

Public event

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2011

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS, LIABILITIES AND TRADE

CASA DEL MAR c/ Albareda 1-3 (Drassanes)

Time	Activity
6 pm	<p><b>1st panel:</b></p> <p><b>Fighting for Environmental and Climate Justice in the Courts and keeping Oil in the Soil</b></p> <p>This panel will examine the court cases against Shell in the Netherland and Chevron-Texaco in Ecuador. Also some of the battles being waged by EJOs over initiatives to keep fossil fuels in the ground.</p> <p>Moderated by J Martinez Alier (ICTA UAB)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Nnimmo Bassey (ERA, Nigeria)</li><li>— Ivonne Yanez (Acción Ecológica, Ecuador)</li><li>— Mauricio Lazala (Business &amp; Human Rights, UK)</li><li>— Antoni Pigrau (URV, Tarragona)</li><li>— Procurator Antonio Gomez 10 min. (Argentina)</li><li>— Patrick Bond (CCS, Durban)</li></ul>
7.15 pm	<p><b>Questions from the audience and Press interviews</b></p>
7. 55 pm	<p><b>2nd Panel: Conflicts in the “green economy”: the nuclear “renaissance” and the agro-fuel delusion</b></p> <p>The transition to a post-fossil fuels economy that global warming calls for is not without its drawbacks. Despite the hubris about the “green economy” this panel talks about new conflicts being sparked precisely due to the greening of the economy and the emphasis on reducing carbon emissions but often overlooking other impacts. EJO panelists will speak about these new conflicts, from land-grabbing for Jatropha &amp; sugarcane agro-fuels in Africa and Latin America, to the toxic uranium cycle and nuclear dangers.</p> <p>Moderated by Leah Temper (ICTA UAB)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Bruno Chayeron (CRIIRAD, France)</li><li>— Hilma S. Mote (Namibia)</li><li>— Winnie Overbeek (WRM, Uruguay)</li><li>— Marcelo Firpo Porto (FIOCRUZ, Rio de Janeiro)</li></ul> <p><b>Questions from the audience</b></p>
9 pm	<p><b>Closure</b></p>

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### LIST OF SPEAKERS

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#### **Nnimmo Bassey**

Environmental Rights Development (ERA)

Nigerian human/environmental rights activist who is the Executive Director of the Environmental Rights Action (ERA). He is also chair of the Friends of the Earth International – the world’s largest federation of grassroots organisations fighting for environmental and social justice. Friends of the Earth groups are found in 77 countries. Mr. Bassey is also a member of the international steering committee of Oilwatch International. Nnimmo Bassey is also a published writer and poet. He is one of Time magazine’s Heroes of the Environment 2009.



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#### **Patrick Bond**

CCS - University of KwaZulu-Natal

Political economist at the University of KwaZulu-Natal School of Development Studies in Durban, where since 2004 he has directed the Centre for Civil Society. His research and political work presently covers environment (energy, water and climate change), economic crisis, social mobilization, public policy and geopolitics. Amongst his authored, edited and coedited books are: Climate Change, Carbon Trading and Civil Society (2009); Looting Africa (2006); Against Global Apartheid (2003); Unsustainable South Africa (2002) and Cities of Gold, Townships of Coal (2000). He has lectured at more than 70 universities across the world, with formal teaching affiliations in the US, Canada, Zimbabwe, Hungary, Korea, Japan and South Africa.



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#### **Bruno Chayeron**

Commission de Recherche et d'Information Indépendantes sur la Radioactivité (CRIIRAD)

Engineer in nuclear physics. DEA in Nuclear Engineering and Particle Physics. Director of the CRIIRAD laboratory at Valence (France) since 1993. He has expertise in the nuclear sector for 17 years especially in the area of radiation detection and environmental impact assessment. He conducted studies dealing with the radiological impact of nuclear full cycle facilities (uranium mines, nuclear plants, reprocessing plants, research reactors), military facilities, hospitals, etc. He has been conducting independent review of radioactive discharge monitoring and environmental monitoring of Fessenheim and Le Blayais French nuclear power plants.



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#### **Marcelo Firpo Porto**

Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (FIOCRUZ)

Graduated in Production Engineering (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, 1984) and Psychology (State University of Rio de Janeiro, 1991), master’s degree and doctorate in Production Engineering at COPPE/UFRJ and postdoctorate in Social Medicine at the University of Frankfurt (2001-2003). Senior researcher of the Study Center of Workers' Health and Human Ecology of the National School of Public Health, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) (since 1987). Academic experience with environmental health, environmental justice; political ecology and integrated risk analysis.



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#### **Antonio Gustavo Gomez**

General Prosecutor at the Federal Court of Appeal (Tucumán, Argentina), Antonio Gustavo Gómez, specializes in the investigation of environmental crimes. As part General Prosecutor for the province of Tucumán, he conducted investigations into more than eighty cases, including against Bajo de la Alumbrera. Bajo de la Alumbrera is a gold and copper mine jointly owned by Vancouver-based Goldcorp Inc, Toronto-based Yamana Gold and UK-Swiss Xstrata.



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**Mauricio Lazala****Business and Human Rights (BHR)**

International lawyer with human rights experience in Latin America, the Middle East and Europe. Educated at Cambridge University, he was president of the Students' Law Society of Wolfson College. He obtained his BA in Political Science and History at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, co-founder of the first human rights student organization in Israel.



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**Hilma Shinondola Mote****Earthlife Namibia / Labour Resources and Research Institute (ELN /LARRI)**

Director of Labour Resources and Research Institute (LARRI). She has worked extensively in many labor related issues such as the Basic Income Grant and domestic workers rights. In recent years with the rise of uranium mining in Namibia she has been denouncing the health impact on uranium mine workers and has become recently the head of the African Uranium Alliance.



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**Winnie Overbeek****World Rainforest Movement (WRM)**

Winfriidus Overbeek (Winnie) was elected as the International Coordinator of WRM in January 2011. Winnie has a long standing relationship with WRM since he has been a member of the WRM Board since 2003 and a very close collaborator of the organization. He is based in the Brazilian town of Vitoria in the Espirito Santo state. He is also an active member of NGO Cepedes and the Brazilian Alert against the Green Desert Network providing support to communities affected by against large scale tree plantations and other large-scale (agro) industrial projects.

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**Antoni Pigrau****Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV)**

Ph.D. in Law (Universitat de Barcelona, 1989), Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Legal Sciences, URV, Tarragona, Spain. Main areas of research: Environmental Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law. Correspondent of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law in Spain. Member of the Board of Governors of the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP). Director of the Catalan Environmental Law Review'. Director of the Tarragona Centre for Environmental Law Studies (CEDAT).



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**Ivonne Yáñez****Acción Ecológica**

Environmental activist. Founding member of Oilwatch, founding member of Acción Ecológica, active in the network Ecological Debt ([www.deudaecologica.org](http://www.deudaecologica.org)), former member of the executive committee of Friends of the Earth International.

