

Women Speak: Climate Justice on the Road to Paris & Beyond



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Featuring:



Mary Robinson (Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice; former President of Ireland, 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.



Janice Turner (D.P.M., M.P.H. and citizen of The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware, USA)

Dr. Janice Turner (D.P.M., M.P.H. and citizen of The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware, USA) Dr. Janice Turner is a citizen of the Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware who currently resides in her ancestral territory in the Hudson Valley of New York. For nearly 20 years she practiced medicine as a podiatrist. Wanting to share a lifelong passion for medicine and the outdoors with young people, Turner obtained a Master of Public Health degree in environmental health sciences from Columbia University. She has served as an adjunct professor and researcher at the City University of New York, a researcher at New York University, and an instructor at the Harlem Children's Zone in New York City. She has consulted on environmental and public health issues in her local community. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Yorktown Historical Society in Westchester County, New York. An award-winning photographer, Turner is known for her unique Native interpretations of natural scenes of the northeastern United States.



Patricia Gualinga Montalvo (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. Patricia was a delegate to the 2013 International Women's Earth and Climate Summit.



Melina Laboucan-Massimo (Lubicon Cree First Nations Indigenous and environmental activist with Greenpeace Canada, Canada)

Melina Laboucan-Massimo is Lubicon Cree from Northern Alberta, Canada. She has worked as an advocate for Indigenous rights for the past 12 years. She has studied and worked in Brasil, Australia, Mexico, and Canada focusing on Indigenous rights and culture, resource extraction, and ICTs. She has produced short documentaries, researched, and worked on topics ranging from the tar sands, inherent treaty rights, water issues to cultural appropriation. For the past 8 years Melina has worked against unabated tar sands extraction and expansion as a Climate & Energy campaigner with Greenpeace in Alberta as well as with the Indigenous Environmental

Network internationally. Melina has also been vocal on the issue of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women in Canada after the suspicious death of her sister Bella whose case still remains unsolved. Melina is currently finishing her Masters degree in Indigenous Governance at the University of Victoria with a focus on Renewable Energy in First Nation communities and recently installed a 20.8 kW solar installation in her community in the tar sands.



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.



May Boeve (350.org, USA)

Co-founder and executive director of international climate change campaign 350.org, May Boeve has spoken about the challenges of climate change around the world and across the US. 350.org's creative communications, organizing and mass mobilizations culminated in the most widespread day of political action in history, on October 24, 2009, with more than 5,200 events in 181 countries working together to convey the urgency of tackling the climate crisis. Prior to her involvement with 350.org, May co-founded and helped lead the Step It Up 2007 campaign, which brought together more than 200 partner organizations to change the debate about US global warming policy. May received the Brower Youth Award in 2006 and is the co-author of *Fight Global Warming Now*.



Neha Misra (Solar Sister, India)

Clean energy expert Neha Misra is the chief collaboration officer for Solar Sister, an innovative and award-winning social enterprise combining the breakthrough potential of portable solar technology with a woman-centred direct sales network bringing light, hope and opportunity to communities across Africa. Neha is also a Solar Suitcase Ambassador for We Care Solar, which promotes safe motherhood in developing regions by bringing solar power to remote health clinics. Neha has worked as an energy economist for The Energy and Resources Institute in North America and South Asia, and was North American coordinator for the Lighting a Billions Lives campaign. When not co(i)nspiring for women in clean tech, Neha is a poet and a folk artist connecting the dots between our creative consciousness and social transformation for building a truly sustainable future. Neha holds a master's degree of business economics from the University of Delhi, India, and a bachelor of science (honors) degree from St Stephens College, India.



Cherri Foytlin (The Mother's Project; Idle No More Gulf Coast, USA)

Cherri Foytlin (Dine, African-American and Latina descent) is a freelance journalist/photographer, speaker, artist and mother of six who lives in south Louisiana – an area inundated by industrial pollution, the catastrophic effects of climate change, and some of the highest cancer rates in the United States. She is the author of *Spill It! The Truth about the Deep Water Horizon Oil Rig Explosion*, and regularly contributes to www.BridgetheGulfProject.org, the Huffington Post, and several local newspapers. In the Spring of 2011 she walked to Washington D.C. from New Orleans (1,243 miles) to call for action to stop the BP Drilling Disaster, and has been a constant voice speaking out for the health and ecosystem of Gulf Coast communities in countless forms of media. As an advocate for climate justice, she has been arrested in front of the White House twice and has spoken to

thousands at venues and rally's in the United States and Europe. In addition, she is a founding member of the Gulf Coast Chapter of The Mother's Project – Mother's for Sustainable Energy and Idle No More Gulf Coast.



Thilmeeza Hussain (Voice of Women Maldives; former Deputy Permanent Representative to the Mission of the Maldives to the United Nations, 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.



Diane Moss (Renewables 100 Policy Institute, USA)

Diane Moss is a founder of the Renewables 100 Policy Institute and founder of dima-media, which specializes in sustainability-related projects, companies and campaigns. Diane is also an independent energy strategies consultant, and has worked with several non-profit organizations, including Friends of the Earth and Heinrich Boell Foundation, as well as clean tech companies. She has served as US policy advisor to World Future Council, and as environmental deputy to United States Congressmember Jane Harman. Diane also served as intern to the Costa Rican Ambassador to UNESCO in Paris. She studied at Harvard University and New York University, and completed a thesis program in political science in Paris. Her writing on renewable energy related issues has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Today's Facility Manager and Cleantechnica.



Molly Dorozenski (Greenpeace, USA)

Molly Dorozenski is the Media Director at Greenpeace US, where she has worked for eight years public relations and creative and strategic communications. She has planned and executed comprehensive communications campaigns including campaigns on climate, the Arctic, the Gulf Oil Spill, as well as a variety of corporate campaigns that helped move companies towards more sustainable practices. In 2015 she received an Effie Award for work with the VIA Agency that pushed tech companies to commit to using more renewable energy. Prior to joining Greenpeace, she worked at Scribner, publicizing a variety of political, celebrity and progressive authors including Steve Martin, Craig Unger, Rick Perlstein, Annie Proulx and others. She has a BA in English from Yale University and an MFA in Creative Writing from UMASS-Amherst, and lives in Brooklyn New York.



Bridget Burns (Women & Gender Constituency; WEDO, USA)

Bridget Burns is Co-Focal Point for the UNFCCC Women & Gender Constituency and is Advocacy and Communications Director of WEDO, the Women's Environment and Development Organization. At WEDO, Bridget works to implement the organizations advocacy goals and influence policy through multiple channels of communication- from traditional and online media to multi-stakeholder outreach and capacity building. She currently specializes in policy advocacy, research and mobilization around the linkages between gender equality, women's rights and climate change; particularly in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She obtained a Masters from the London School of Economics in Gender, Development and Globalization, where the focus of her research was on eco-feminism, strategic essentialism and its deployment in literature and policy, as well as a Bachelors in International Policy. Bridget has also spent time completing on site practicum on a wide variety of development issues in several countries: renewable energy infrastructure in Beijing, global health issues in Tunisia, disaster risk and resilience in Bangkok, and women's economic

development in Costa Rica. She has been and is currently engaged in a number of local and international climate activist groups, as well as a feminist writing collective.



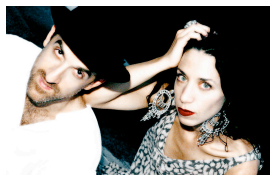
Sally Ranney (Women's Earth and Climate Action Network; eraGlobal Alliance, USA)

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.



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 nationally and internationally with grassroots and business leaders, policy-makers and scientists to promote climate justice, resilient communities, 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 has served on the board of the Praxis Peace Institute and on the Steering Committee for The UN Women's Major Group for the Rio+20 Earth Summit. Awards include the National Women's History Project Honoree, Taking The Lead To Save Our Planet, and the Woman Of The Year Outstanding Achievement Award from the California Federation Of Business And Professional Women. Osprey is the author of the award-winning book, *Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature*.



Bethany Yarrow and Rufus Cappadocia (USA)

Vocalist Bethany Yarrow and cellist Rufus Cappadocia weave together musical traditions from around the globe to transport their audiences to a different time and place. Bethany, the daughter of '60s folk singer Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul and Mary), experienced a childhood infused with traditional American folk music, blues and spirituals, which engendered in her a deep love of traditional songs and spirituals from around the globe. Rufus, meanwhile, is renowned for his own cross-cultural collaborations, taking the cello into ever more unexpected musical realms as he traces the lineage of American music back to its African, Haitian and Arabic roots. The duo released its debut record *900 Miles* in 2007, and since 2009 have performed with Nigerian singer flutist and jazz-ethnic band leader Yacouba Moumouni and dynamic Haitian percussionist Bonga Jean-Baptiste as part of an expanded group, the Bethany & Rufus Roots Quartet.