

## **Biography of Jurors**

2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Africa Permanent Peoples' Tribunal on Transnational Corporations

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### **Donna Andrews (SA)**

Donna is a feminist intellectual activist with years of research experience in NGOs and women's organisations such as the Rita Edwards Collective, Rural Women's Assembly, Feminist Table and in academic institutions. Her doctoral research has focused on the political and philosophical implications of food in the context of social subjects' relations to nature.

### **Lucy Edwards - Jausch (NAM)**

Lucy teaches in the Department of Sociology at the University of Namibia. She has a history of political and gender activism. She teaches a number of courses on gender and sexuality, sociological theory and social research methods at both under -and post graduate levels. Her research interests include the socio-cultural aspects and gender aspects of HIV and AIDS, the political economy of AIDS, the effects of AIDS related mortality on family structures, Feminist theory and gender, social inequality and gender-based violence and masculinity and violence.

### **Mariam Mayet (SA)**

Mariam is the founder and director of the African Centre for Biodiversity. She has actively participated in several international negotiations including those culminating in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Liability and Redress. Under her direction the organisation has developed from one with a focus primarily on biosafety to one with four key programmes: biosafety, biopiracy, agrofuels and challenging industrial agricultural models such as the green revolution push in Africa. Her particular interest is in cutting edge research, providing sound credible information and analysis, and putting information into the public domain.

### **Nnimmo Bassey (NIG)**

Nnimmo is a Nigerian architect, environmental activist, author and poet, who chaired Friends of the Earth International from 2008 through 2012 and was Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action for two decades. He was one of Time magazine's Heroes of the Environment in 2009. In 2010, Nnimmo Bassey was named co-winner of the Right Livelihood Award, and in 2012 he was awarded the Rafto Prize. He serves on the Advisory Board and is Director of the Health of Mother Earth Foundation, an environmental think tank and advocacy organization

### **Mireille Fanon-Mendes France (FRA)**

Mireille is President of the Frantz Fanon Foundation, chairperson of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent; has been involved with the solidarity and struggle of Palestine; and has served as juror on a number of PPT Sessions. Ms. Fanon-Mendes-France has been a Professor at the University Paris V- Descartes in France and a visiting professor at the University of Berkeley in international law and conflict resolution. She has also worked for UNESCO and the French National Assembly. She is an author of several articles on human rights and humanitarian law, as well as on racism and discrimination. In 2009, she received the Human Rights Award by the Council for Justice, Equality and Peace.

### **Stefano Liberti (ITA)**

Stefano is an award-winning journalist and filmmaker. He is a contributor to many magazines—both Italian and international—including *Internazionale*, *Le monde Diplomatique* and *Al Jazeera English*. In 2008, he wrote the book *A sud di Lampedusa (South of Lampedusa)*, which was awarded the Indro Montanelli prize for writing. In 2011, he wrote the book *Land grabbing: Journeys into the new colonialism*, translated into English, French, German, Spanish, Korean and Chinese. As a documentary filmmaker, he directed many movies, both for television and for movie theaters. In 2010, he directed *L'inferno dei bimbi stregoni (The hell of child-wizards)*, which received the Anello Debole prize. In 2013 he co-directed *Container 158* with Enrico Parenti, presented at the Rome International Film Festival.

### **Paolo Ramazzotti (ITA)**

Paolo is an associate professor at the Università di Macerata in Italy, where he lectures in Economic Policy (Italian course and English course) and Economics of Institutions. His research interests include the Italian economy, the social costs of capitalism, institutionalist thought and the theory of economic policy. He is presently working on: Labor as a fictitious commodity and economic policy; Economic policy and democracy; Macroeconomic policy and the neoliberal project, and; Inequality, justice and unlawfulness. He coordinates the research area on institutional change of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy and is deputy managing editor of the *Forum for Social Economics*. He has been a Member of the jury of the People's Permanent Tribunal on 3 occasions.

### **Ashit Roy (India)**

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### **Dr Tendai Murisa (ZIM)**

Tendai is the Executive Director of TrustAfrica, a foundation that works principally through collaboration with like-minded institutions and donors to strengthen African initiatives that address social, economic and political challenges confronting the continent.

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Tendai joined TrustAfrica in December 2009 to coordinate efforts to build an effective advocacy movement for sustainable and equitable agricultural development in Africa. He was named Executive Director by TrustAfrica's Board of Trustees in July 2014, and took office on 1 October 2014. Dr. Murisa holds a B.Sc. in political science and administration from the University of Zimbabwe, where he graduated with honors; a Master's degree in development studies from Leeds University in the UK; and a doctorate in

sociology from Rhodes University in South Africa. He brings eight years of experience at the African Institute for Agrarian Studies in Harare, where he developed policy dialogues and training programs aimed at improving pro-poor land and agrarian policies in Africa, and two years of experience at the Poverty Reduction Forum, also in Harare.