

INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL



December 4-5, 2015, 9am - 6pm
at MAISON DES METALLOS
94, Rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud, 75011 Paris
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INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL OF RIGHTS OF NATURE

A unique, citizen-created initiative to testify publicly about the destruction of the Earth and propose a systemic alternative to environmental protection and current environmental laws.

The "International tribunal for Rights of Nature" was launched by GARN in 2014. First session of the tribunal, presided by Dr. *Vandana Shiva*, convened hearings in Quito, Ecuador in January 2014 during the Global Rights of Nature Summit. The second session held in Lima, Peru in December 2014 during the UNFCCC-COP20 was presided by *Alberto Acosta*.

The Tribunal is a unique citizen-created initiative. It gives people from all around the world the opportunity to testify publicly as to the destruction of the Earth, destruction that governments and corporations not only allow, but in some cases encourage.

The Tribunal provides **a systemic alternative to environmental protection, acknowledging that ecosystems have the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate their vital cycles**, with legal standing in a court of law. The Tribunal has a strong focus on enabling **Indigenous Peoples to share their unique concerns** and solutions about land, water, air and culture with the global community.

The Tribunal features internationally renowned lawyers and leaders for planetary justice, who will hear emblematic cases addressing issues such as climate change, false solutions, GMOs, fracking, extractive industries and other environmental violations.

They formulate judgments and recommendations for the Earth's protection and restoration based on the **Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth**. Among other things, the Declaration binds us to respect the integrity of the vital ecological processes of the Earth. Accordingly, the Declaration also helps advance **proposed amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to recognize the crime of Ecocide**.

The International Tribunal of the Rights of Nature is part of an effort to promote a change of consciousness and highlight the need to expand the international legal framework and national laws to ensure the safety of planet by preserving biodiversity and respecting ecosystem dynamics.

The third International Rights of Nature Tribunal will be held on 4 and 5 December 2015 concurrently with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 21) in Paris, France. This tribunal is hosted by the Global Alliance of the Rights of Nature in partnership with End Ecocide on Earth; NatureRights & Attac France.

FALSE SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE • FRACKING • AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRY/GMOS
MEGA-DAMS IN THE AMAZON • DEFENDERS OF MOTHER EARTH
OIL EXPLOITATION ECOCIDES •

Registration details:

www.maisondesmetallos.org/2015/07/22/tribunal-international-des-droits-de-la-nature

More infos

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RON TRIBUNAL PROGRAM*

MAISON DES METALLOS - VENDREDI 4 ET SAMEDI 5 DÉC. / 9H00-18H30

The Tribunal is hosted by the *Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN)* who holds the *Secretariat* and formal procedures for ongoing International Rights of Nature Tribunals. In *Paris*, the GARN has established a partnership with *End Ecocide on Earth* for some cases of Ecocides, and with *NatureRights* and *Attac France*. The cases will be presented by presenters, experts and witnesses or victims; and judged at the end of each day. The cases will be accompanied by multimedia supports. The program is actually being developed, some stakeholders are to be confirmed or invited. However, the foundations are laid in the following order:

PRESIDENT: **Cormac Cullinan** (*Lawyer and author Wild Law, EnAct International, Cape Town, South Africa*)

PROSECUTORS: **Ramiro Ávila** (*Université Andina Simón Bolívar*) ; **Linda Sheehan** (*Earth Law Center*)

JUGES: **Cormac Cullinan** (*EnAct International, Cape Town, South Africa*)

Tom Goldtooth (*Indigenous Environmental Network*),

Alberto Acosta, (*economist and former president of the Constituent Assembly from Ecuador*),

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

Terisa Turner (*professor, former UN Energy Specialist, Canada*)

Felicio Pontes (*Prosecutor Brazil*),

Damien Short (*Dir. Ecocide Project within the School of Advanced Studies, University of London.*),

Attosa Soltani (*Amazon Watch founder*)

Nnimmo Bassey (*Friends of the Earth / Oilwatch*),

Ruth Nyambura (*African Biodiversity Network*),

Christophe Bonneuil (*Attac, CNRS, Publication director of the Anthropocène collection- Seuil Editions, Sciences historian*)

Philippe Desbrosses (*Doctor in Environmental Sciences, Farmer, Intelligence Verte*) - *Honorary Judge on the 4th*

Dominique Bourg (*University of Lausanne, Philosopher, author*) - *Honorary Judge on the 5th*

SECRETARIAT: **Natalia Greene** (*Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature*)

FRIDAY 4 DEC. 9H00-13H

9H00 - INDIGENOUS OPENING CEREMONY

Patricia Gualingua & Nina Gualingua (*Sarayeku*) / **Ta'kaiya Blaney** (*Tla'Amin First Nation, Canada*) / **Cassey Camp Horinek** (*Ponca Oklahoma, USA*) / **Ninawa HuniKui** (*Brazil, Acre*)

9H20 - INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL OF THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

Natalia Greene (*GARN*), **Esperanza Martinez** (*Acción Ecológica*)

9H40 -CLIMATE CRIMES AGAINST NATURE

Presenter **Pablo Solón** (*Fundacion Solon*)

Judge **Osprey Orielle Lake** (*WECAN*)

Topic	Expert	Witness/ victim
Fossil Fuels	Maxime Combes (<i>Attac</i>)	<i>Desmond D'sa</i>
Agriculture	Mary Lou Malig (<i>Global Forest Coalition, Philippines</i>)	
Trade Economy	<i>Tony Clark</i> (<i>Polaris Institute, Canada</i>)	
Water & climate	Maude Barlow (<i>Council of Canadians</i>)	<i>Michal Kravcik</i> (<i>Slovaquie</i>)
11H00-11h30 - Break		
Geo-engineering	Silvia Ribeiro (<i>ETC Group Mexico</i>)	<i>Godwin Ojo</i> (<i>Nigeria, FoE</i>)
Bio fuels	<i>Pat Mooney</i> (<i>ETC Group</i>)	<i>Valdelice Veron Guarani Kaiowa</i> (<i>Br</i>)
Nuclear	<i>Kumi Naidoo</i> (<i>Greenpeace</i>) Roland Desbordes (<i>CRIIRAD</i>)	Alexei Nesterenko (<i>Biélorussie</i>)
13H00-14h00 - Lunch		

FRIDAY 4 DEC. 14H-18H

14H00 - FINANCIALIZATION OF NATURE / REDD+

Presenter **Ivonne Yanez** (*Acción Ecológica*)

Judge **Tom Goldtooth** (*IEN*)

Compensation mechanisms linked to biodiversity conservation	Genevieve Azam (<i>Attac France</i>), <i>Tamra Gilberston</i> (<i>Carbon Trade Watch</i>),	Gloria Ushigua (<i>Sapara Ecuador</i>), <i>Ninawa</i> (<i>Acre Brasil</i>), <i>Sengwer Indigenous TBA</i> (<i>Kenya, Africa</i>),
EU biodiversity offsets	Jutta Kill (<i>WRM Report on REDD+, economic valuation of nature</i>)	

15H00 - AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRY / GMO'S THREATS

Presenter: **Vandana Shiva** (Navdanya)

Judge : **Philippe Desbrosses** (Intelligence Verte)

Marie-Monique Robin (Journalist), **Dr.Seralini** (CRIIGEN),
Ronnie Cummins (Organic Consumers Association OCA),
José Bové (Via Campesina, Green European Deputee)

Patrick de Kochko (Peasant Seeds)

16h00 - 16h30 - Break

16H30 - DEFENDERS OF MOTHER EARTH

Criminalization of DoME in Ecuador - Women in manifestations - **Blanca Chancoso**, **Fundación Pachamama**, **Belén Páez**
BP Deepwater Horizon disaster - **Yudith Nieto**, **Juan and Byron Parras** (USA-Houston TX, T.E.J.A.S)

Judge : **Ruth Nyambura** (ABN), **Alberto Acosta** (Ecuador)

17H30 - JUDGES' STATEMENTS FROM DAY 1

SAT 5 DEC. 2015 - 9H-13H

09H15 - HYDRAULIC FRACKING

Presenter **Shannon Biggs** (Movement Rights)

Judge **Damien Short** (University of London)

Enrique Viales (Argentine), **Geert de Cock** (Food and Water Europe)

Kandi Mosset (Fort Berthold, ND, USA) **Casey Camp Horinek** (IEN, Ponca, USA) **Khaoula Chikahoui** (Tunisia) **María Montinaro** (Scotland)

10H30 - MEGA DAMS IN THE AMAZON FOREST - BELO MONTE & TAPAJOS

Presenter **Gert-Peter Bruch** (Planète Amazone),

Judge **Felicio Pontes** (UDRME - Ecocide, Brazil) & **Atossa Soltani** (Amazon Watch)

Belo Monte	Bianca Jagger (Bianca Jagger Foundation)	Cacique Raoni Kayapo , Antonia Mello (Xingu Vivo)
Tapajos	Christian Poirier/Leila Salazar (Amazon Watch)	Munduruku Chief

11H00-11h30 - Break

12H00 - JUDGEMENT STATEMENT DAY 2 - TRIBUNAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS : RIGHTS OF NATURE SOLUTIONS SESSION

13h00 - 14h00 - Lunch

SAT 5 DEC. 2015 - 14H-18H30

14H00 - ECOCIDE CRIME AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Valerie Cabanes (EEE) Recognizing ecocide in international criminal law, reopening of cases related to oil exploitation as ecocides

15H00 - OIL EXPLOITATION ECOCIDES - ECUADOR

Judge : **Dominique Bourg** (Lausanne)

Yasuni-ITT preventive Case	Carlos Larrea (Andina Simón Bolívar University)	Antonella Calle (Yasunidos)
Presentation of Commitments Oilwatch	Patricia Gualinga Sarayaku (Keeping fossil fuels underground)	
Texaco Chevron Ecocides cases	Pablo Fajardo (Victims' Lawyer)	Umberto Piaguaje (UDAPT- Union de afectados por Texaco)

16H00 - TRIBUNAL RECOMMENDATIONS : ECOCIDE SOLUTIONS' SESSION

17H00 - PRESENTATION OF NEW CASES TO THE RON TRIBUNAL'S SECRETARIAT

Andrea Padilla (AnimaNaturalis, Corralejas Colombia); **Stefanian Simion** (Rosia Montana Mines, Romania); **Lisa Mead**, Earth Laws Alliance (570 hydroelectric dams in Eastern Europe); **Godwin Ojo**, (ERA/FoE Nigeria, Niger Delta Shell), **Eriel Deranger**, Athabaskan Chippewyan (Oil Sands Canada), Peruan Victims (Ashaninka Delegation)

Judges : **Christophe Bonneuil** (CNRS, France), **Terisa Turner** (Canada)

17H40 - SENTENCE'S PRESENTATION: Conclusion statements on Yasuni-ITT, Ecuador and Barrier Reef Australia)

18H00 - JUDGES' FINAL STATEMENTS FOLLOWED BY THE PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY STATEMENT FOR THE COP21

CLOSING INDIGENOUS SONG: *Ta'kaiya Blaney*



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