



5TH INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL COP26 . Glasgow 2021



CLIMATE CHANGE CASE :
“FALSE SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS”
AMAZON CASE :
“AMAZON, A THREATENED LIVING ENTITY”

PARALLEL TO THE UNFCCC - COP26, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

IN PERSON :

STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM - TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION CENTRE,
WEDNESDAY, NOV 3RD & THURSDAY NOV 4TH - 15H30-19H GMT
Register : bit.ly/tribunalinperson

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Register : bit.ly/rightsofnaturetribunal

The next hearing of the International Rights of Nature Tribunal will take place on Wednesday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 4th in Glasgow, alongside the United Nations Conference on Climate Change UNFCCC - COP26.

Due to COVID and traveling restrictions, this Tribunal will be a hybrid event – online through Zoom (at 4 pm GMT) and in person at the Auditorium of Strathclyde University in Glasgow (at 3.30 pm GMT).

The Fifth International Rights of Nature Tribunal will hear two of the most fundamental ecological cases facing the world today: the false solutions to the Climate Change crisis and the Amazon, a threatened living entity.

The two cases will be presented by frontline, **impacted communities and experts from around the world**, and will be heard by a panel of **globally recognized judges**, who will examine and rule on the cases from a Rights of Nature perspective: *Enrique Viale (Argentina)*, *Alberto Acosta (Ecuador)*, *Osprey Orielle Lake (USA)*, *Nnimmo Bassey (Nigeria)*, *Lisa Mead (UK)*, *Carolyn Raffensperger (USA)*, *Yaku Pérez (Ecuador)*, *Nancy Yáñez (Chile)*, *Atossa Soltani (USA)*, and *Rocío Silva Santisteban (Peru)*.

The aim of this Tribunal is to bring maximum visibility to the current key struggles to protect the world's ecosystems and confront the false solutions that are being presented in the face of these crises as well as the solutions emerging from civil society. **The Tribunal will offer legal rulings and precedents that may aid communities and activists in their struggles to protect and restore these ecosystems, and advance the legal recognition of Nature as a rights-bearing entity.**

The objective is to mobilize citizens through the creation of a platform of associations calling for the recognition of the Rights of Nature, the Rights of the Amazon, and exposing the false solutions to Climate Change as well as the opportunities to halt the Climate crisis. The prosecutors for the cases will be Julio Prieto (Ecuador) for the False solutions to the climate change crisis case and Pablo Solón (Bolivia) for the Amazon as a threatened living entity case.

The verdict for the False Solutions to the Climate Change Crisis case will be presented at the Glasgow Film Theater on November 7th during the People and Nature vs The UNFCCC event, while the case of the Amazon, a threatened living entity verdict will be presented during the International Assembly on the Amazon and the Climate Crisis on November 9th at the Centre for Contemporary Arts in Glasgow.



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ABOUT “RIGHTS OF NATURE”



CONCEPT

Under most legal systems operating in the world today — certainly those that are in effect at the national and international levels — Nature and all the beings that conform it do not exist except as so-called “natural resources”; a form of human property to be exploited to a greater or lesser degree at will, thus making it impossible to protect Nature in a court of law from any angle other than its role in human interests.

It is now more clear than ever that these legal systems have not only failed to protect our planet from the advances of an insatiable extractivism; they are, in fact, the tools that permit and perpetuate it. In the face of the insufficiency of traditional environmental law, **Rights of Nature presents a new form of jurisprudence that, by acknowledging Nature as a legal subject of rights** just like human beings, pushes courts to look beyond economic incentives and actually make decisions based on the interests of both humanity and the earth community as a whole.

Time is up: the ecological crisis is upon us in such a way that to deny it would be to reject the evidence before our own eyes, and we can no longer afford to abide by laws that are fundamentally unfit to address the current situation; Nature’s fundamental Rights must be acknowledged at every legal level: locally, nationally, and internationally, if we are to avert this crisis.

To that end, the International Rights of Nature Tribunal seeks to demonstrate how the Rights of Nature can be applied, putting a series of urgent, real-world cases before a panel of distinguished judges, who will hear, examine and rule on the cases from a Rights of Nature perspective.

INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNALS

The International Rights of Nature Tribunal is an international institution established by citizens to **investigate and publicize Rights of Nature violations**. It creates a forum for people from all around the world to speak on behalf of Nature, to protest the destruction of the Earth—destruction that is fostered by corporations with governments’ compliance—and hence, the Tribunal visibilizes the conflicts and its perpetrators and makes juridical recommendations about Earth’s protection and restoration as modeled jurisprudence for frontline communities.

The Tribunal also has a strong focus on offering Indigenous Peoples a platform to raise their voice and share the impacts that they see in their territories as guardians of the Earth. It is a space to share solutions about land, water and culture with the global community.

The Tribunal verdicts, if implemented at the very highest levels, could provide a much-needed tool in the struggle for environmental justice and protection.

An ethical Tribunal inspired by the International War Crimes Tribunal, the Permanent People’s Tribunal and other such grassroots efforts to make up for the failure of the state to provide justice, the International Rights of Nature Tribunal is now calling upon the United Nations—and upon nations in general—to take up the job that it has been fulfilling for years, and defend Nature’s fundamental Rights.



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5TH INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL COP26. GLASGOW 2021

The Fifth International Rights of Nature Tribunal will be heard on the 3rd and 4th of November, 2021, in Glasgow, alongside the COP26 organized by the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC), where it will deliver its message in the very arena where the environmental policies of the world are being debated, standing as an alternative to the many false solutions that are being peddled there by corporate-backed heads of states

Join us this November in defending the Rights of Nature, and add your voice to the popular demand for governments and courts all around the world to begin recognizing and defending the Rights of Nature, and halting the ecological crises of our day.

The Fifth International Rights of Nature Tribunal will hear two of the most fundamental ecological cases facing the world today.

ENDORSEMENT

Endorse the tribunal with your organisation : shorturl.at/lsCN5



ABOUT 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 the rights of nature.

The rights of nature are based upon the “Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth” (UDRME), which emerged from the “World Peoples’ Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth,” hosted at Cochabamba, Bolivia in 2010 and attended by over 35,000 participants from more than 100 countries.

In September 2010, global leaders and rights of nature advocates from six continents came together to create the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature.

GARN serves as a global hub for connecting and fostering relationships, exchange of knowledge, and collaborating to forward the understanding and implementation of Rights of Nature.

GARN members are a diverse network of experts (scientists, attorneys, economists, indigenous leaders, authors, spiritual leaders, politicians, actors, business leaders, homemakers, students and activists) to advance earth rights based thinking, community actions, and legal systems.

GARN is 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.



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Just a few years ago, the reality of climate change was subtle enough that many people continued to deny its existence in spite of all scientific data proving otherwise. Today, as extreme weather events, wildfires, droughts, floods, hurricanes, among others, become more and more commonplace —and more extreme— it has become impossible for all but the most cynical to deny the reality of man-made climate change.

And yet, despite the record-breaking wildfires, increased flooding and extreme weather events, **governments around the world continue to collude with extractivist industries, finding ways to go on permitting patterns of exploitation, production and consumption that are unsustainable.**

Perhaps the most concerning aspect of how this problem is being dealt with at the international level is that, ever since the general public has begun to grow conscious of the threat posed by climate change and to demand change from the authorities, a series of pernicious false solutions have been conceived; false solutions which pretend to address the key issues of climate change while in reality only perpetuating the unsustainable status quo, and even worse, violate Nature's Rights.

From example, false solutions include the idea that geoengineering will regulate the global temperature even as the world continues consuming fuel and materials at our current rates, to the notion the unexploited fossil fuel reserves in one place can be “traded” for reserves that are being exploited elsewhere. These strategies all have the same purpose: to “greenwash” old practices, while making no substantial changes.

The United Nations Climate Change Conferences —and other similar forums — have become the main arenas for the promotion of these ‘false’ solutions, making it more important than ever to show them for what they are, and to provide both the public and the authorities with a clear, unclouded perspective on why these strategies do not offer real solutions to climate change or the urgent ecological crises we face — and to offer real solutions that respect Nature's Rights.

The 5th International Rights of Nature will hear the Climate Change Case - False Solutions to the Climate Change Crisis on November 3rd.

The Tribunal will hear about the Rights of Nature violations of the fossil fuel industry, an industry that has known that burning fossil fuels would cause climate change, but hid their science and funded climate denialism instead, an industry that continues to pollute, destroy and fuel the climate chaos. The Tribunal will hear from frontline communities impacted fossil fuel extraction -- gas flaring in the Amazon, to those fighting coal pollution in Chile, to leaders on the frontline of the fight to stop Line 3 in the U.S.

The Tribunal will put on trial climate change perpetrators, not only fossil fuel giants like Chevron, Exxon and Total, but also the countries and even the UNFCCC who have refused to take necessary and real action to address climate change.

The Tribunal will offer real solutions like keeping fossil fuels underground and recognizing the Rights of Nature and the Rights of Future Generations -- solutions that offer a real transition towards a new legal paradigm and a sustainable future.



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EARTH PROSECUTOR

JULIO PRIETO

SECRETARIAT

NATALIA GREENE

LEGAL TEAM

FRANCISCO BUSTAMANTE , FÁTIMA MONASTERIO

15H30	INDIGENOUS CEREMONY	INDIGENOUS COUNCIL - TOM GOLDTOOTH (IEN, MINGA INDIGENA) MINDAHI BASTIDA (ALLIANCE OF MOTHER NATURE'S GUARDIANS)
16H00	WHAT IS THE TRIBUNAL? WHAT IS ITS GOAL? WHAT WILL HAPPEN OVER THE TWO DAYS?	SECRETARIAT: NATALIA GREENE (TIDN, GARN)
16H05	INTRODUCTION TO THE RIGHTS OF NATURE MOVEMENT	OSPREY ORIELLE LAKE (WECAN, GARN)
16H10	EARTH PROSECUTOR INTRODUCTION	JULIO PRIETO (UDAPT)
16H25	UNFCCC AND CLIMATE CHANGE	OSVER POLO (MOCICC)
16H35	NET ZERO EMISSIONS AND NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS	TOM GOLDTOOTH (IEN)
16H45	QUESTIONS FROM JUDGES	
17H10	CARBON OFFSETS	CHIEF NINAWA (INDIGENOUS LEADER, HUNIKUIN, BRASIL)
17H35	FOSSIL FUELS AND GAS FLARING	LEONELA MONCAYO (ACCIÓN ECOLÓGICA) & ALEXANDRA ALMEIDA
17H50	COAL AND OCEAN POLLUTION	KATTA ALONSO & HERNÁN RAMÍREZ
18H05	QUESTIONS FROM JUDGES	
18H20	GEOENGINEERING	LILI FUHR (HBF, HOME CAMPAIGN)
18H30	RIGHTS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS	BRUNO RODRIGUEZ (FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE)
18H40	ASKS TO THE TRIBUNAL- NEOLIBERALIZATION OF CLIMATE	IVONNE YANEZ (ACCIÓN ECOLÓGICA, OILWATCH)
18H45	EARTH PROSECUTOR FINAL ARGUMENTS	JULIO PRIETO (UDAPT)
	JUDGES ARGUMENTS	
18H50	JUDGE	ENRIQUE VIALE (AADEAA, GARN)
18H52	JUDGE	OSPREY ORIELLE LAKE (WECAN, GARN)
18H54	JUDGE	CAROLYN RAFFENSPERGER (SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK)
18H56	JUDGE	NNIMMO BASSEY (FRIENDS OF THE EARTH NIGERIA)
18H58	JUDGE	LISA MEAD (EARTH LAW ALLIANCE)
19H00	SECRETARIAT	NATALIA GREENE (TIDN, GARN)



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One cannot talk about climate change without talking about the Amazon, since there is no solution to the climate crisis without a healthy Amazon. With its rich biodiversity and its massive role in processing so much of the world's CO₂ as well as fostering life in so many magnificent forms, and regulating the world climate, the fate of the Amazon is inextricably tied to the fate of the world as a whole. And yet this fragile, vital ecosystem is being destroyed at a precipitous rate. From petroleum extraction to mining; gold panning; poaching; logging; urbanization; soy farming; cattle breeding; uncontrolled wildfires, the threats that the world's most important rainforest faces are myriad and grave, and all the current science indicates that the tipping point is fast approaching.

To truly halt the destruction of the Amazon, real international cooperation will be needed between all of the states who share it as part of their territory, and real public pressure from the people of those countries and the entire world is essential. It will be necessary to understand the Amazon as a whole ecosystem, as a living entity, and not separate it by parts or by arbitrary country boundaries. The Amazon is a whole, single living being, upon whose health the balance of the entire planet depends.

For this reason, the International Rights of Nature Tribunal will hear the case of the Amazon - A Threatened Living Entity with the aid of local, world-renowned experts on the subject, who will provide a real perspective on what problems the Amazon is facing and what immediate actions the world must take to revert and avoid this tipping point.



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16H10	EARTH PROSECUTOR INTRODUCTION	PABLO SOLÓN (FUNDACIÓN SOLÓN)
16H20	AMAZON A SUBJECT OF RIGHTS	GREGORIO MIRABAL (PANEL CIENTÍFICO DE LA AMAZONÍA)
16H30	THE AMAZON TIPPING POINT	CARLOS NOBRE (COICA)
16H40	QUESTIONS FROM JUDGES	
16H55	AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION	MARCELA VECCHIONE
17H05	BALSA DEFORESTATION	ELIZABETH BRAVO (AE)
17H15	QUESTIONS FROM JUDGES	
17H30	MINING IN THE AMAZON	ALEXIS TIOUKA
17H40	HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON	ANTONIA MELO (XINGU VIVO PARA SEMPRE)
17H50	QUESTIONS FROM JUDGES	
18H05	IMPACTS AND THREATS TO THE AMAZON	FRANCISCO VON HILDEBRANDO (GAIA AMAZONAS-RAISG)
18H15	AMAZON SACRED HEADWATERS INITIATIVE	DOMINGO PEAS (CONFENIAE)
18H25	ADVANCES IN THE AMAZON AROUND THE RIGHTS OF NATURE	FATIMA MONASTERIO (FLACSO ARGENTINA)
18H35	EARTH PROSECUTOR FINAL ARGUMENTS AND ASKS TO THE TRIBUNAL	PABLO SOLÓN (FUNDACIÓN SOLÓN)
	JUDGES' ARGUMENTS	
18H40	JUDGE	ALBERTO ACOSTA (FLACSO)
18H42	JUDGE	NANCY YÁÑEZ (OBSERVATORY FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES)
18H44	JUDGE	ATOSSA SOLTANI (AMAZON WATCH)
18H46	JUDGE	ROCÍO SILVA SANTIESTEBAN (CNDDHH)
18H48	JUDGE	YAKU PÉREZ (INDIGENOUS LEADER PACHAKUTIK, EQUADOR)
18H50	SECRETARIAT	NATALIA GREENE (TIDN, GARN)
19H00	TRIBUNAL CLOSURE	



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French: <https://www.facebook.com/GARNEUROPE>

PRESS CONFERENCE

REPORT BACK FROM THE RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL IN GLASGOW: FOUNDATIONS FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Friday, Nov. 5th, 17:45 – 18:15

UNFCCC - COP26 Official Site

Press Conference Room Durdle Door

VERDICT PRESENTATIONS

CLIMATE CASE: FALSE SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS - VERDICT PRESENTATION

COP26 Coalition event: People and Nature vs The UNFCCC

A People's Tribunal on the UNFCCC & corporations as complicit in crimes against humanity - Ecocide

When: November 7th

Time: 9h30 - 13h15 Glasgow time

Where: "Glasgow Film Theater Screen 1"

<https://cop26coalition.org/peoples-summit/people-and-nature-vs-the-unfccc-a-peoples-tribunal-on-the-united-nations-framework-convention-in-climate-change/>

AMAZON CASE: THE AMAZON, A THREATENED LIVING ENTITY

COP26 Coalition: World Assembly on the Amazon and the Climate Crisis, in the framework of the People's Summit

When: November 9th

Time: 14h00 Glasgow time and by zoom

Where: Centre for Contemporary Arts
350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G2 3JD.

<https://climatefringe.org/event-location/centre-for-contemporary-arts-cca/>

Zoom to attend virtually: shorturl.at/iqrGN

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CAROLYN RAFFENSPERGER, M.A., J.D.

Carolyn is executive director of the Science and Environmental Health Network. In 1982 she left a career as an archaeologist in the desert Southwest of the United States to join the environmental movement. She first worked for the Sierra Club where she addressed an array of environmental issues, including forest management, river protection, pesticide pollutants, and disposal of radioactive waste. She began working for SEHN in December 1994. In service to communities, the Earth and future generations, SEHN forges law, ethics, and science into tools for action.

As an environmental lawyer Carolyn specializes in the fundamental changes in law and policy necessary for the protection and restoration of public health and the environment. She is co-editor of *Precautionary Tools for Reshaping Environmental Policy* published by M.I.T. Press (2006) and *Protecting Public Health and the Environment: Implementing the Precautionary Principle*, published by Island Press (1999). Her goal is to be a good ancestor and dedicate her work to future generations.



YAKU PÉREZ GUARTAMBEL

PhD in Law, Universidad de Cuenca; BA in Environmental Law, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja; Master in Penal and Criminal Law, Universidad de los Andes. Presidential candidate for Ecuador in 2021; prefect of the Azuay province in 2019-2020, General coordinator of the CAOI (2017-2020); President of the Confederation of Kichwa people of Ecuador ECUANARI (2 terms, 2013-2019); President of the Federation of Indigenous and Rural Organizations of Azuay FOA (2003-2012). His publications include "An Introduction to Parliamentary Law", "The Constitutive Assembly", "Indigenous

Justice", "The Popular Referendum", "Water or Gold: Kimsakocha, or the defense of water", "Community Referendums in Ecuador", "Resistance", and others.



ALBERTO ACOSTA

Alberto Acosta: Ecuadorian economist. Grandfather. Companion to many social movements and struggles. Professor. International Rights of Nature Tribunal Judge. Minister of Energy and Mines (2007). President of the Constituent Assembly (2007-2008). Candidate for the Presidency of the Republic of Ecuador (2012-2013). Author of several books.



ENRIQUE VIALE

Environmental Lawyer from Argentina, educated in the University of Buenos Aires (UBA), where he specialized in Environmental Law. In 2004 he founded the Argentine Association of Environmental Lawyers. He is a judge for the International Rights of Nature Tribunal and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN). He works as a trial lawyer in numerous cases for damage and environmental restoration, and travels both the country and Latin America accompanying civil and legal struggles for environmental justice. He is the author of several books and

specialized articles on Development, Politics, Law and Environmental Justice. He was a legislative advisor in the Senate of Argentina and is currently an environmental consultant and communicator in radio and print media.



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LISA MEAD

Lisa Mead is a lawyer, educator and advocate for Earth rights. She runs the Earth Law Alliance and is a founding Steering Committee member of the Ecological Law & Governance Association. In 2018 she acted as Lead Counsel for Nature's Rights at the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal on Human Rights, Fracking and Climate Change. Lisa was an expert contributor to the UN's 2016 Harmony with Nature Dialogue on Earth Jurisprudence and has advocated against marine depletion and for ocean rights at the International Rights of Nature Tribunal in Paris in December 2015, which coincided with COP21. Earlier in 2021 she acted as a judge in the European Tribunal on the Rights of Aquatic Ecosystems.



OSPREY ORIELLE LAKE

Osprey Orielle Lake is the Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International dedicated to accelerating a global women's climate justice movement. She works nationally and internationally with grassroots and Indigenous leaders, policy-makers and scientists to promote climate justice, resilient communities, and a just transition to a decentralized, democratized energy future. She serves on the Executive Committee for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and Osprey is the co-director of the Indigenous Women's Divestment Delegations, and actively leads WECAN's advocacy, policy and campaign work in areas such as Women for Forests, Divestment and Just Transition, Indigenous Rights, a Feminist Agenda for a Green New Deal, and UN Forums. Osprey is the author of the award-winning book, "Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature."



ROCÍO SILVA SANTIESTEBAN

Activist, writer, university professor and former Congresswoman of the Republic of Peru, representing the left-wing coalition Frente Amplio (2020-2021). In 2006 she obtained a doctorate in Literature from Boston University, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Gender Studies and a Master's in Law and Political Science. She has been a consultant on issues related to human rights, gender and eco-territorial conflicts for UNICEF, OXFAM, Red Muqui, DIAKONIA, IWGIA, and Terre des Hommes, among others. Between 2011 - 2015 she was the executive director of the National Human Rights Coordination of Peru. She has published and edited more than 20 fiction, journalism, and academic books, the latest being Indigenous Women and Climate Change (IWGIA 2020). She is a professor at the Ruiz de Montoya University and the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru.



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ATOSSA SOLTANI

Atossa Soltani is the director of global strategy for Amazon Sacred Headwaters Initiative, an alliance of 30 indigenous nations in Ecuador and Peru working to permanently protect 86 million acres of rainforests in one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems on Earth. She is also the founder and board president of Amazon Watch and served as the organization's first executive director from 1996-2014. In response to the Amazon fires in 2019, Atossa helped co-found Artists for Amazonia to catalyze global action for the Amazon. In recognition for her life's work as rainforests and indigenous rights campaigner, Atossa was named the Hillary Institute's 2013 Global Laureate for Climate Leadership. Atossa is also a member and contributing author to the Science Panel for the Amazon.



NANCY YÁÑEZ

Nancy Yáñez F. attorney at law and Doctor in Law from the University of Chile. Master in International Human Rights Law from the University of Notre Dame, United States. Director of the Human Rights Center of the Law School of the University of Chile. Specialist in indigenous rights and socio-environmental conflicts. Doctoral thesis on the impact of the privatization of water rights in Chile from a human rights perspective, focusing on the particular situation of indigenous peoples.



NNIMMO BASSEY

Nimmo Bassey (Nigeria) 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 Nobel 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).



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