



INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE SYMPOSIUM:  
CONMEMORATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIGHTS OF NATURE IN ECUADOR  
SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> and 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  
UNIVERSIDAD SIMÓN BOLÍVAR  
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INFORMATIVE BOOKLET

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AGENDA  
International Rights of Nature Symposium  
Paraninfo Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar

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**Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Room E-51, Building "Espejo" (5th floor), Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar

**19:00-21:00: Movie Screening** - "The Rights of Nature: A Global Movement", with comments from María Valeria Berros (Argentina)

**Thursday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**

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**INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE SYMPOSIUM**

**8:30-9:00:** Registration

**8:45-9:30: Opening Indigenous Ceremony**

- Tom Goldtooth – (IEN, Turtle Island/USA)
- Alberto Taxo – (Ecuador)
- Zoila Castillo – (Ecuador)
- Alberto Ruz & Verónica Sacta (Derechos de la Madre Tierra, Mexico)

**9:30-10:00: Opening of Symposium**

- César Montaña (Dean, UASB)
- Natalia Greene (CEDENMA/GARN, Ecuador)
- Andrés Terán (Vice-Chancellor of the Republic of Ecuador)



### **10:00-11:10: Panel 1 – The Rights of Nature: A proposal for civilization change**

Moderator: Osprey Orielle Lake (Women's Earth & Climate Action Network, WECAN, USA)

- Cormac Cullinan (Wild Law Institute, South Africa)
- Alberto Acosta (Economist, Ecuador)
- Rocío Silva Santisteban (Professor, Peru)
- Pablo Solón (Fundación Solón, Bolivia)
- Esperanza Martínez (Acción Ecológica, Ecuador)

**11:10-11:20: Break**

### **11:20-13:00: Roundtable 1 – Rights of Nature Movement in the world**

Moderators: José Rivadeneira (CEDENMA, Ecuador) & Fiona Wilton (GAIA, Europe)

- UN Harmony with Nature Dialogue – María Mercedes Sánchez (UN Harmony with Nature, USA)
- Rights of Nature in Europa – Katarina Hovden (Nature's Rights & Copenhagen University, Denmark)
- Rights of Nature in India y Asia – Vandana Shiva (virtually) (Navdanya, India)
- Rights of Nature in Australia – Michelle Maloney (virtually) (AELA, Australia)
- Rights of Nature in Africa – Method Gundidza (EarthLore Foundation, South Africa) & Nnimmo Bassey (virtually) (Health of Mother Earth Foundation, Nigeria)
- Rights of Nature in Latin America – Henny Freitas (Articulación Latinoamericana/Casa Latina, Brazil)

**13:00-14:15: Lunch**

### **14:15-15:30: Panel 2 – Lessons learned from Rights of Nature cases in the world**

Moderator: María Mercedes Sánchez (UN Harmony with Nature, USA)

- Mexico – Alberto Ruz & Verónica Sacta (Derechos de la Madre Tierra, Mexico)
- New Zealand – Tamati Kruger, Kirsti Luke (Te Uru Taumatua, New Zealand) & Gerrard Albert (virtually) (Lead negotiator for the Whanganui iwi [tribe], New Zealand)
- Bolivia – Martín Vilela (Plataforma boliviana contra cambio climático, Bolivia) & Cecilia Moyoviri (TIPNIS, Bolivia)
- USA – Mari Margil (CELDF, USA)

**15:30-15:45: Break**

### **15:45-17:00: Panel 3 – Examples of the application of the Rights of Nature in the world**

Moderator: Shannon Biggs (Movement Rights, USA)

- United States (Ponca Nation) – Casey Camp (Ponca Nation, USA)
- Sweden – Pella Thiel (End Ecocide Sweden, Sweden)
- Kawsak Sacha – Hilda Santi (Sarayaku, Ecuador)
- India & Nepal – Mari Margil (CELDF, USA)



**17:00-18:15: Panel 4 – The role of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) in the world movement**

Moderator: Hana Begović (GARN, Ecuador)

- Tom Goldtooth (IEN, Turtle Island/USA)
- Osprey Orielle Lake (Women's Earth & Climate Action Network, WE CAN, USA)
- Shannon Biggs (Movement Rights, USA)
- Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians, Canada)

**Friday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**8:30-9:00:** Registration

**9:00-10:45: Roundtable 2 – Analysis of cases of Rights of Nature in Ecuador**

Moderator: Natalia Greene (CEDENMA/GARN, Ecuador)

- Río Blanco Case – Pablo Piedra (Yasunidos, Ecuador)
- Cordillera del Cóndor Case – Mario Melo (PUCE/TIAM, Ecuador)
- Tiburones in Galápagos Case – Hugo Echeverría (Lawyer, Ecuador)
- Yasuni Case (Ruta de la Verdad) – Cecilia Cherrez (Acción Ecológica, Ecuador)
- Vilcabamba Case – Norie Huddle (Ecuador)

**10:45-11:00:** Break

**11:00-12:15: Panel 5 – The Rights of Nature in Colombia**

Moderator: Hugo Echeverría (Lawyer, Ecuador)

- Luis Armando Tolosa Villabona (Judge for Amazon case, Colombia)
- Jorge Iván Palacio (Judge for the Atrato River case, Colombia)
- Gabriela Eslava (Dejusticia, Colombia) & Jesús David Medina (Dejusticia, Colombia)
- Juan Sebastián Acosta (Foro Derechos de la Madre Tierra, Colombia)

\*Grant award to Ecuadorian students

**12:15-13:30: Panel 6 – Perspectives on Rights of Nature of indigenous peoples and civil society organizations**

Moderator: María Belén Páez (Fundación Pachamama, Ecuador)

- Manari Ushigua (Sápara, Ecuador)
- Yaku Pérez (President of ECUARUNARI, Ecuador)
- Patricia Gualinga (Sarayaku, Ecuador)
- Ati Quigua (Arhuaca Indigenous leader, Colombia)
- Mindahi Bastida (Center for Earth Ethics, Mexico) & Gert-Peter Bruch (Planète Amazone-France)



**13:30-14:45:** Lunch

**14:45-16:00: Panel 7 – Cases of Rights of Nature in the world**

Moderator: Margaret Stewart (CEJ, USA)

- New Caledonia – Valérie Cabanes (France)
- French Guiana – Samanta Novella & Marine Calmet (NatureRights, France)
- Brazil (Forums and Rio Doce) – Vanessa Hasson (MAPAS, Brazil)
- Brazil (national level) – Germana de Oliveira Moraes (Brazil)
- Argentina – Enrique Viale (Asociación Argentina de Abogados Ambientalistas, Argentina)

**16:00-16:15:** Break

**16:15-17:30: Roundtable 3 – Perspectives of Rights of Nature from the government, international organizations and the academy**

Moderator: Carlos Larrea (UASB, Ecuador)

- Humberto Cholango (Minister of Environment, Ecuador)
- Álvaro Vallejo & María Cristina Puente (IUCN & IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, Ecuador)
- Francisco Hurtado (Defensoría del Pueblo, Ecuador)
- Ramiro Ávila (UASB, Ecuador)
- Colin Robertson (Rights of Nature researcher, UK)

**17:30-18:40: Roundtable 4 – Comparative legal analysis of Rights of Nature in Ecuador and in the world**

Moderator: Valérie Cabanes (France)

- Linda Sheehan (Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, USA)
- Natalia Greene (GARN/CEDENMA, Ecuador)
- Esteban Falconí (Ministry of Environment, Ecuador)
- Pamela Martin & Craig Kauffman (Rights of Nature researchers, USA)
- Oliver Houck (Dean of Law, Tulane University, USA)

**18:40-19:00: Closing words of GARN and closing ceremony**

- Osprey Orielle Lake (Women's Earth & Climate Action Network, WECAN, USA)
- Casey Camp (Ponca Nation, USA)
- Juan Gualinga (Sarayaku, Ecuador)

**Table stands (September 27-28):**

- Almería case in Spain – David Dene (Spain)
- Ocean Rights – Michelle Bender (Earth Law Center, USA)
- Amazonian handicrafts sale – Sacha Warmi (Ecuador)
- Bolivian handicrafts sale – Cecilia Moyoviri (TIPNIS, Bolivia)



- The Rights of Nature: A Global Movement – María Valeria Berros (Argentina)
- Asociación Regional de Soberanía Alimentaria del Territorio Kayambo (RESAK)
- UN Harmony with Nature Dialogue, [www.harmonywithnatureun.org](http://www.harmonywithnatureun.org)
- Rights of Nature Observatory – Ecuador, [www.derechosdelanaturaleza.org.ec](http://www.derechosdelanaturaleza.org.ec)

## SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

### SPEAKERS

**María Valeria Berros (Argentina)** is a junior professor at the National University of Littoral and researcher at the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research in Santa Fe City, Argentina. She is Former Fellow of the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, LMU, Munich, Germany. She is invited professor at the Université de Limoges (France), Universidad de la República (Uruguay), Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad de Cuyo y Universidad de Palermo (Argentina). Director of the research project “Meulen. Renewal of legal contributions on the ecological problem” at the National University of Littoral where she is also director of the Virtual Courses “Rights of Nature. A theoretical, practical and interdisciplinary approach” and “Rights of Nature deepened” at the National University of the Littoral. She is Co-founder of the Civil Association “Capibara. Naturaleza, Derecho y Sociedad”. During the last ten years she has researched at the Sorbonne University, the School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences in Paris, the Limoges University, and the Nantes University in different type of research projects: environmental risks & law; sciences, techniques & law; non-regression principle, risk and disasters; law, food & land. Her current research focuses on matters concerning environmental law, rights of nature, environmental ethics and social movements in Latin America and the global south.

**Tom BK Goldtooth, Dine’/Dakota, United States** is the Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network, an international indigenous NGO based in Bemidji, Minnesota near the border of United States/Canada. A social change maker within the Native American community for over 36 years, has become an internationally renowned environmental, Climate and economic justice leader, working with many Indigenous People and social movements around the world. Tom co-produced the award-winning documentary, Drumbeat for Mother Earth, which addresses the effects of bio-accumulative chemicals on indigenous people. Co-founder of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature. Nationality: United States. President of the Fourth Rights of Nature Tribunal in Bonn, Germany.

**Alberto Taxo (Ecuador)** is a master Iachak of the Atis (Kichwa) people from the Cotopaxi region of Ecuador. He was given the highest honor of Master Iachak by the Shamanic Council of South America. He generously shares ancient Andean wisdom and practices with people who seek happiness, balance and fulfillment. In his newly released book, Friendship with the Elements: Opening the Channels of Communication, Don Alberto invites us to connect with



the elements of nature—Earth, Air, Fire, Water, and the 5th balancing element known as the Ushai. Through simple habits and practices in daily life, he teaches us to feel the sacredness of each moment and every place. Don Alberto's way is powerful and gentle. He creates a space where each person can experience for themselves the truth and practical applications of the ancient Andean wisdom which he brings. Don Alberto has been sharing this wisdom for fifteen years in the United States and Europe. He was given this responsibility in 1989 at a great gathering of Andean Elders. This coming together of cultures marks the fulfilling of a five-hundred-year-old prophecy. The prophecy foretold the coming together of two great powers of life: the power of the Eagle (the power of the mind as exemplified in the industrialized nations of the North) and the power of the Condor (the power of the heart and connection with nature as exemplified in the natives of South America).

**Zoila Castillo (Ecuador)**, Kichwa leader original from the Bobonaza Basin and coordinator of the *mobilization of Amazon Women for Life*.

**Alberto Ruz Buenfil (Mexico)** is a native of Mexico whose work is dedicated to social change, environmental sustainability, and the performing arts. He co-founded two international theater groups as well as Mexico's first ecovillage, known as Huehucyotl. He led the 13-year Rainbow Peace Caravan, an international effort to promote sustainable design and permaculture, as well as theatrical performances, across seventeen countries of Latin America. He was also funded by Ashoka from 2002 to 2005, and received in the name of the Rainbow Peace Caravan, the prize "Escuela Viva" from the Brazilian President Lula da Silva and Minister of Culture Gilberto Gil, as one of the 60 most advanced projects in education in the country. Ruz is the author of several books. At his return in 2009 from South America, he was invited to be part of a team at the 'Direction of Culture' of Coyoacán, México DF, where he created the project Ecobarrios and took it for three years to 10 different pueblos and barrios from that part of the city. From January to November 2013 he was Director of Environmental Culture in the state of Morelos, since 2014, he has been an adviser to the "Asamblea Legislativa", from Mexico City, on the subject of the recently adopted Law of Rights of Mother Earth. He organized the 1st Global Forum for the Rights of Mother Earth in Mexico city, from June 1 to 5. His main purpose today is to contribute to the Universal Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth at the United Nations.

**Verónica Sacta Campos (Ecuador)** is an activist born in Cuenca, Ecuador. She worked with different socio-environmental and spiritual movements and causes since she was very young. She has traveled through Latin-America and Europe, working with social projects for the promotion of a sustainable conscience and a Culture of Peace. She is of Cañari descent, guardian of ancestral traditions and ceremonies. From the Andean cosmovision, she carries the message of the Sumak Kawsay - or "Good living" and the Rights of Nature. Through her work she has shared seeds of consciousness, love, respect for life and deep connection with the Pachamama. She is an art educator, holistic therapist, ecofeminist and one of the pillars of the Council of Visions Guardians of the Earth.



**César Montaña Galarza (Ecuador)** is the Rector of the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in Ecuador, and the President of the Andean Center for International Studies (CAEI) of the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar. Cesar is a lawyer, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Universidad Nacional de Loja. He is a specialist in Taxation, Master in Economic Law and Doctor of Law with a major in International Economic Relations. He is also Professor of Law at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar since 1999, teaching the subjects: Contemporary Constitutionalism; Economic right; Economic analysis of Law; Cultural dimensions of the Law; Critical legal theory; Law and institutions of integration; Methodology of legal research; Right of treaties; International tax law; Andean and European community law; Organization of international trade; Tax material right; and Local tax regime.

**Natalia Greene (Ecuador)** Secretariat of the International Rights of Nature Tribunal and member of GARN's Executive Committee. She was actively involved in the recent Constitution process in Ecuador, particularly with the 'Rights to Nature' clause and the role of civil society and indigenous people in the process. Natalia is a consultant for Rights of Nature with Pachamama Alliance and is the focal point in Ecuador for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature. She studied at Hampshire College and at Sciences-Po Paris, holds a Political Science master's degree from FLACSO Ecuador, a specialization on Climate Change and is finishing up her master's degree at UASB on Climate Change. She worked on the environmental and indigenous aspects of the Yasuní-ITT Initiative to keep oil underground in the Amazon. From 2011 until 2013, Natalia Greene was the President of CEDENMA, the National Coordinating Entity for Environmental NGO's, now re-elected for the 2018-2020 period. Nowadays she coordinates the Climate Justice National Platform and works with Terra Mater and Fundación Pachamama.

**Ambassador Andrés Terán Parral (Ecuador)** is a career diplomat, with more than 35 years of work in the Ecuadorian Foreign Service. In 1981 he began his diplomatic career as Third Secretary in the Department of Cultural Promotion and later served as Chief of the United States and Canada, in the Directorate of America. In the exercise of his work he worked in the Undersecretariat of Bilateral Affairs and in the Office of the Vice Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Terán was born in Lima in 1960 and during his youth he lived in Argentina, Brazil, El Salvador and Ecuador. He speaks English, French and Portuguese. The Government of Ecuador decorated him with the National Order "Al Mérito". The Government of Chile granted him the National Order "Bernardo O Higgins." The Government of Spain decorated him with the Order "Isabel la Católica". Ambassador Terán is a Doctor of Jurisprudence of the International University of Ecuador.

**Cormac Cullinan (South Africa)** is an author, practicing environmental attorney and governance expert who has worked on environmental governance issues in more than 20 countries. He lives in Cape Town, South Africa and is a director of a specialist environmental and green business law firm ([www.cullinans.co.za](http://www.cullinans.co.za)) of the governance consultancy, EnAct International ([www.enact-international.com](http://www.enact-international.com)), and of the Wild Law Institute. His groundbreaking book "Wild Law A Manifesto for Earth Justice" has played a significant role





in informing and inspiring a growing international movement to recognize rights for Nature. In 2008 he was included in Planet Savers. 301 Extraordinary Environmentalists, a book that profiles environmentalists throughout history. At the invitation of Bolivia, Cormac spoke at the 2009 Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and led the drafting of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth which was proclaimed on 22 April 2010 by the People's World Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth in Bolivia. In September 2010 he played a leading role in establishing a Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and currently sits on the Executive Committee of the Alliance.

**Alberto Acosta (Ecuador)**, Economist. Before being appointed minister of energy and mines he was a researcher at the Latin-American institute of social research (ILDIS). He was also a researcher and professor at FLACSO-Ecuador. Former president of the constitutional Assembly that recognized Rights of Nature in Ecuador. Former candidate for the Presidency of the Republic of Ecuador. He is a college professor, lecturer and book author.

**Rocío Silva Santisteban (Peru)**, is an activist, writer, university professor and journalist on issues of gender, human rights and relations between culture and power. PhD from Boston University, has also a master's degree in Literature Latin America (UMNSM), bachelor in Law and Political Science (Universidad de Lima) and has completed a diploma in gender studies (Catholic University). Has been a fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation, CLACSO and the AVINA Foundation, and his doctoral thesis "El Factor Asco: basurización simbólica y discursos autoritarios" was published by the Social Sciences Network (2007). She was the Executive Director of the National Coordinator of Human Rights (2011-2015) and is currently a columnist for the newspaper La República (2007-2018), professor at the Pontificia Universidad Católica and the National University of San Marcos.

**Pablo Solón (Bolivia)** is a social and environmental activist who was part of the struggle against water privatization in Cochabamba (2000) and La Paz (2005). He coordinated the movement against the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (ALCA) in Bolivia (2001-2005). He was invited by Evo Morales to be Extraordinary Ambassador for Integration and Trade for Bolivia between 2006 and 2008. He served as Ambassador of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations from January 2009 to July 2011. He parted ways with Evo Morales in September 2011 after the police repression to the indigenous people march of TIPNIS (Indigenous Territory and National Park Isiboro Secure). He served as Executive Director of Focus on the Global South based in Asia from 2012 to 2015. He is the son of the famous Bolivian muralist Walter Solón Romero Gonzáles and currently is the Director of Fundación Solón working on issues of energy, forests, climate change, investment and systemic alternatives.

**Esperanza Martínez (Ecuador)** is member and founder of the association Acción Ecológica in Ecuador. She was coordinator of the observatory for eco-political development of the Amazon area, and is co-founder of Oilwatch, an international network of organizations from the south, set up to defend delicate ecosystems and the ancient rights of the indigenous population





against the impact of the extraction of petroleum. She is president of Office pro defense of nature and its rights. She is a biologist with expertise in environmental auditing, and currently lawyer. As a consultant to the Constitutional Assembly of Ecuador in 2008, she successfully pushed the introduction of new rights such as “nature as a subject of rights” and other environmental and human rights protections. In the last few years she focused her activities on the campaign to keep oil underground in the Yasuní National Park, one of the world's biodiversity hotspots, and home to the Waorani indigenous peoples, she has published numerous articles and books on rights of nature, oil and environmental struggles in Ecuador.

**María Mercedes Sanchez (USA)** has over 20 years of experience working in the field of sustainable development and intergovernmental processes including the engagement of major groups and other stakeholders through every state of the implementation process of a variety of UN mandates. She has worked extensively in the areas of research, report writing, project management and communications and has participated in four major United Nations Conferences on Sustainable Development: UNCED (1992), Rio+5 (1997), Rio+10 (2002), Rio+20 (2012) as well as in the preparations leading to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda adopted by the General Assembly in 2015. Since the inception of the UN Harmony with Nature Programme in 2009, she has been the coordinator of and leads the Programme in support of Earth Jurisprudence principles in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda across different stakeholders and with particular reference to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 12, target 12.8 “to ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in Harmony with Nature”. The Harmony with Nature Programme strengthens interdisciplinary collaborations towards a non-anthropocentric or Earth-centered worldview and system of governance, known as Earth Jurisprudence. Earth Jurisprudence is a philosophy of law and human governance based on the idea that humans are only part of a wider community of beings and that the wellbeing of each member of that community is dependent on the wellbeing of the Earth as a whole. At the core of this worldview is the recognition of the intrinsic value of Nature and of relationships between humankind and our planet that are symbiotic, interconnected and subject to the natural laws of the Universe. All the work related to the Programme can be found at [www.harmonywithnatureun.org](http://www.harmonywithnatureun.org)

**Katarina Hovden (Norway and Denmark)** graduated with a BA (Honours) in Law from the University of Cambridge, where she took particular interest in European human rights law and European environmental law. Subsequently, Katarina obtained an LL.M. in International and European Law (public international law track), electing to focus on international environmental law, international climate law, and international human rights law. At the same time, Katarina was a student editor for, and subsequently published in, the Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts. Following her graduation, Katarina worked as a research trainee at the T.M.C. Asser Institute and later as a diplomatic trainee at the Norwegian Embassy in The Hague. Katarina is a volunteer for the NGO Nature’s Rights and acted as conference coordinator for the Rights of Nature conference held at the European Parliament in March



2017. Most recently, Katarina was a legal intern at the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica.

**Vandana Shiva (India) (virtual)** is a philosopher, environmental activist, and eco feminist. Shiva, currently based in Delhi, has authored more than 20 books and over 500 papers in leading scientific and technical journals. Among her books are *Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace*; *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development*; and *Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in an Age of Climate Crisis*. She was trained as a physicist and received her Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. She is one of the leaders and board members of the International Forum on Globalization and a figure of the global solidarity movement known as the alter-globalization movement. She has argued for the wisdom of many traditional practices. She is a member of the scientific committee of the Fundación IDEAS, Spain's Socialist Party's think tank. She was awarded the Right Livelihood Award in 1993.

**Michelle Maloney (Australia) (virtual)**- holds a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and History) and Laws (Honours) from the Australian National University and a PhD in Law from Griffith University. She has more than 20 years' experience designing and managing climate change, sustainability and environmental justice projects in Australia, the United Kingdom and the USA. Michelle met and fell in love with Earth jurisprudence and Wild Law in 2009 and since 2011 has been working to promote the understanding and practical implementation of Earth centred law and governance in Australia. As Co-Founder and National Convenor of the Australian Earth Laws Alliance, Michelle manages the strategic direction and governance of the organization, including the extensive partnerships and networks that AELA has with the legal, academic and environmental advocacy communities. Michelle is author and co-editor of 'Australian Wild Law Judgments Project' (forthcoming 2016), co-edited with Nicole Rogers and ['Wild Law in Practice'](#), (2014) Routledge Press, Law, Justice.

**Method Gundidza (South Africa)**, "There is Method in his madness" (a line from Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'), is often used to refer to Method. No doubt many people would consider Method mad to relinquish a successful career in corporate finance and instead dedicate his life to working with communities committed to reviving their indigenous knowledge and practices, involving the search for lost or forgotten seeds and restoring their sacred natural sites and governance systems which are underpinned by Earth Jurisprudence and the Rights of Nature. Method gave up his accounting career to dedicate himself to his calling, which he discovered in his early 40's through immersing himself in the philosophy and practice of Earth Jurisprudence and accompanying communities in restoring their Earth - centered ways of life. Through his work with his organisation, EarthLore's, he pioneered the inspirational Back to Roots programme, working with traditional communities to reconnect with their ancestral relationship to their territory and open a path to take back control of their lives. He now leads the work with communities, applying an approach to reviving indigenous ways of living first developed in the Colombian Amazon. Rooted in this experience, he advocates passionately for the critical role that Earth-centred indigenous ways of thinking play in forging systemic



alternatives to the destructive extractivist model of development. He graduated from the Gaia Foundation's training for African Earth Jurisprudence practitioners in 2017, which mentored him in his exploration of these ideas and practices. In April 2018 he was invited to speak at the UN Harmony with Nature dialogue. His good humor, passion and respect for communities, and his capacity to communicate is contagious.

**Nnimmo Bassey (Nigeria) (virtual)** is director of the ecological think-tank, Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) and member steering committee of Oilwatch International. He was chair of Friends of the Earth International (2008-2012) and Executive Director of Nigeria's Environmental Rights Action (1993-2013). He was a co-recipient of the 2010 Right Livelihood Award also known as the "Alternative Noble Prize." In 2012 he received the Rafto Human Rights Award. Bassey has authored books on the environment, architecture and poetry. His books include *We Thought it Was Oil, But It was Blood – Poetry* (Kraft Books, 2002), *I will Not Dance to Your Beat – Poetry* (Kraft Books, 2011), *To Cook a Continent - Destructive Extraction and the Climate Crisis in Africa* (Pambazuka Press, 2012) and *Oil Politics – Echoes of Ecological War* (Daraja Press, 2016).

**Henny Freitas (Brazil)** is a journalist, ecoactivist, photographer, permaculture expert and environmental educator. She is co-founder, counselor and coordinator of the Circle of Alliances for the Rights of Mother Earth of CASA Latina (Council of Sustainable Settlements of Latin America); Counselor and coordinator of CASA Brazil and articulator of the New Parks Network, São Paulo, Brazil. She is coordinator of the Permaculture Circle of the North American organization SoFA (Sociocracy for All), co-founder of AWIRE, Multiethnic Permaculture Alliance and the EarthCode project (Earth Code: [www.earthcode.org](http://www.earthcode.org)). Author of the e-book: *Sociocracy, new forms of Democracy in Latin America*. He researched and documented more than 200 intentionally sustainable communities in Europe, Oceania and Latin America. It promotes conferences, talks, workshops and courses in the areas of Permaculture, Sociocracy, Social Design, Recycle and continues to document ethnic, alternative and conventional communities in the world.

TEDx Talk: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=j42GefsPYEY>

**Tāmami Kruger (New Zealand)** was Tūhoe's chief negotiator leading up to the iwi's 2013 settlement with the Crown, and the landmark Te Urewera Act 2014 — world-leading legislation which declared the Tūhoe homeland a legal entity in its own right. Not owned by anyone, but "with its own mana and mauri", and "an identity, in and of itself, inspiring people to commit to its care". He was co-author of external review reports for the Department of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Māori Development, Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Education, and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

**Kirsti Luke (New Zealand)** is Chief Executive of Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua, Ngāi Tūhoe's Tribal Authority. She holds a Bachelor of Law (LLB), is knowledgeable about the tribe's treaty claims, and was involved in the establishment of Te Uru Taumatua. Her goal is to build the organization and the tribe's economy and improve descendants' quality of life. Her role



includes recruiting management staff, building relationships with stakeholders and government agencies, developing policies to improve or coordinate options for housing, health and employment for Tūhoe and providing business recommendations to build up the tribe's economy.

**Gerrard Albert (New Zealand) (virtual)** is of Nga Paerangi and Ngati Tuera, hapu (sub-tribes) of the Whanganui River. Between 2008 and 2016, Gerrard led the technical aspects of the negotiations between his Iwi (tribe), Te Ati Haunui a Paparangi, and the New Zealand Government in settlement of the longstanding Iwi claim over the Whanganui River. As a graduate of his Iwi whare wananga (tribal houses of knowledge), Gerrard has been guided by knowledgeable and influential Iwi leaders his whole life who consistently reinforced the maxim "Ko te Awa te tuatahi; tuarua ko te te Awa" ("The River is my first point of reference; the River is my second point"). Gerrard has spent over 25 years working in the environmental planning field with local and central government and with his Iwi. He is currently Chair of Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust, the Iwi trust which is responsible for implementation of the Te Awa Tupua settlement signed in 2014. This settlement culminated in the passing of legislation in March 2017 and established the Whanganui River as a legal person.

**Martín Vilela (Bolivia)** is responsible for climate justice and international advocacy of the Bolivian Platform against Climate Change. He has worked with social movements linked to water and the environment since 2006. In his work at the Bolivian Platform, he contributes to the creation of alliances for public and political advocacy with proposals that involve alternatives to development. Since 2015, he has been preparing a critical reading of the Bolivian reality from a perspective of climate justice.

**Cecilia Moyoviri (Bolivia)** is the vice president of the Subcentral TIPNIS, the highest instance of legal representation for the Isiboro Sécre Indigenous Territory and National Park, representing the 64 communities of Mogia, Yurakarés and Chimanes of the TIPNIS. Cecilia is a defender of Mother Earth, her territory and TIPNIS as one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet. She is part of the struggle for the defense of the territory, which portrays a leadership that protects the inhabitants of the "Loma Santa" and everything that has life.

**Mari Margil (USA)** leads the International Center for the Rights of Nature of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). CELDF has assisted the first places in the world to secure the Rights of Nature in law, including in Ecuador's Constitution, and is a founding member of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature. Mari is working in Nepal, India, Australia, and other countries, as well as with tribal nations and indigenous peoples, to advance the Rights of Nature. Mari received her Master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She is a co-author of *The Bottom Line or Public Health* (Oxford University Press) and *Exploring Wild Law: The Philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence* (Wakefield Press).



**Casey Camp-Horinek (USA)**, Councilwoman and Hereditary Drumkeeper of the Womens' Scalp Dance Society, of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma is a longtime activists, environmentalist, actress, and published author. First taking up the cause of Native and Human Rights in the early 70's; it has been in the last 15 years that she began her plea for Environmental Justice for her Ponca people as well as people around the globe. Calling it the "toxic tour", Casey has identified, and diligently worked to remediate, and bring attention to the corridor of toxic environmental industry surrounding the historic lands of the Ponca people. Having started at home with her efforts, Casey has since become a internationally renowned Environmentalist, speaking on such prestigious stages as the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, marching on Washington DC with Moms for Clean Air, supporting the efforts of the Indigenous Environmental Network, and now serving as a Board Member of Movement Rights as well as on the International Advisory Committee of WE CAN. Casey was instrumental in the drafting, and adoption of the first ever International Indigenous Women's Treaty protecting the Rights of Nature, a work of which she is most proud, and continues her support of grassroots environmental organizations and budding activists around the world.

**Pella Thiel (Sweedden)** works with relational, systemic activism, change processes and leadership for a society in harmony with nature. She is a co-founder and board member of the Swedish Transition Network, End Ecocide Sweden, Save the Rainforest Sweden and the Swedish Network for Rights of Nature. She coordinated the first two Rights of Nature Conferences in Sweden. She has edited two books on nature interpretation and is currently working on a book on rights of nature. Pella has an MSc in Ecology from Stockholm University with the thesis on rainforest restoration in Ecuador. She enjoys pigs, her greenhouse (which has been under construction for four years) and having her hands in the soil at the smallholding in the archipelago of Stockholm where she lives. She is part of the eco-psychology/activist NGO Lodyn, UN Harmony with Nature initiative and the Common cause international network.

**Hilda Santi (Ecuador)**, Hija del Pueblo del Medio Día (Daughter of the People of the Midday), female leader and emblematic woman became the first woman president of the Organization of Indigenous Peoples of Pastaza - OPIP and first female president of the Native Kichwa People of Sarayaku. Hilda was one of the promoters to stop the entry of the oil company CGC into the territory of Sarayaku. Participant in multiple workshops on leadership and human rights at national and international level. She is currently a Sarayaku education leader. The Native Kichwa People of Sarayaku never stopped with its struggle for life, for the jungle, for all the beings that inhabit it. Sarayaku developed large projects such as the Sisa Ñambi or Frontera de Vida, large circles of trees with colored flowers all around its territory. It recently declared its territory Kawsak Sacha, Living Forest - a living and conscious being, subject of rights with the aim of preserving and conserving territorial spaces, the material and spiritual relationship established there between the native peoples, the Living Forest and the beings that inhabit it.



**Osprey Orielle Lake (USA)** is the Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN). She works nationally and 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 serves on the Executive Committee for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and is the visionary behind the International Women's Earth and Climate Summit, which brought together 100 women leaders from around the world. She directs WECAN's advocacy work in areas such as Women for Forests, Divestment/Investment, Indigenous Rights, Rights of Nature and United Nation Climate Conferences. Osprey is the author of the award-winning book, *Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature*. [www.wecaninternational.org](http://www.wecaninternational.org)

**Shannon Biggs (USA)** is the co-founder and Executive Director of Movement Rights, advancing legal rights for communities, indigenous peoples and ecosystems. Working in California and with Native American tribes and allies nationally, Shannon assists communities to ban harmful projects by passing binding laws that assert the rights of communities and nature over corporate projects. Internationally she is a recognized leader of the rights of nature/Mother Earth movement, a co-founder of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature, and the co-author/editor of two books including "The Rights of Nature, Making the Case for the Universal Declaration on the Rights of Nature." Through Movement Rights she also leads trainings on community rights and rights of ecosystems throughout the US. Previously she was a senior staffer at Global Exchange and the International Forum on Globalization. She holds a Master's of Science degree from the London School of Economics (LSE) in Economics — Politics of Empire. Nationality: United States.

**Maude Barlow (Canada)** is the Honorary Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and chairs the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch. She serves on the executive of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and is a Councillor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council. Maude is the recipient of fourteen honorary doctorates as well as many awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the "Alternative Nobel"), the 2005 Lannan Foundation Cultural Freedom Fellowship Award, the Citation of Lifetime Achievement at the 2008 Canadian Environment Awards, the 2009 Earth Day Canada Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award, the 2009 Planet in Focus Eco Hero Award, and the 2011 EarthCare Award, the highest international honour of the Sierra Club (US). In 2008/2009, she served as Senior Advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly and was a leader in the campaign to have water recognized as a human right by the UN. She is also the author of dozens of reports, as well as 18 books, including her latest, *Blue Future: Protecting Water For People And The Planet Forever* and *Boiling Point, Government Neglect, Corporate Abuse and Canada's Water Crisis*.

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Office, he was a spokesperson for the collective YASunidos, a collective from which he has helped defend the rights of the Isolated Peoples, the Yasuní and the human rights associated with those causes. He worked advising the Municipality of Cuenca to articulate actions to make the city free of metallic mining, in this context he participated in the case of Río Blanco and the Loma Larga project.

**Mario Melo (Ecuador)**, lawyer and Ecuadorian university professor. For two decades he has been working in the defense and promotion of the rights of the Amazonian indigenous peoples. He has been a lawyer of the Kichwa People of Sarayaku before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and currently represents victims before the Universal System and the Inter-American Human Rights System. Author of several international publications on the Rights of Nature. He currently directs the Center for Human Rights of the Catholic University of Ecuador, and is a graduate professor at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar.

**Hugo Echeverría (Ecuador)** works in environmental law since 2001, with emphasis on international law and biodiversity conservation as well as the environmental rule of law; areas in which he practices as an attorney and consultant. Attorney at Law and Doctor of Jurisprudence granted by Pontificia Universidad Católica de Quito, Ecuador. Master of Laws (LL.M) granted by McGill University in Montreal - Quebec, Canada. Alumni of the Chevening Fellowship Program, directed by The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on Environmental Governance at Wolverhampton University – United Kingdom. Hugo Echeverria is a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law of IUCN as well as a member of the Ecuadorian Foro de Abogados. He is also collaborator of the Latin American Network of Environmental Public Ministry. Hugo lived in the Galapagos Islands for five years, where he worked on marine and coastal legal issues from the perspective of world natural heritage sites, enforcement rights and access to justice. Hugo's current academic and professional interests focus on comparative approaches to constitutional environmental rights (constitucionalismo ambiental latinoamericano); the role of the judicial system in advancing environmental law; and the emerging paradigm of Nature as a subject of rights.

**Cecilia Chérrez (Ecuador)**, Ecologist, prepared a report on the ecological debt of the shrimp industry, from analyzing the destruction caused by it in the mangrove ecosystem of Ecuador. In several territorial spaces her work includes contributing to a transition from the model of conventional agriculture to agroecology, in which the restoration of the health of soil, water and native seeds is important; as well as the overcoming of forest plantations by the restoration of the native vegetation.

**Norie Huddle (USA)** has written seven published books (three bestsellers) on environmental issues and on transforming humanity. Growing up in the woods of northern Virginia, Norie's background is eclectic and international. She was an exchange student in Italy, a Russian language graduate of Brown University, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia, and spent four years in Japan working with the environmental movement and writing a landmark book on Japan's environmental crisis (1975) and its global implications. After a 9-month, 5000-mile





bicycle trip across America (1976), Norie helped launch America's antinuclear movement through Mobilization for Survival. Then, realizing we need a 'new kind of positive movement' to transform humanity, she created the Center for New National Security and began using her holistic systems training to design new systems that can enable a peaceful and sustainable global civilization. During the 1980s, Norie visited the USSR on numerous occasions as a citizen diplomat. Her 1984 book *Surviving: The Best Game on Earth*, was a NYT Bestseller and introduced *The Best Game on Earth*— [www.bestgame.org](http://www.bestgame.org). Her 1990 book, *Butterfly*, has given birth to a global meme of transformation now used widely by people like Deepak Chopra, Barbara Marx Hubbard and many other spiritual leaders around the world. Norie is an Advanced Practitioner of the Voice Dialogue Process, consults, writes and does executive coaching and public speaking on personal, organizational and planetary transformation. She and her husband live part-time in Ecuador where they are creating the Garden of Paradise, a small healing and retreat Center. In 2011, they won Ecuador's (and the world's) first lawsuit defending the Rights of Nature.

**Luis Armando Tolosa Villabona (Colombia)**, is a lawyer and graduate in Education, Philosophy and Letters, specialist in Commercial Law, Private Economic Law, Public Law, Constitutional Procedural Law, Criminal Law and Criminology and Family Law Institutions; Master in Teaching Models and Procedural Law. He has been a litigation lawyer for more than twenty years, public defender and magistrate of superior courts in Colombia, also a member of sports courts. He was elected by the Notary Public Merit Contest of Bogotá. He is currently the Chief Magistrate of the Civil Cassation Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Colombia, the oldest in the country; and for whose Room he obtained the certification of quality standards in 2015. He has been a university professor and lecturer in different universities in the disciplines of Law and Philosophy, both undergraduate and postgraduate. He has been an academic pair evaluator of professional programs of Law and specialization, expert or peer evaluator of scientific articles for indexed journals. Among other works, he has published the titles: "Current Problems of Cassation and Challenges in the Social State of Law", "Cassation, Guardianship, Ways of Fact and Fundamental Rights", "Theory and Technique of Cassation" and "Charta, our land. "As a judge of the Supreme Court of Justice of Colombia, he has defended the protection of the environment and animal rights with his decisions, the consolidation of a Constitutional and Social State of law, built on the basis of an ecological public order. He advocates for the defense of the fundamental rights of all people, and for the extension of the category-subject of Law to all nature, as an instrument of protection to the environment, as well as the application of conventional regimes and of international instruments in the domestic law of States.

**Jorge Iván Palacio (Colombia)**, is a lawyer from the Universidad Autónoma Latinoamericana de Medellín, has a Master's degree from the Sergio Arboleda University in Bogotá and has attended multiple seminars and diploma courses internationally. He has represented the Colombian State in several conferences before the Organization. International Labor Office, in Geneva, Switzerland. His professional career has been developed for more than 40 years in the public sector, specifically in the Judicial Branch where he began as a judge in several



municipalities of the department of Antioquia, to be a judge of the Labor Chamber of the Court of Medellín. Later he was a Magistrate of the Labor Cassation Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice, a position he held for about twelve years. Then I practiced the profession of independent lawyer for nine years, always dedicated to labor law, social security and the constitutional. In 2009, he was nominated by the Supreme Court of Justice and then elected by the Senate of the Republic of Colombia as a member of the Constitutional Court, a dignity he held until February 2017. In his tenure in this high corporation he stood out for the independence in its decisions, to constantly seek the protection of the environment, to tend for the recognition of fundamental rights to animals and in general to nature. He traveled throughout the country with the gender commission of the Judicial Branch of Colombia, promoting the rights of women, indigenous people, Afros and the LGBTBI community. He is currently dedicated to his law office, to research and to attend various academic forums where human rights and nature issues are discussed. He is a member of the FIFA disciplinary committee.

**Gabriela Eslava (Colombia)** is a lawyer and has worked in the Congress of the Republic of Colombia, with initiatives and community participation in environmental matters, economic incentives for the conservation of biodiversity, payment for environmental services, right to water and animal rights. Her topics of interest are related to the formulation of public policies on environmental matters and constitutional litigation. She currently works as a researcher in the Litigation area at Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad (Dejusticia) in Bogotá, and is one of the researchers who made the first legal action on climate change and the rights of future generations in Latin America, and also belongs to the group of 25 young plaintiffs of this legal action.

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**Juan Sebastián Acosta (Colombia)** is an artist graduated from the National University of Colombia, researcher of the body in movement, activist and biocultural manager. Juan has several years of experience in event production and network management. He has led community pedagogy processes, such as the Escuela ZewuaCultural where he has facilitated spaces for the application of the Colibrí Pedagogy and his methodology of the Cultivation of the Seed Being. Since 2016, he is co-director of the Fundación GaiaUnionSpiral, through which he articulates projects of social and environmental impact, such as the Earth Festival (2012-2018) and the permaculture workshops "Siembra Semilla Universo del Aula ZewaCultural". He is currently working in partnership with the Universidad de Sabiduría Ancestral, Raíces de la Tierra Colombia, the Council of Sustainable Settlements in Latin America as coordinator and manager of the 3rd International Forum for the Rights of Nature in Colombia, 2019.



**Manari Ushigua (Ecuador)** original of the Sapara Nation in the Ecuadorian Amazon, of which less than 500 people remain. He is a traditional healer and leader- an akameno (authority) - of his nationality. The Sapara Nation of Ecuador is recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as an "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" because its language and culture are in danger of disappearing. In the territory of Manari, his father was in charge of leading the protection of the forest and guiding the life of Sápara families within the territory. After dying in 1999, Manari was designated as his successor to lead the territorial defense and was assigned the responsibility of assuming his role as healer and leader of the Sapara Nationality.

**Yaku Pérez (Ecuador)**, was born in the Guapondeleg Basin on February 26, 1969. He became a Doctor of Jurisprudence at the University of Cuenca; specializing in indigenous justice, environmental law, criminal law and criminology; and with a diploma in Watershed and Population Management. Since 1994, he has dedicated himself to the protection of natural resources, mainly water, from mining belonging to the Union of Community Water Systems of Azuay and the Federation of Indigenous and Peasant Organizations. He became councilor of Cuenca in 1996 and in 2002 led protests against Lucio Gutiérrez against the privatization of water. He was also president of the ECUARUNARI. In 2015, it participates in demonstrations against constitutional amendments. In May he was reelected as president of ECUARUNARI until 2019.

**Patricia Gualinga (Ecuador)**, is a defender of the rights of the natives and of Mother Earth, and former leader of international relations of the Kichwa Native People of Sarayaku, a community located in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Patricia's leadership has contributed to the struggle of the Kichwa people of Sarayaku for the protection of the Living Forest in their ancestral territories. Patricia Gualinga presented a historical case before the Inter-American Human Rights System (SIDH) that ended favorably in 2012. The Kichwa natives of Sarayaku now face other threats, such as oil extraction projects by Chinese companies in their territory, and the long conflict over the exploitation of the sacred Bobonaza basin. Patricia is known nationally and internationally for her ongoing work in defending the rights of native people and the call she has made to expand the call to keep fossil fuels underground in the Amazon.

**Ati Quigua (Colombia)**, is an Arhuaca Indigenous leader. Pacifist and Colombian environmentalist. She grew up in the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta where she was formed in the Se or Sei cosmovision, Kogui-Iku, by the mamos, that means to live in harmony with the cycles and life processes of nature. Public administrator, Master in Government and public policies. Winner of a scholarship, to advance her studies of Doctorate in Law at the Universidad del Rosario, attending the academic and personal qualities. She has participated as a teacher of the Intercultural School of Indigenous Diplomacy of the Universidad del Rosario. Expert in female empowerment and ethnic perspective. Lecturer and Consultant, committed to the awakening of the conscience, health, evolution and leadership of the human being. Since she was a girl, she stood out as a leader and when she was very young she faced the displacement of her family with dignity and was elected councilor of Bogotá D.C for two



periods 2004-2007 and 2008-2011. She has obtained several achievements among them; Agreement 347/2008, which defines the guidelines for public water policy, which was adopted in Bogotá DC by decree 485 of 2011. Agreement 194/2010 which promotes rural regional integration through peasant and indigenous markets for the central region. Among other initiatives: Indigenous Commissioner for the Peace of Colombia; promoter of respect for human rights and the rights of nature in national and international spaces. With experience in the defense of the accompaniment of ethnic communities, women and young people in the processes of formulating public policies. Executive producer of Abre Sierra - Renace Bakata, an album of music for Mother Earth, consisting of 20 Songs, with the participation of more than 52 artists. Winner of the Daniele Po 2016 International Award, which has an international tradition of recognition of women and associations working for the environment and Human Rights. With the sponsorship of the European Union, Government, Parliament of Italy, Vatican and University of Bologna.

**Mindahi Crescencio Bastida Muñoz (Mexico)**, is the director of the Original Caretakers Initiative at the Center for Earth Ethics. He is the General Coordinator of the Otomi-Hñahñu Regional Council in Mexico, caretaker of the philosophy and traditions of the Otomi people in Mexico. He has a Doctorate in Rural Development and is the President of the Sustainable Development Council of Mexico. Bastida Muñoz is a member of the Steering Committee and ambassador of the Alliance of Guardians of Mother Nature, an international movement that advocates for the recognition of the rights of nature and the crime of ecocide, as well as for future generations. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Biocultural Climate Change Assessment Initiative for Indigenous Peoples.

**Gert-Peter Bruch (France)**, has been committed since 1989 with the indigenous peoples of the Amazon, Gert-Peter Bruch is founder of the NGO "Planète Amazone", which guarantees the respect of their rights and the recognition of those of nature. In this context, he organized numerous field missions and awareness campaigns, including three international tours by Cacique Raoni Metuktire, emblematic defender of the Amazon rainforest. Gert-Peter Bruch is also a film director and co-founder and member of the Executive Committee of the "Alliance of Guardians of Mother Nature", an international movement that initiates proposals and actions to fight against global warming and to preserve viable living conditions for women. future generations.

**Valerie Cabanes (France)** is a lawyer in international law with an expertise in international humanitarian law and human rights. She spent 18 years leading international programs in the fields of health and human rights for people with disabilities, women and children exploited and abused, street children and refugees. Since 2006, she has been involved in defending the rights of indigenous people. She started a PhD in Legal Anthropology in northern Quebec with the Innu people and then became involved in the defense of their ancestral territory threatened by large hydroelectric dam projects. In 2011, she also opposed such industrial



projects in the Brazilian Amazon, in particular the Belo Monte dam, by preparing reports debated in the United Nations Human Rights Council or the European Parliament. In 2013, she participated in the launch of a European citizens' initiative proposing a European directive on the crime of ecocide. Then, in 2015, she worked on a proposal for amendments to the Statute of the International Criminal Court on the crime of ecocide given to Ban Ki Moon at COP21. Valerie also co-organized during COP21 the 3rd International Tribunal on the Rights of Nature which took place in Paris in December 2015, then in 2016 in The Hague, the one organized by The Monsanto Tribunal foundation. She is, since 2016, part of the Harmony with Nature Knowledge Network. She contributed to 7 collective books and she is the author of *Un nouveau Droit pour la Terre, pour en finir avec l'écocide* (Paris, Seuil, 2016) translated by Natraj Publishers under the title *Rights for the Earth* (New Delhi, 2018), and *Homo Natura, en harmonie avec le vivant* (Paris, Buchet/Chastel, 2016).

**Samanta Novella (Francia)**, lives in Paris. She is French and was raised in Paraguay. She is the director of the NGO NatureRights and an artistic director. She gives a lot of time and energy to the End Ecocide movement, helping to organize, fund and promote our public events, as she truly believes that the recognition of the crime of ecocide will help to protect the rights of nature. She is very grateful for this initiative and proud of NatureRights for being a partner of such a movement. She was a key ally in the organization of the Third International Rights of Nature Tribunal in Paris, France

**Marine Calmet (France)** is a lawyer from the Nature Rights NGO, committed to the recognition of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the protection of the rights of Nature against extractive industrial projects in French Guiana.

**Vanessa Hasson (Brazil)**, Executive Director of NGO MAPAS that has successfully advanced municipal laws and policies to increase enforcement of Rights of Nature in Brazil. She got the approval of the first law in Brazil which recognizes the Nature's Rights, in the city of Bonito and also at the city of Paudalho, both in the State of Pernambuco and is working with the cities of São Paulo, Fortaleza, Palmas, Caseara, Alto Paraíso and Florianópolis to reach the recognition of Nature's Rights there. Vanessa was the organizer of the 2° International Forum for the Rights of Mother Earth (3 - 4 of June/2018, São Paulo, Brazil). Vanessa is the author of the first book about Rights of Nature in Brazil. She holds a PhD in Environmental Law with a concentration in Rights of Nature and a Master degree with a concentration in Water Policies, from the PUC/SP – Catholic University of São Paulo. Professor of Environmental Law at many NGOs that improve environmental education programs. She is a specialist lawyer at University of São Paulo at Public Health University. As a lawyer and consultant of many NGOs, has been an actor to enforcement of the Rights of Nature issue in many sustainability programs.

**Germana de Oliveira Moraes, Pachamama Nation, (Brazil)**. Founder and Guide of the Pachamama Nation, eco-spiritual and cultural Movement ([www.nacionpachamama.com](http://www.nacionpachamama.com)) and the national coordinator of the New democratic constitutionalism Latin American Network and presides the IAWJ'S Brazilian Chapter (International Association of Women



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**Enrique Viale (Argentina)**, is an environmental lawyer. He became a lawyer in 2000, graduating from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) and then conducting postgraduate studies in the same house of studies, specializing in Environmental Law. In 2004, he founded, together with other young colleagues, the Asociación Argentina de Abogados Ambientalistas (AAdeAA). He is a professor at the Faculty of Law (UBA) and a guest at other universities. He is a critic of the "development" model based on unlimited growth, promoter of the Rights of Nature and has coined the concept of "urban extractivism" to refer to the role of real estate speculation in urban and peri-urban areas. He is also the author of several articles addressing Development, Politics, Law and Environmental Justice published in Argentina and abroad.

**Humberto Cholango (Ecuador)**, Minister of Environment and former Secretary of Water; formed in Management for Sustainable Local Development, is an indigenous peasant leader with a deep knowledge of the problems of the sector. From a plurinational and intercultural perspective, he has fought for the needs and demands of the population in issues of land, territory, water, right to food and nutrition, in defense of human rights and rights of nature. Former president of the CONAIE (2011-2014) of the ECUARUNARI (2003-2009) of the CAOI (2005-2006) and of the Kayambi People's Confederation (1997-1998).

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publicize environmental data, curtail sewage and oil spills, establish marine protected areas, and create sustainable water supply strategies. For her efforts in “fight[ing] pollution of the Pacific and the streams and rivers that flow into it,” Ms. Sheehan was recognized as a California Coastal Hero by Sunset Magazine and the California Coastal Commission. Ms. Sheehan holds a B.S. in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an M.P.P. from U.C. Berkeley’s Goldman School of Public Policy, and a J.D. from U.C. Berkeley Law School. She is a member of the IUCN’s World Commission on Environmental Law, and she developed and taught “Earth Law” as Summer Faculty at Vermont Law School. Ms. Sheehan has authored chapters in multiple books, including the upcoming “The Rights of Nature: Guiding Our Responsibilities through Standards,” with Craig Kauffman (Cambridge University Press, late 2018).

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**Margaret Stewart (USA)** serves as the Director at the Center for Earth Jurisprudence, a United States based legal advocacy center. The mission of the Center for Earth Jurisprudence is to advance law, policy, and governance systems aimed to legally protect the sustainability of life and health on Earth. She oversees CEJ's programs and operations and represents the Center on various coalitions. She has created educational forums throughout the United States and abroad and generates strategic partnerships. She manages CEJ communications, including social and print media, and is responsible for the identification and application of grants and other fundraising initiatives that have supported CEJ's continued work. She also serves as the key Advisor to three law students that work with CEJ as Earth Law & Policy Fellows. Margaret serves on the Executive Committee and formerly chaired the Legal Committee of the Florida Springs Council. She serves on the Board of the Orange County League of Women Voters, chairs the Natural Resource Committee, and chairs the Solar Co-Op Committee. She is a member of the Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers, the Orange County Bar Association, and the Environmental & Land Use Law and Public Interest Law sections of the Florida Bar. She earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, her Masters in Non-Profit & Human Resources Management from Penn State University, her Juris Doctor from Barry University School of Law, and her LL.M. from Western New England School of Law.

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#### **Mesas permanentes - Septiembre 27-28:**

- Caso Almería case en España – David Dene (España)
  - Derecho de los océanos – Michelle Bender (Earth Law Center, Estados Unidos)
  - Venta de artesanías amazónicas – Sacha Warmi (Ecuador)
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  - The Rights of Nature: A Global Movement – María Valería Berros (Argentina)
  - UN Harmony with Nature Dialogue, [www.harmonywithnatureun.org](http://www.harmonywithnatureun.org)
  - Rights of Nature Observatory – Ecuador, [www.derechosdelanaturaleza.org.ec](http://www.derechosdelanaturaleza.org.ec)
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**David Frederick Dene (UK)**, born in 1948 in Staffordshire, England. Has occupied various positions in many areas of life including insurance broking with Lloyds of London, shipping management, forming an Eco-village in Tabernas, Southern Spain and co-developing the Eco-village, El Rio De Aguas in this last Oasis in Western Europe. Since 2012, he has been involved in Environmental protection, first working with the Shuar Nation in South Eastern Ecuador, founding a small school for young leaders, funding local re-unions and taking two Shuar leaders to the UN in Geneva to assist in the presentation of their case of Human Rights and environmental abuses. He was part of the core group working for Rights of Nature in Europe. In 2014 he took on the cause of protecting his own home from Ecocide. Since 2016 he is an expert on the Earth Jurisprudence working with the UN group "Harmony with Nature". In 2017 he presented our case at The International Tribunal for The Rights of Nature en Bonn.

## THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

*The Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) is a network of organizations and individuals committed to the universal adoption and implementation of legal systems that recognize, respect and enforce "Rights of Nature."*

Founded in Ecuador in September 2010, GARN serves as a global hub for connecting and fostering relationships, exchange of knowledge, and collaboration to forward the understanding and implementation of Rights of Nature. GARN members are a diverse network of scientists, attorneys, economists, indigenous leaders, authors, spiritual leaders, politicians, actors, business leaders, homemakers, students and activists in over 100 countries, from six continents of North and South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia, who are looking to transform our human relationship with our planet. They offer a network of



experienced, supportive allies for communities, governments and others who are advancing earth rights-based thinking, community actions, and legal systems.

GARN's mission is to encourage the recognition and effective implementation of Rights of Nature, focused on creating a system of jurisprudence that sees and treats nature as a fundamental, rights-bearing entity – not as mere property to be exploited. GARN seeks to break out of the human-centered limitations of our current legal systems by recognizing, respecting and enforcing Rights of Nature as one of the most transformative that humanity can take to create a thriving future for all.

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