visionary behind the International Women's Earth and Climate Summit, which brought together 100 women leaders from around the world to draft and implement a Women's Climate Action Agenda. She teaches international climate trainings and directs WECAN's advocacy work in areas such as Women for Forests, Rights of Nature and UN Forums. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature*.



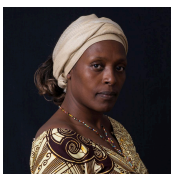
Mary Louise Malig (Global Forest Coalition, Philippines)

Mary Louise Malig is a researcher, policy analyst, campaigner, and writer on the issues of trade particularly the World Trade Organization, climate change, food and agriculture. She is co-author of the book, “The Anti-Development State: The Political Economy of Permanent Crisis in the Philippines” and a writer of a number of other papers, her latest publication being “Big Corporations, the Bali Package and Beyond: Deepening TNCs gains from the WTO”. She was the former Trade Campaign Coordinator of Focus on the Global South, and worked as staff for La Via Campesina in Asia. She is also a member of the Critical Information Collective. Malig is presently Campaigns Coordinator and Research Associate of the Global Forest Coalition.



Kandi Mossett (Indigenous Environmental Network; Fort Berthold POWER, USA)

Kandi Mossett (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara) of the Indigenous Environmental Network was born in North Dakota and grew up in an area known today as the Fort Berthold Reservation. She obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota (UND) in Natural Resource and Park Management. After working in the Park Service for 3 years she went on to earn a Masters of Environmental Management Degree within UND’s Earth Systems Science and Policy Program. She began working for the Indigenous Environmental Network as the Tribal Campus Climate Challenge (TCCC) Organizer in February of 2007. Her work has expanded over the years to include work in the international arena in order to create more awareness about international decision-making and its effect at the local level. Her current major focus is on creating awareness about the true dangers of hydraulic fracturing while working to push for regulations and protections, particularly on Native lands. In 2015, Kandi helped found Fort Berthold POWER, a North Dakota group working to protect the land, air, water, and Earth in the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara homeland. Kandi is an honored member of the WECAN International Advisory Council.



Neema Namadamu (SAFECO & WECAN DR Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo)

Neema Namadamu is a visionary peacemaker from Bukavu, South Kivu Province in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, where she advocates for peace, women’s rights, rights for persons with disabilities, rights for Indigenous pygmy peoples, and Rights of Nature. She is Founder and Director of SAFECO, the Synergy of Congolese Women’s Associations and Maman Shujaa: Hero Women of the Congo, through which she has established a media center for Congolese women to make their voices heard on the range of issues affecting their country. Neema also serves as WECAN International’s Coordinator in the Democratic Republic of Congo. As WECAN DRC Coordinator, Neema leads workshops and trainings with local women to address deforestation, build women’s leadership, support Traditional Ecologic Knowledge, and protect the rich ecosystems of the Itombwe rainforest. In June of 2012 Neema was selected as one of three World Pulse journalists for their annual Live Tour of the U.S., where she spoke before the U.S. Department of State, the Clinton Global Initiative, and was interviewed by CNN.



Fleur Newman (UNFCCC Gender Focal Point representing the UNFCCC Secretariat, Germany)

Fleur Newman is a climate and energy lawyer, currently working as a Programme Officer in the Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) programme of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat. Fleur additionally serves as Gender Focal Point for the secretariat. She holds law degrees from The University of Notre Dame Australia and The Australian National University, and is currently an Executive LLM candidate at the International law The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)



Jacqueline Patterson (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Environmental and Climate Justice Program, USA)

Jacqueline Patterson is the Director of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program. Since 2007 Patterson has served as coordinator & co-founder of Women of Color United. Patterson has worked as a researcher, program manager, coordinator, advocate and activist working on women’s rights, violence against women, HIV&AIDS, racial justice, economic justice, and environmental and climate. justice. Patterson served as a Senior Women’s Rights Policy Analyst for ActionAid where she integrated a women’s rights lens for the issues of food rights, macroeconomics, and climate change as well as the intersection of violence against women and HIV&AIDS. Previously, she served as Assistant Vice-President of HIV/AIDS Programs for IMA World Health providing management and technical assistance to medical facilities and programs in 23 countries in Africa and the Caribbean. Patterson holds a master’s degree in social work from the University of Maryland and a master’s degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University.



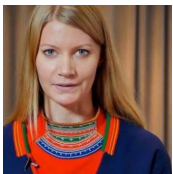
Mary Robinson (Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice, Ireland)

The first female president of Ireland (1990-1997), Mary Robinson became the United Nations Special Envoy on Climate Change in 2014, and is president of the Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Change. A former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary founded and was president of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative. She was educated at the University of Dublin (Trinity College), King's Inns Dublin and Harvard Law School, and as an academic (Trinity College Law Faculty 1968-90), legislator (Member of the Irish Senate 1969-89) and barrister (Irish Bar 1967-90, Senior Counsel 1980; called to the English Bar 1973) has sought to use law as an instrument for social change, arguing landmark cases before the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court in Luxembourg. The recipient of numerous honors and awards throughout the world including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Obama, Mary is a member of the Elders, former chair of the Council of Women World Leaders and a member of the Club of Madrid.



Sally Ranney (Women's Earth and Climate Action Network; AREDAY, USA)

Sally Ranney is a co-founder of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network and founder/ president of eraGlobal Alliance, with 30 years of professional experience in land, water, energy, sustainability, and biodiversity policy. Currently president of the American Renewable Energy Institute (AREI), Sally also serves as co-director of the Institute's AREDAY Summit. She is CEO of Stillwater Preservation LLC, a wetlands- mitigation banking company and serves as an advisor to P4P Energy, an innovative solar energy company. A former resource policy analyst for The Wilderness Society, Sally has served on the President's Commission on American Outdoors, the Clinton transition team, and created a youth conservation corps.



Josefina Skerk (Sami Parliament, Sweden)

Josefina Skerk is an Indigenous Sami activist from the coast of northern Sweden. Studying law at Umeå University, she has been active in Sami politics since she was 19, and is the vice leader of the Jakt-och Fiskesamerna party, which represents the hunting and fishing Sami. As part of the Sami Parliament, Josefina works on land and water protection, the right of Indigenous children to their language and all children to a good school with the possibility to eliminate differences due to class. In 2013, Josefina trekked to the North Pole with Greenpeace to deliver a scroll of nearly 3 million names united in protection the Arctic and call on global leaders to declare it a sanctuary for the future of humanity. In 2015, Josefina addressed the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.



Gloria Ushigua (Association of Sapara Women, Ecuador)

Gloria Ushigua is the President of the Association of Sapara Women, an Ecuadorian organization committed to maintaining the cultural identity of the Sapara peoples and promoting the rights of Indigenous women. Gloria is at the forefront of the movement to stop oil exploitation in the Ecuadorian Amazon, leading marches and demonstrations in response to policies that continue to open the region to fossil fuel development.