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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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 Rights of Nature Tribunal was launched by the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) in 2014. The first session of the Tribunal, presided over by Dr. Vandana Shiva, was convened 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 climate discussions, and was presided over by Alberto Acosta. This is the third such Tribunal, and is being held concurrent with the COP21 climate talks in Paris.

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 and false solutions, GMOs, fracking, extractive industries such as mining, and other violations of nature’s rights.

The Tribunals formulate judgments and recommendations for the Earth’s protection and restoration based on the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth and existing nature’s rights laws. 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, national laws and courts 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.

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

More information:
(EN) http://therightsofnature.org/rights-of-nature-tribunal-paris - tribunal@therightsofnature.org
(FR) http://www.naturerights.com/blog/?p=1126 - samanta@naturerights.com
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, witnesses and victims.

**JUDGES**

**President** - Cormac Cullinan (Author Wild Law, Cullinan Associates Inc., EnAct International - South Africa)

Tom Goldtooth (Indigenous Environmental Network, Turtle Island - USA)

Alberto Acosta (Economist and former president of the Constituent Assembly from Ecuador)

Osprey Orielle Lake (Women’s Earth and Climate Action Network - USA)

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

Felicio Pontes (Federal Prosecutor - Brazil)

Damien Short (Dir. Human Rights Consorciun University of London - UK)

Attosa Soltani (Amazon Watch founder - USA)

Nnimmo Bassey (Health of Mother Earth Foundation / Oilwatch - Nigeria)

Ruth Nyambura (African Biodiversity Network - Nigeria)

Christophe Bonneuil (Historian of Sciences, CNRS, Attac - France)

Phillipe Desbrosses (Doctor in Environmental Sciences, Farmer, Intelligence Verte - France) - Honorary Judge on December 4th

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

**PROSECUTORS FOR THE EARTH:** Ramiro Ávila (University Simón Bolivar - Ecuador); Linda Sheehan (Earth Law Center - USA)

**SECRETARIAT:** Natalia Greene (GARN - Ecuador)

**SECRETARIAT ADVISORS:** Edgardo Lander (Universidad Central de Venezuela, Transnational Institute - Venezuela), Joan Martinez Aller (Prof. ICTA Autonomous University of Barcelona - Spain), Enrique Viale (Asociación Argentina de Abogados Ambientalistas - Argentina), Thomas Coutrot (Attac France), Fernando Pino Solanas (Senator, Argentina)

**FRIDAY 4 DEC. 9H00-18H**

**9H00 - INDIGENOUS OPENING CEREMONY**

Patricia Gualingua (Sarayaku) / Ta'kaiya Blaney (Tla'Amin First Nation, Canada) / Cassey Camp Horinek (Ponca Oklahoma, USA)

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

Introduction: Natalia Greene (GARN), Samanta Novella (NatureRights)

Opening from Tribunal’s President: Cormac Cullinan

Opening from Prosecutors for the Earth: Ramiro Ávila, Linda Sheehan

**9H40 - CLIMATE CRIMES AGAINST NATURE**

Presenter Pablo Solón (Fundacion Solon, Focus on the Global South) (Judges Osprey Orielle Lake and Nnimmo Bassey)

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**13H45 - FINANCIALIZATION OF NATURE**

Presenter Ivonne Yanez (Acción Ecológica, Ecuador) (Judge Tom Goldtooth)

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15H00 - AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRY / GMOS
Presenter: Vandana Shiva (Navdanya) (Judge: Philippe Desbrosses)

| Marie-Monique Robin (Journalist), Ronnie Cummins (Organic Consumers Association) | José Bové (Green European Deputee) |

16H15 - Break

16H30 - DEFENDERS OF MOTHER EARTH
(Judges: Ruth Nyambura and Atossa Soltani)

| Criminalization of defenders of Mother Earth in Ecuador | Blanca Chancoso (Kichwa), Belén Páez (Pachamama Foundation) |
| Fossil fuels and chemical contamination | Yudith Nieto, Juan and Bryan Parras (USA-Houston TX, T.E.J.A.S) |

17H10 PROSECUTORS FOR THE EARTH STATEMENTS

17H15 - JUDGES' STATEMENTS FROM DAY 1

18H00 - CONTRIBUTION OF ADVISOR'S COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (Fernando Pino Solanas)

18H10 - CLOSURE

SAT 5 DEC. 2015 - 9H-18H00

09H15 - HYDRAULIC FRACKING
Presenter Shannon Biggs (Movement Rights - USA) (Judge: Damien Short)

| Enrique Viales (Argentina), Geert de Cock (Food and Water - Europe) | Kandi Mosset (Fort Berthold, ND, USA), Khaoula Chikahoui (Tunisia) |

10H30 - MEGA DAMS IN THE AMAZON - BELO MONTE & TAPAJOS
Presenter Gert-Peter Bruch (Planète Amazone, France) (Judges: Felicio Pontes and Atossa Soltani)

| Christian Poirier (Amazon Watch) | Cacique Raoni Kayapo, Antonia Mello (Xingu Vivo), Munduruku and Yawalapiti chiefs |

11H30 - Coffee Break

11H45 - PRESENTATION OF NEW CASES TO THE INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL SECRETARIAT

Andrea Padilla (AnimalNaturalis, Corralejas Colombia); Alexandra Postelnicu (Rosia Montana Mines, Romania); Lisa Mead, Earth Laws Alliance (Depletion of Marine Life); Godwin Ojo, (Environmental Rights Action (ERA)/Friends of the Earth Nigeria, Niger Delta Shell); Eriel Deranger, Athabaskan Chipewyan (Oil Sands Canada) (Judges: Christophe Bonneuil and Terisa Turner).

13H00 - Lunch

14H00 - ECOCIDE CRIME AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Presenter Valerie Cabanes (EEE) - Recognizing ecocide in international criminal law; reopening of cases related to oil exploitation as ecocides.

14H15 - OIL EXPLOITATION ECOCIDES - ECUADOR
Presenter Carlos Larrea (Andina Simón Bolívar University) (Judges: Dominique Bour and Alberto Acosta)

| Yasuni-ITT | Esperanza Martinez (Acción Ecológica, Oilwatch - Keep Oil Underground) | Antonella Calle (Yasunidos) |
| Texaco/Chevron Ecocides | Pablo Fajardo (Lawyer, UDAPT - Union de afectados por Texaco) | Patricia Gualinga (Sarayaku) |
| | Humberto Piaguaje (UDAPT - Union de afectados por Texaco) |

15H30 - PRESENTATION OF DECISIONS ON PREVIOUS CASES: Conclusion judgments on Yasuni-ITT (Ecuador) (Alberto Acosta), Great Barrier Reef (Australia) (Tantoo Cardinale)

15H45 - Coffee Break

16H00 CONTRIBUTION OF ADVISOR'S COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (Joan Martinez Alier)

16H15 PROSECUTORS FOR THE EARTH STATEMENTS

16H30 - JUDGES STATEMENTS FROM DAY 2

17H20 - PRESIDENT'S FINAL STATEMENTS

17H50 - CLOSURE : Ta’kaiya Blaney

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