



CIDSE-Caritas Internationalis Climate Justice Delegation New York / 20-24th September 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
<i>Church leaders</i>		
Cardinal Keith O'BRIEN	Archbishop of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh; Cardinal-Priest of Ss. Gioacchino ed Anna al Tuscolano	Scotland
Archbishop John ONAIYEKAN	Archbishop of Abuja	Nigeria
Bishop Theotonius GOMES	Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dhaka, President of Caritas Bangladesh	Bangladesh
Bishop Alvaro L. RAMAZZINI IMERI	Bishop of San Marcos	Guatemala
<i>Southern climate experts</i>		
Nafisa D'SOUZA	Executive Director of Laya Resource Centre	India
Elizabeth PEREDO BELTRÁN	Board Director of Fundación Solón	Bolivia
Sister Delci Maria FRANZEN	Comissão Episcopal Pasto-ral para o Serviço da Caridade	Brazil
Janet MANGERA	Executive Secretary Caritas Kenya	Kenya
<i>CIDSE & Caritas leadership</i>		
René GROTENHUIS	CIDSE President; Director Cordaid/Caritas Netherlands	Netherlands
Bernd NILLES	CIDSE Secretary General	Belgium
Jim HUG	President Center of Concern	United States
Paul CHITNIS	Director SCIAF/Caritas Scotland	Scotland
Josef SAYER	Director General Misereor	Germany
Sergio MARELLI	Director Volontari nel Mondo - FOCSIV	Italy
Joseph Cornelius DONNELLY	Permanent Delegate to the UN for Caritas Internationalis	United States

CHURCH LEADERS

Cardinal O'BRIEN

*Archbishop of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh, Scotland
Cardinal-Priest of Ss. Gioacchino ed Anna al Tuscolano*

Cardinal Keith O'Brien was born on 17 March 1938 and nominated Archbishop of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh in 1985. Pope John Paul II created the Archbishop cardinal priest, with the title of Ss Joachim and Anne ad Tusculanum on 21 October 2003.

The Cardinal is Chairman of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) and has visited many projects funded from Scotland in Africa, Asia and Central America. Since then, he has continued to show his strong support for the agency's national and overseas development work, while continuing his visits overseas with SCIAF and on behalf of his own Archdiocese.



Archbishop ONAIYEKAN *Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria*

Archbishop John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan, born on 29 January 1944 in Nigeria, was appointed Archbishop of Abuja in 1994 and became Archbishop two years later, with the elevation of Abuja to Archdiocesan status.

Archbishop Onaiyekan is the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), and Co-Chairman of the Nigerian Inter-religious Council (NIREC). Engaged in the interreligious dialogue between Islam and Christianity and the challenges of peaceful and fruitful co-operation in the promotion of justice, peace and national development, he is also one of the Co-Chairmen of the African Council of Religious Leaders, one of the "World Presidents" of Religions for Peace (RfP), and a member of the Executive Committee of that inter-faith world coalition.



Bishop GOMES *Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dhaka, Bangladesh President of Caritas Bangladesh*

Born in 1939, Bishop Theotonius Gomes was consecrated Bishop in April 1979 and has been the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dhaka since 1996. He has held many offices, among other Secretary General of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (1987-2007), Professor of Sacred Scripture at National Major Seminary in Bangladesh and has been appointed President of Caritas Bangladesh since 2006. Bishop Gomes has been involved in the Climate Justice campaign since its very launch at the COP14 in Poznan in December 2008.

Bishop RAMAZZINI IMERI

Bishop of San Marcos, Guatemala

Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini Imeri was born in 1947 in Guatemala City. Before being appointed Bishop of San Marcos in 1988, he used to work as a priest in San Juan Sacatepequez with predominantly indigenous population.

Former President of the Secretariat of the Central-American Bishops' Conference (2000-2005), Bishop Ramazzini shows continued strong support to the indigenous rural-population, developing social projects and keeping on opposing the local power elites in spite of life threats.



SOUTHERN CLIMATE EXPERTS



Nafisa D'SOUZA

Executive Director of Laya Resource Centre, India

Born in 1950, Nafisa Goga D'Souza completed her PhD in Social Work and has been the Executive Director of Laya Resource Centre since 1989.

The focus of Laya Resource Centre has been on indigenous communities, safeguarding land and human rights as well as facilitating micro alternatives for survival with dignity of these indigenous communities. She is also a convener for the Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change (INECC) and a member of the Core Group on Climate Change of the World Council of Churches (WCC). Nafisa D'Souza has been actively involved in the CIDSE-Caritas Climate Justice campaign from its launch in Poznan.

Elizabeth PEREDO BELTRÁN

Board Director of Fundación Solón, Bolivia

Elizabeth Peredo Beltrán is a Social Psychologist and the Board Director of *Fundación Solón*, a recognized institution in Bolivia for its work on human rights, water, arts and culture. She is the author of various books and reports, and took part in different national and international campaigns focused on economic and social justice. Since three years Elizabeth coordinates the Campaign "Blue October" in Bolivia, a yearly broad social mobilisation for Water Rights, and with other personalities in Latin America she is one of the promoters of an Ethic International Tribunal on Climate Justice, in the search of make more visible the impacts of climate change in peoples, given them a voice and promoting the collective praxis of equity, right to development and climate justice.



Sister Delci Maria FRANZEN

Comissão Episcopal Pastoral para o Serviço da Caridade, da Justiça e da Paz, Brazil

Born in the Brazilian Santa Rosa in 1958, it's mostly through her involvement in the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB) that Sister Delci Maria Franzen, nun from the congregation of the Sisters of Saint Katherine, puts her options for the poor into practice. She is among others consultant to the Episcopal Commission for Pastoral Affairs and representative of the CNBB for the Forum on Climate Change and Social Justice. Sister Delci is also a member of the CNBB's Commissions for Water & Environment, and for Advocacy & Lobbying in the National Congress of Brazil.



Janet MANGERA

Executive Secretary, Caritas Kenya

Janet was born in a rural part of western Kenya. After college, in 1994, she joined the African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF). Her experience with the most vulnerable was what inspired her to join Caritas in 2003, initially as a coordinator for the women and gender programme. While working in AMREF she was involved in poverty assessment and heard first hand – especially from women, who generally experienced the most direct consequences of poverty – how it was affecting their lives. This plus her work in water and sanitation

inspired her MA Thesis on Child Survival. Janet Mangera has been actively contributing to the campaign, through among others the CIDSE-Caritas Southern Partners' Climate Justice Statement issued via a live video connection from Malawi to the June 2009 UN climate negotiations in Bonn.

CIDSE & CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS LEADERSHIP



René GROTENHUIS

President of CIDSE

Director of Cordaid/Caritas Netherlands

Since 2003, René Grotenhuis is the General Director of Cordaid, one of the largest Dutch development organisations and member of the two Catholic networks CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis. In January 2008, René Grotenhuis was appointed President of CIDSE. After college and a few years of pastoral work, he joined Novib (Oxfam-NL) in 1983 where he gained experience in the field of development cooperation. From 1990 to 1988, he worked for various

social work and family care foundations before becoming Executive Director of Pharos, a Dutch knowledge centre for refugees and health. He is also a board member of various national organisations.

Bernd NILLES

Secretary General of CIDSE

Bernd Nilles has a background in Political Science, International and Comparative Politics and Economics. Before joining CIDSE, he was Senior Development Policy Officer of the Federal State Government of North-Rhine-Westphalia (Germany).

Bernd Nilles worked for Misereor, the German member organization of CIDSE, from 1995 to 2005; there he was responsible for a wide range of issues and several campaigns on trade and food security, biotechnologies-patents, debt, human rights and ODA. Since January 2008, he's the Secretary General of CIDSE.



Jim HUG

President of Center of Concern, United States

Jim Hug came to the Center from the Woodstock Theological Center in 1985 and became Director/President in 1989. He focuses on research and education on issues of faith and economic justice and has lectured and directed workshops throughout the U.S. and in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

Jim has served as member of the boards of many faith-based organisations and is currently on the boards of CIDSE and the International Jesuit Network for Development, and on the Mission and Ethics Advisory Committee of Christus Health System.



Paul CHITNIS

Chief Executive of SCIAF/Caritas Scotland

Paul Chitnis is Chief Executive of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) since 1996. SCIAF is the official development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland and works on relief and development programmes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and conducts education and campaigning work throughout Scotland on the causes of poverty. From 2005 to 2008, Paul Chitnis also served as CIDSE President. Paul Chitnis also served as an adviser to the UK government on development awareness in 1999. He worked in Somalia in the eighties and travelled extensively throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Prior to working for SCIAF, Paul Chitnis spent many years working with disabled people.

Josef SAYER

Director General of Misereor, Germany

In 1997, Josef Sayer was appointed Director General and Chairman of Misereor, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Germany.

From 1981 to 1988, Josef Sayer lived in Peru and worked as a priest of the Archdiocese of Cuzco, doing pastoral work with the Quechua farmers in the Andes and working together with the Social Commission of the Peruvian Bishops' Conference during the Dirty War. Later, he was appointed professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of Geneva's Faculty of Theology.



Sergio MARELLI

Director of Volontari nel Mondo - FOCSIV, Italy

Sergio Marelli is the Director of Volontari nel mondo (FOCSIV), a federation of 64 Christian Organisations for the International Voluntary Service; President of the Association of Italian NGOs (160 members) and President of the Italian Committee for Food Sovereignty (273 associated members).

With his background in Agricultural Science, he was responsible for the agrarian-zoological technical and marketing sectors of the Social Development Centre in Butezi, Burundi, and has since then undertaken several missions to evaluate and plan projects in 35 countries in the South.

Joseph Cornelius DONNELLY

Permanent Delegate to the UN for Caritas Internationalis, USA

Joseph Cornelius Donnelly has been engaged with urban planning, international projects and advocacy since 1982 working with national and global Catholic social, relief, development organizations. From decades in Middle East work to Asian tsunami recovery, he has advocated on the critical role of faith-based NGOs in emergency, prolonged and humanitarian crises in Central Africa, Latin America and beyond. As head of the Caritas international delegation to UN-HQ, he serves on UN and civil society boards since 2000 and led joint campaigns on the Millennium Development Goals with attention to aid effectiveness, human rights and economic justice. He has been an advocacy partner with CIDSE since 2005.

