



International
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Trade - Finance Linkages



New development paradigms: Viable alternatives to green economy

Religions for Rights central tent (Plenária 1), People's Summit
18 June 2012, 9:15-12:30

With theologian Prof. Leonardo Boff and former Bolivian Ambassador to the U.N. Pablo Solón

Our civilization stands at a crossroads. Global crises in food, energy, climate, finance and the economy call upon us to put forward credible pathways towards holistic human and sustainable development. The concept of a green economy contains fundamental flaws. Proposals for new, alternative paradigms must come from the people. Faith-based and secular civil society organizations, people's movements, research institutes and other actors are engaged in this reflection, critique and initiatives.

CIDSE, People's Dialogue, Franciscans/SINFRAJUPE, Iser Assessoria, Social Watch and the International Working Group on Trade-Finance Linkages wish to bring together actors for change, across continents as well as across sectors, for constructive critique and discussions on viable proposals for alternative development paradigms.

During the closing session the book '[Imagining Sustainability - 7 visions on green and fair economies from the global south](#)', a project of CIDSE member Cordaid and Both Ends, will be presented by Cordaid's Dicky de Morrée and Moema de Miranda, Director of IBASE and one of the book's 7 visionaries.

Programme

| Time | Title | Speakers |
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| Opening 9:15 | Current challenges for sustainable development that respects human rights and ecological limits <i>Spiritual and civilizational perspectives</i> | Leonardo Boff (Brazil) Geneviève Azam (France) Archbishop Mbilingi (Angola) |
| 10:00 | Critiquing green economy | Pablo Solón (Bolivia) Patrick Bond (South Africa) |
| Session 1 10:30 | Our societies, production and consumption <i>Local communities, territories and economies</i> | Xavier Ricard (France) Ricardo Navarro (Salvador) Mercia Andrews (S.Africa) Nanette Antequisa (PH) |
| Session 2 11:20 | Sustainable, socially-oriented enterprise and finance <i>Economy at the service of solidarity</i> | Aldo Caliarì (US/Argentina) Georgina Muñoz (Nic) Fr. Ferdinand Muhigirwa (CD) Samy Arokiasamy (India) Barbara Adams (US) |
| Conclusion 12:15 | People-based activism for social transformation <i>Synthesis from 3 points of view</i> | Moema de Miranda (Brazil) Justin Kilcullen (Ireland) John Patrick Ngoyi (NG/CD) |
| 12:30 | Closing | |

Information on speakers

Leonardo Boff is recognized as one of the most outspoken, controversial, and articulate proponents of Roman Catholic liberation theology. [The Illusion of a Green Economy](#)

Geneviève Azam est enseignante-chercheur à l'université Toulouse 2 - Le Mirail, économiste et militante altermondialiste (membre du conseil scientifique et du conseil d'administration d'Attac France).

Monsignor Gabriel Mbiligi, Archbishop of Lubango in Angola, is currently President of the Bishops Conference of Angola and São Tomé & Príncipe, President of the Inter-Regional Meeting of Bishops of Southern Africa, and Second Vice President of the pan-African Bishops Conference, where he heads the Department of Justice, Peace and Development. He is a strong advocate for African natural resources transparency and the promotion of democratic and peaceful transitions in Africa.

Pablo Solón is an international analyst and social activist. He was previously chief negotiator for climate change and Ambassador to the United Nations for the Plurinational State of Bolivia. Prior to his role in the government, Solon worked with social organizations, indigenous movements, workers' unions, student associations, human rights and cultural organizations in Bolivia. [No to the Green Economy](#)

Patrick Bond is Research Professor and Director of the Centre for Civil Society in the School of Built Environment and Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, a social scientist and social justice activist.

Xavier Ricard is Director of International Partnerships at CCFD-Terre Solidaire in France. He was Scientific Director of a leading research and training center of the Central Andes, the Centre Bartolome de Las Casas, located in Cuzco (Peru). He has published numerous articles in French and foreign journals, dealing with issues of cultural conflict, social change and development in the Andes and Africa.

Ricardo Navarro founded the Salvadoran Center for Appropriate Technology (CESTA) to address his country's critical environmental and social needs. As president of CESTA - El Salvador's largest environmental NGO - Navarro, an engineer by training, has worked in partnership with urban and rural communities to provide technical assistance for an array of appropriate technologies. CESTA's community projects construct dry composting latrines to stop contamination of precious water supplies, promote organic agriculture to cut down on the need for costly chemicals and encourage the use of efficient stoves to lessen dependence on scarce fuel wood.

Mercia Andrews is Director of Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE) in South Africa. TCOE stimulates the building of local organizations and leadership, and assists these associations to access land and productive assets to improve their livelihoods. She is coordinator of the African-Latin American network People's Dialogue and co-organiser of the Rural Women Assembly at the last climate summit in Durban and now at Rio+20.

Regina "Nanette" Salvador-Antequisa is the founder of The Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits, Inc. (EcoWEB) is an NGO based in Mindanao, Philippines working to address four inter-linking challenges: poverty, strained social relations, degraded environment and poor governance. has experience on peace and development work, particularly in Mindanao, Philippines. Her 20 years of work experiences range from sustainable management of natural resources, conflict transformation, disaster risk reduction and climate action, social enterprise development, humanitarian work, community organizing and community development, networking, and policy advocacy, among others.

Aldo Caliari is the Director of the Rethinking Bretton Woods Project at the US Center of Concern. His work focuses on global economic governance, debt, international financial architecture, human rights in international economic policy and linkages between trade and finance policy. He has been a consultant to several intergovernmental organizations -- such as UNCTAD, UNDP, UN DESA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights— in addition to governments, civil society networks and foundations.

Georgina Muñoz is Director of the Red Nicaragüense de Comercio Comunitario at Latindadd (Nicaragua). Her work focuses on solidarity economy, farmers markets and cooperative enterprises in Central America.

Father Ferdinand Muhigirwa is Director of CEPAS, the Jesuit Research Centre for Social Action in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and professor of social philosophy. He is a member of the steering group of the Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative in Congo, and a member of the Bishops Conference Commission for Natural Resources.

Lourthusamy Arokiasamy is a sociologist and Director of AREDS- Association of Rural Education and Development Service in India, working in particular with Dalits, women, children, informal workers and the rural poor, through educational and organizational programmes.

Barbara Adams is an economist, well-known international social justice and gender equality advocate, and Senior Fellow at the Global Policy Forum, a member of the Women's Working Group on FfD, serves on the Coordinating Committee of Social Watch and has undertaken work on housing and settlement projects in Uruguay. Ms. Adams is formerly the Chief of Strategic Partnerships and Communications at UNIFEM (2003- 2008) and previously served as Deputy Coordinator of NGLS. She has worked with women's organizations on advancing gender equality in the macroeconomic and aid effectiveness policy arenas. She is a member of the civil society reflection group on global development perspectives.

Moema de Miranda is Coordinator for the Democratic Alternatives to Globalisation programme and Human Rights Initiative of IBASE in Brazil. She is a member of the organizing committee for the Rio People's Summit, and a leading activist for social justice and equity.

Justin Kilcullen is Director of Trócaire in Ireland. He worked for many years in Africa and Asia, including as an architect specialising in the design and construction of refugee camps. From 1998-2002, Justin was President of CIDSE and from 2006-June 2012, President of Concord, the confederation of European development NGOs, representing more than 1600 such organisations across the European Union.

Father John Patrick Ngoyi Kasongo is Director of the Nigerian Church's Justice, Peace and Development Commission. He holds mandates in the Presidential Commission on the Millennium Development Goals and the boards of human rights organizations. He has experience in grassroots empowerment on budget monitoring and democratic participation, human rights, gender, and agriculture.