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 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, 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.

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 the planet by preserving biodiversity and respecting ecosystem dynamics.

The fourth International Rights of Nature Tribunal will be held on the 7th, 8th November in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 23) in Bonn, Germany at the LVR-Landesmuseum. This tribunal is hosted by the Global Alliance of the Rights of Nature.

- CLIMATE CHANGE- FALSE ENERGY SOLUTIONS
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- WATER DEPRIVATION IN ALMERIA
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- AMAZON THREATS (ECUADOR, BRAZIL, BOLIVIA-TIPNIS AND FRENCH GUYANA)
- TRADE AGREEMENTS IMPLICATIONS ON NATURE

Registration details: http://therightsofnature.org

November 7th & 8th 2017 (8h-19h) LVR-Landesmuseum, Colmantstr. 14-16, 53115 Bonn, Germany

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**TRIBUNAL PROGRAM**

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. Presenters, experts, witnesses and affected people present each of the cases.

**PRESIDENT**  
Tom Goldtooth *(Indigenous Environmental Network ; Dine’ Dakota, Turtle Island-United States)*

**JUDGES**  
Cormac Cullinan *(Wild Law Institute, South Africa)*  
Osprey Orielle Lake *(WECAN, United States)*  
Alberto Acosta *(Former Constitutional Assembly President, Ecuador)*  
Simona Fraudatario *(Permanent People’s Tribunal, Italy)*  
Shannon Biggs *(Movement Rights, United States)*  
Fernando «Pino» Solanas *(Argentinian Senator, Argentina)*  
Ute Koczy *(Urgewald E.V., former German Parliamentarian, Germany)*  
Ruth Nyambura *(African Ecofeminists Collective, Kenya)*

**PROSECUTORS FOR THE EARTH**  
Ramiro Ávila *(Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador)*  
Linda Sheehan *(Planet Pledge, USA)*

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

**DAY 1 NOVEMBER 7TH**

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Opening from Tribunal’s President | Tom Goldtooth *(IEN, Dine’ Dakota, United States)*  
Opening from Prosecutors of the Earth | Ramiro Ávila *(Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador)*  
Linda Sheehan *(Planet Pledge, USA)* |
| 9h35 | 1. CLIMATE CHANGE CASE - FALSE ENERGY SOLUTIONS | Osprey Orielle Lake *(Judge)*; Ramiro Ávila *(Prosecutor)*  
FRACKING, NUCLEAR AND CONSOLIDATION OF FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY IN NORTH AMERICA | Presenter: Tadzio Mueller *(Rosa Luxembourg Foundation, Germany)*  
Experts: Enrique Viale *(Asociación Argentina de Abogados Ambientalistas, Argentina)*  
Ben Beachy *(Sierra Club, United States)*  
Rheinhard Uhrig *(Global 2000, Austria)*  
Impacted people: Kashmira Banee *(CARES)*, Bryan Parras *(TEJAS)* |
| 11h00 | 2. FINANCIALIZATION OF NATURE AND REDD+ | Ruth Nyambura *(Judge); Linda Sheehan *(Prosecutor)*  
Defenders of Mother Earth | Presenter: Jutta Kill *( Freelance researcher, Germany)*  
Experts: Melissa Moreano *(Critical Geography Collective, Ecuador)*  
Impacted people: Ken Henshaw *(Social Action, Nigeria)* |
| 12h00 | 3. LIGNITE MINING - HAMBACH FOREST, GERMANY | Ute Koczy *(Judge); Ramiro Ávila *(Prosecutor)*  
Indigenous Violations Standing Rock - USA | Presenter: Emilio Alfred Weinberg *(Ende Gelände Movement, Germany)*  
Experts: Eva Töller *(Naturfuehrungen Hambacher Forst, Germany)*  
Impacted people: Luna *(Hambach Forest, Germany)* |
| 13h00 | LUNCH BREAK | |
| 14h30 | 4. DEFENDERS OF MOTHER EARTH | Simona Fraudatario *(Judge); Linda Sheehan *(Prosecutor)*  
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Expert / Impacted: Kandi Mossett *(Indigenous Environmental Network, United States)* |
INDIGENOUS VIOLATIONS RUSSIA
Presenter Vladislav Tannagashev (Revival of Kazas and the Shor people, Russia)
Expert / Impacted Yana Tannagasheva (Revival of Kazas and the Shor people, Russia)

INDIGENOUS SAMI PEOPLE
Presenter Stéfan Mikaelsson (Sámi People, Northern Europe)
Expert / Impacted Åsa Simma (Sámi People, Northern Europe)

16H00 5. WATER DEPRIVATION IN ALMERÍA - SPAIN
Cormac Cullinan (Judge); Ramiro Ávila (Prosecutor)
Presenter David Dene (International Activist, EcoVillage Almeria, Spain)
Experts Ion Holban (Ecocide El Rio de Aguas , Almeria, Spain)
Impacted people Sheila Andion Garcia (Plataforma de Defensa El Rio de Aguas, Almeria, Spain)

17H00 PROSECUTORS FROM THE EARTH STATEMENTS
17H30 JUDGES STATEMENTS FROM DAY 1
18H30 CLOSURE DAY TRIBUNAL’S PRESIDENT

DAY 2 NOVEMBER 8TH

8H30 WELCOMING AND OPENINGS
Welcoming Natalia Greene (GARN) and Osprey Orielle Lake (WECAN)
Opening from Tribunal’s President Ramiro Ávila (U. Simón Bolívar) and Linda Sheehan (Planet Pledge)

9H00 6. AMAZON THREATS CASES
Alberto Acosta (Judge), Fernando «Pino» Solanas (Judge), Ramiro Ávila (Prosecutor)

ECUADOR’S AMAZON AND SARAYAKU
Presenter Esperanza Martínez (Acción Ecológica, Ecuador)
Experts Mirian Cisneros (Sarayaku, Ecuador)
Impacted people Yaku Viteri (Sarayaku, Ecuador)

BRASIL’S AMAZON
Presenter Sônia Guajajara (APIB, Terra Indígena Araribóia, Brazil)
Experts Ninawa Yawanawa (Yawanawa people, Brazil)

TIPNIS IN BOLIVIA
Presenter Martin Vilela (Climate Justice Activist, Bolivia)
Experts Fabian Gil Rocha (Tipnis, Bolivia)
Impacted people Marqueza Teco Moyoviri de Maleca (Tipnis, Bolivia)

MONTAGNE D’OR - FRENCH GUYANA
Presenter Marine Calmet (France libertés Consultant, France)
Experts Patrick Monnier (Association Maouri Nature, French Guyana)
Impacted people Christophe Pierre (Jeunesse Autochtone de Guyane, French Guyana)

11H30 7. TRADE AGREEMENTS IMPLICATIONS ON NATURE
Shannon Biggs (Judge), Linda Sheehan (Prosecutor)
Presenter Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians, Canada)
Experts Joerg Hass (Boell Foundation, Germany)
Impacted people Ndileke Mokoena (GenderCC Women for Climate Justice, South Africa); Makoma Lekalakala (EarthLife Africa, South Africa); Alberto Saldamando (Indigenous Environmental Network, United States)

12H30 PROSECUTORS FROM THE EARTH FINAL STATEMENTS
13H00 JUDGES STATEMENTS FROM DAY 2
13H20 PRESIDENT’S FINAL SENTENCE AND TRIBUNAL RECOMMENDATIONS
13H35 SECRETARIAT’S TRIBUNAL CLOSURE DAY 2
GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATURE (GARN)

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.

THE NATURE AS A SUBJECT OF RIGHTS

The UDRME considers nature as a subject rather than an object or commodity. It recognizes an intrinsic value to the nature and all its life forms, for which it enunciates the right to exist, maintain and regenerate their vital cycles. As acknowledged by the UDRME, rather than arising from human sources, nature’s rights are inherent to its very existence: ecosystems are therefore considered as subjects of rights, which can be represented in a court of law. Rights of nature is part of a large growing movement that recognizes our interdependence with nature and the right of all Earth Community members to exist and prosper.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE CONCEPT “RIGHTS OF MOTHER EARTH”

Over the last decade, the Rights of Nature has expanded rapidly across the globe. The petition for Rights of Nature has obtained, at this date, more than 825,000 signatures from 122 countries. The “Universal Declaration of Right of Nature”, official founding statute of Rights of Nature, was applauded by 35,000 people during the Cochabamba conference in 2012. While the concept of nature's rights has existed in Indigenous wisdom for millennia, the first step towards recognizing the Rights of Nature in law began at the regional level in 2006. Since then, the legislators of Ecuador and Bolivia have adopted it, and it is part of numerous regional and municipal initiatives in several other countries (For example, included in more than 180 municipal ordinances in the United States).

2006  TAMAQUA BOROUGH, PENNSYLVANIA, FIRST MUNICIPALITY IN THE U.S.
  to recognize natural communities and ecosystems as “persons” in a court of law, for purposes of protecting the community from toxic waste, also recognizing residents’ rights to a healthy environment.

2008  ECUADOR, FIRST COUNTRY TO INCLUDING RIGHTS OF NATURE IN ITS CONSTITUTION
  For the first time in history, the constitution of a country recognizes and calls for enforcement of the Rights of Nature (Art 71 and 57). Far from reducing it to a set of exploitable resources, it says: “Nature or Pachamama, where life is or realizes and reproduces itself, has the right of respect of his existence, as well as to maintain and regeneration of its vital cycles, structures, functions and evolutionary processes.”

04/2010  BOLIVIA HOSTS “WORLD PEOPLE’S CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE RIGHTS OF MOTHER EARTH” COCHABAMBA.
  Agreement upon the “Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth” (UDRME). Earth Day: 35,000 people gathered to acclaim the UDRME.


12/2010  BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR ADOPTS LAW ON THE RIGHTS OF MOTHER EARTH.

10/2012  BOLIVIA ADOPTS FRAMEWORK FRAMEWORK LAW ON MOTHER EARTH AND INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LIVING WELL.

12/2012  UN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, “RIO +20”
  Rights of Nature is articulated in the UN consensus document and recognized in the People’s Summit Declaration 120,000 SIGNATURES ARE PRESENTED TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL.

01/2014  FIRST INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL
  Quito, Ecuador - “Global Rights of Nature Summit”

07/2014  TE UREWERA, NEW ZEALAND.
  A national park became “a legal entity” with “all the rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of a legal person”.

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12/2014  SECOND INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL
Lima, Perú - “U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change Convention”

12/2015  THIRD INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL DURING COP21
Convention of the Parties of the UNFCCC “UN Framework on Climate Change Convention” in Paris, France, presided over by Cormac Cullinan (South Africa).

04/2016  HEARING FOR THE DELTA ECOSYSTEM in Regional Chamber of the Tribunal in San Francisco, United States

10/2016  TWO RESOLUTIONS ADDRESSING RIGHTS OF NATURE WERE ADOPTED AT THE IUCN
World Conservation Congress in Hawaii. Resolution on Crimes against the Environment (Res. 078) and resolution on Humanity’s right to a healthy environment.

01/2017  NEW CONSTITUTION OF MEXICO CITY ADOPTS RIGHTS OF NATURE

03/2017  GANGA AND YAMUNA RIVERS, TWO OF INDIA’S SACRED RIVERS, WERE GRANTED HUMAN STATUS.

04/2017  THE HIMALAYAN GANGOTRI AND YAMUNOTRI GLACIERS WERE GRANTED STATUS OF LIVING ENTITIES
including waterfalls, meadows, lakes and forests.

04/2017  SEVENTH INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HARMONY WITH NATURE
to commemorate International Mother Earth Day addressing Earth jurisprudence and the Sustainable Development agenda.

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

Recognizing the unparalleled developments in recognition of the rights of nature worldwide, global leaders and rights of nature advocates from six continents came together in September 2010 to further galvanize the emerging movement and 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. 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.

SOME MEMBERS OF GARN

Alberto Acosta (FLACSO, Ecuador)  Michelle Maloney (Australian Earth Laws Alliance )  Shannon Biggs (Movement Rights)
Atossa Soltani (Amazon Watch)  Natalia Greene (Secretariat)  Tom BK Goldtooth (Indigenous Environmental Network)
Carine Nadal (Gaia Foundation)  Osprey Orielle Lake (Women’s Earth Climate Action Network)  Valerie Cabanes (End Ecocide Europe)
Cormac Cullinan (Wild Law, Africa)  Pablo Solon (Focus on the Global South)  Vandana Shiva (Navdanya)
Fiona Wilton (Gaia Foundation)  Linda Sheehan (Planet Pledge)  Lisa Mead (Earth Law Alliance)
Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians)  Pat Siemen (Center for Earth Jurisprudence)  Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians)

RON’S TRIBUNALS BACKGROUND

The GARN launched the “International Rights of Nature Tribunal” in 2014. The First session of the tribunal convened hearings in Quito, Ecuador / January 2014 on the Global Rights of Nature Summit. The tribunal was presided by Dr. Vandana Shiva, internationally renowned author, physicist and environmental activist. The Second International Rights of Nature Tribunal, was in Lima, Peru / December 2014 during UNFCCC-COP20 presided by Alberto Acosta, economist and former president of the Constituent Assembly from Ecuador. The third International Rights of Nature Tribunal was held on December 2015 during 21st Convention of the Parties of the UNFCCC in Paris, France. The tribunal was presided over by Cormac Cullinan, Wild law author, and hosted by GARN in partnership with NatureRights, End Ecocide on Earth & Attac.
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EARTH PROSECUTORS

Linda Sheehan

Linda Sheehan is Executive Director of Planet Pledge, a project of the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, where she advances global investment and philanthropic solutions to climate change. Prior to Planet Pledge, she was Executive Director of Earth Law Center, where she advocated for nature’s rights. Ms. Sheehan also ran the California Coastkeeper Alliance and Pacific Region office of Ocean Conservancy. 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.

Ramiro Ávila

Doctor in Juridical Sociology, Universidad del País Vasco. Ecuadorian lawyer, Director of the Law Department at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar. Professor of Law Philosophy and Constitutional Law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Quito. Member of the Yasunidos Collective.

SECRETARIAT

Natalia Greene

Natalia Greene - Ecuador, International Rights of Nature Secretariat. 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 graduated in Hampshire College, holds a Political Science master’s degree from FLACSO Ecuador and a master’s degree from UASB on Climate Change. She promoted the recognition of Rights for Nature in Ecuador’s Constitution and has worked on the environmental and indigenous aspects of the Yasuni-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, and nowadays she coordinates the Climate Justice National Platform.

TRIBUNAL JUDGES

Tom BK Goldtooth

Tom BK Goldtooth, President of the Tribunal, 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

Shannon Biggs

Shannon Biggs 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.” Though 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 Masters of Science degree from the London School of Economics (LSE) in Economics — Politics of Empire. Nationality: United States

Osprey Orielle Lake

Osprey Orielle Lake 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 Nationality: United States
**Alberto Acosta**

Alberto Acosta. Ecuadorian 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. College professor, lecturer and book author. Nationality: Ecuadorian

**Cormac Cullinan**

Cormac Cullinan is a director of the Wild Law Institute as well as of Cullinan & Associates Inc. a leading environmental law firm in Cape Town, and of the law and governance consultancy, EnAct International. He has drafted environmental laws, policies and strategies and advised on institutional reforms in more than 20 countries. Cormac’s ground-breaking book Wild Law: A Manifesto for Earth Justice developed the Earth jurisprudence approach and helped inspire the growing global rights of Nature movement. Cormac led the drafting of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth, was one of the founders of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and was in 2008 was included in “Planet Savers: 301 Extraordinary Environmentalists” a book which profiles environmental champions throughout history. Nationality: Italian

**Simona Fraudatario**

Simona Fraudatario, has worked with the Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal since 2007 as coordinator of its processes, closely involved with the movements, associations and communities, as well as the international experts convened by the PPT. The Sessions she has coordinated were related to cases of severe violations of human rights caused by States and private actors, committed in Latin America, Asia and Europe. In particular, the cases of Colombia (2006-2008), Mexico (2011-2014), the case of the women working in the garment industry in Asia (2011-2014), and the case of the megaprojects implemented in Italy and Europe (2014-2015). She has also coordinated the recent Session held in Malaysia on Myanmar States crimes committed against Rohingyas and other minority groups and she is currently involved in the Session launched in Barcelona last July on migrants and refugee peoples. Due to her activities and investigations, she participated in international conferences in Latin America and Europe. Nationality: Italian

**Fernando “Pino” Solanas**

Fernando “Pino” Solanas is a cinema director and Argentinian politician, currently National Senator for the City of Buenos Aires, after being elected in the 2013 legislative elections. He presides the Senate’s “Commission on Environment and Sustainable Development”. As a Senator he promoted bills such as recognizing Nature as the subject of Rights and the prohibition of mega-mining activity. He has also stimulated debates within the National Congress on the issue of GMOs, fumigation, fracking, climate change, among others. His proposal focuses on the recovery of the natural resources of Argentina, the defense of Nature and the end of the negotiations of large companies of income, capital, mining, oil, etc. to make available to the national state those economic resources, redistributing them, to end poverty and indigence. He has also made a series of films related to natural resources and the defense of Nature. He was a presidential candidate of the Republic Argentina in the elections of 2007. Nationality: Argentinean

**Ute Koczy**

Ute Koczy is the co-Chairperson urgewald e.V. Ute Koczy has long standing experience in international cooperation and development including human rights politics. She works for global social and ecological transformation. As a former parliamentarian on regional and national level she was involved in the fight against the financing/building of the OCP-Pipeline and the support for the Yasuní-Nationalpark without Oil-Exploitation (ITT), Ecuador. Her focus is resources, conflict regions and gender politics. Urgewald is a German environment und human rights organization, whose mission it to adress the underlying causes of environmental destruction and poverty (www.urgewald.org). Known for its successful coal divestment campaigns on the Norwegian Government Pension Fund urgewald has created a customizable database for investors and insurers: the „Global Coal Exit List“. Ute Koczy is member of the party Alliance 90/The Greens (Chairperson on the regional level), of the human rights organization Terre des Femmes and locally in the group for the Fairtrade-Town Lemgo (www.ute-koczy.de). Nationality: German

**Ruth Nyambura,**

Ruth Nyambura. Ruth is a political ecologist, researcher and eco-feminist from Kenya whose work focuses on the intersections of gender, economy and ecological justice in Africa. She has previously worked as the advocacy and communications coordinator for the African Biodiversity Network (ABN), a founding member network of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA). Ruth presently works with several national and regional agrarian/ecological justice movements challenging the neo-liberal onslaught that seeks to privatize and commodify the commons (seeds, land, labor, traditional and/ indigenous knowledge) etc. These movements are also actively working on radical alternatives grounded in freedom and justice for all. Ruth is also a member of the No REDD in Africa Network (NTRAN), which brings together climate justice activists from around the continent who reject the financialization of nature and specifically forest related carbon market mechanisms such as REDD/REDD+. The network offers political education related to the climate crises and the radical solutions needed.”