

Members of the CIDSE delegation to the UN Rio+20 conference

Mgr Theotonius GOMES – Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dhaka (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 CIDSE Caritas Climate Justice campaign since its very launch at the COP14 in Poznan in December 2008.

Mgr Gabriel MBILINGI – Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lubango (Angola)

Born 17 January, 1958 in Bândua, Angola. He is Archbishop of Lubango in Angola and is currently the Second Vice President of SECAM and Head of the SECAM Department of Justice, Peace and Development. Since 20 November 2009, he has been the President of the Episcopal Conference of Angola and São Tomé and Príncipe (*Conferencia Episcopal de Angola e São Tomé e Príncipe*) (CEAST). On 22 July 2007, the General Assembly of the Bishops' Conference for Southern Africa in Luanda, elected him as the new President of the Inter-Regional Meeting of Bishops of Southern Africa (IMBISA).

Mgr Paul Yemboaro OUEDRAOGO – Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso)

Born 3 May, 1948 in Treichville, Ivory Coast. He is Archbishop of Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso since the 13 November 2010. He has held many offices, and among others, he was Secretary General of the John-Paul II Foundation for the Sahel between 1986 and 1993.

Mgr Paul BEMILE – Bishop of the Diocese of Wa (Ghana)

Born 20 December, 1939 in Ghana. He is Bishop of Wa, Ghana since 25 March 1995. He is currently Chairman of the Governance, Justice and Peace Commission. He has also been member of the Governing Council of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome.

Mgr Josef SAYER – CIDSE Advisor (Germany)

Josef SAYER is a German priest. From 1997 to March 2012, he was Director General and Chairman of MISEREOR, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Germany. He was a member of the CIDSE Executive Committee from 2008-2012 and, since, is an Advisor to CIDSE.

From 1981 to 1988, he 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.

Bernd NILLES – Secretary General of CIDSE (Belgium)

CIDSE is an international alliance of 16 Catholic development agencies from Europe and North America working together for global justice – www.cidse.org

Bernd Nilles has a background in Political Science, International and Comparative Politics and Economics. Before joining CIDSE, he was Senior Development Policy Advisor 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 2011, he is on MISEREOR's Advisory Council. Since January 2008, he is Secretary General of the CIDSE alliance and, with this function, Head of the International Secretariat in Brussels.

Justin KILCULLEN, Director of Trócaire (Ireland)

Trócaire is the Irish member of CIDSE, an international alliance of 16 Catholic development agencies from Europe and North America working together for global justice

Justin Kilcullen was appointed Director of Trócaire in 1993 having worked for many years in Africa and Asia. Having qualified as an architect in 1975 Justin began working overseas in Tanzania before moving to Asia, specialising in the design and construction of refugee camps for Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees. He joined Trócaire in 1981 and served as Trócaire representative in Laos until 1992.

From to 1998-2002, Justin was President of CIDSE - an international alliance of 16 Catholic development organisations in Europe, and North America and, from 2006-June 2012, President of Concord, the confederation of European development NGOs, representing more than 1600 such organisations across the European Union.

In 2002 Justin was awarded the Robert Matthew Medal by the International Union of Architects for his work on human settlements.

Sergio MARELLI, Secretary General of FOCSIV (Italy)

FOCSIV – Volontari nel Mondo is the Italian member of CIDSE, an international alliance of 16 Catholic development agencies from Europe and North America working together for global justice.

Sergio Marelli has been involved in international cooperation since 1983, when He served as a project coordinator in Burundi for 6 years.

He's currently Secretary General of FOCSIV (Italian Federation of 65 NGOs) and Head of its delegation to the UNITED NATIONS (Focsiv has ECOSOC special consultative status since 2004). He is President of the Italian Committee for Food Sovereignty (joined by 270 associations) and Coordination of the Italian Focal Point of the UN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME.

He was chairman of the FAO Civil Society Forums in 1996, 2001, 2005. He was nominated President of the "Advisory Committee of Civil Society Forum" by FAO Director General,

Jacques Diouf, on the occasion of the FAO World Summit on Food Security in November 2009.

From 2000 to 2009 he was President of the Italian platform of NGOs (320 members). Since 2005, he is a member of the board of GCAP Italy (Italian Coalition against poverty) and was their spokesperson in 2009/2010.

Regina “Nanette” SALVADOR-ANTEQUISA – Executive Director of the Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits, Inc. (EcoWEB) (Philippines)

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. www.ecoweb.ph.

Regina “Nanette” Salvador-Antequisa has 20 years experience on peace and development work, particularly in Mindanao, Philippines. Her work experiences range from sustainable management of natural resources, conflict transformation, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate action, social enterprise development, humanitarian work, community organizing and community development, networking, and policy advocacy, among others.

Aside from founding ECOWEB, she has helped in organizing a number of developmental non-government organizations (NGOs), network of NGOs and sectoral organizations. Partnership building and pooling of resources to support peace and development programs and projects are among her strengths. Currently, she serves as the lead convenor of the Safer Homes Coalition that advocate DRR as a framework for recovery and rehabilitation of communities affected of Typhoon Washi in Mindanao, Philippines.

She has developed tools and modules and practiced mediation and facilitation for resource-based conflict transformation. She also developed tools and facilitated mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction in the Comprehensive Local Development and Land Use Planning.

Xavier RICARD – Executive Director of the International Partnership, CCFD-Terre Solidaire (France)

CCFD-Terre Solitaire is the first development NGO in France and works on international solidarity sensitization in France while backing its southern partners from all around the world. It is the French member of CIDSE, an international alliance of 16 Catholic development agencies from Europe and North America working together for global justice.

Xavier Ricard graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris and has a PhD in Social Anthropology and Ethnology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. He specializes in high-Andean societies and development issues, especially in Latin America and Africa. 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. He is the author of several books on issues of religious anthropology and high-Andean societies. He is currently Director of the International Partnership CCFD-Terre Solidaire and board member of SIDI, microfinance subsidiary of CCFD-Terre Solidaire.

Salamatou GAZERE DOTIA, Synergie Paysanne (Benin)

Synergie Paysanne (Synpa) is a peasant's trade union in Benin with about 1300 members all over the country. Synpa is a partner of Bread for all, the protestant sister Organisation of Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund - <http://synergiepaysanne.org/>

Ms. Gazéré is a peasant woman from the region of Djougou in the North of Benin. She is a member of the administrative board of Synpa and Vice President of the women's committee of Synpa. She plays an important role in promoting women's membership and participation within Synergie Paysanne. Ms Gazéré also shares her experiences in agroecological farming methods, gardening, rabbit breeding, etc. with the women of her community.

Prof. Dr. Johannes MULLER – Misereor (Germany)

MISEREOR is the German member of CIDSE, an international alliance of 16 Catholic development agencies from Europe and North America working together for global justice.

Prof. Dr. Johannes Müller is chair of the MISEREOR Advisory Council. He has studied philosophy, theology, sociology and economics. He has been Professor of Social Sciences and Development Policy at the Munich School of Philosophy and, since 1986, Director of the Institute for Social and Development Studies (IGP) at the Munich School of Philosophy.

Prof. Dr. Müller's long experience includes working with social movements in Indonesia. He is currently leading a research project on approaches to orient globalized economies and economic policy towards a global common good (poverty, climate / environment). The project will engage in intercultural debates with academics and civil society.

Damião PARIDZANÉ - Terra Indígena Marãiwatsédé (Brazil)

Damião Paridzané was born in 1959 in Marãiwatsédé, Mato Grosso, Brazil. In 1992, Damião Paridzané became chief of his village, the White Water Village, founded in 1984. With support from the Italian Embassy and different social actors involved in the process of identifying and delimiting the area of an oil concession, he attended the Rio conference and pressed the Italian company AGIP Petroli to return the territory of Maraiwatsede, which was under their ownership.

Chief Damião then went to Italy in 1994 asking for support to pressure the Brazilian state to take steps to remove the illegal occupants of his land. The indigenous land was approved by the government in 1998, enclosing an area lower than that stipulated in the report of identification of the Working Group of the National Indian Foundation (FUNAI).

In 2012, Damian continues his fight. He recently attended a public hearing in the House of deputy to demand action from the Brazilian government. Damian worries about the future of our children and believes that cooperation with international organizations and institutions can help regain exclusive use of its territory.

Hazra SAYEED – Roots for Equity (Pakistan)

Hazra Sayeed works for “*Roots for Equity*”. *Roots for Equity* was created in 1997 to bring attention but also to fight against oppression faced by communities. Its programme focus includes advocating the rights of working children, and economic and social rights of women. The organization has specific focus on small farmers and landless peasants. A major emphasis has been advocating the right to food sovereignty in this regard. *Roots for Equity* is envisioned as a multidimensional programme which provides basic support to working communities in urban and rural areas. The support is based on creating awareness of policies which are responsible for the highly miserable conditions of majority of the people. In addition, service stream is provided in working communities which would directly increase their quality of life. These include provision of services such as education, and opportunities for income enhancement.

A critical facet of the programme is a research initiative allowing a detailed understanding of the living and working conditions of the working class in urban and rural areas. The research agenda includes understanding the direct and indirect impacts of structural adjustment programmes and the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on the lives of the working class, especially the most marginalized, with a particular focus on women and children.

Jenny GRUENBERGER-PEREZ - Director of LIDEMA (Liga de Defensa del Medio Ambiente) (Bolivia)

Jenny Gruenberger Perez is a sociologist and has a Master in International Economic Relations, with specialization in environmental projection. She has devoted the past 20 years to the environment and sustainable development, pledging to help build a world in which human societies value and respect the diversity of life, and see themselves as part of Nature. To this end, Jenny has concentrated her efforts on strengthening national networks, such as LIDEMA, and regional and global networks such as the Observatory of sustainability, RIOD, the civil society platform PNUMA, which has revealed her ability to maintain relationships with various public and private actors from different countries around the world. Since early 1990, Jenny has also worked in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Mamadou GOITA – Member of ROPPA (Réseau des organisations paysannes et de producteurs de l’Afrique de l’Ouest) (Mali)

Engineer and socio-development economist, Mamadou Goïta is the Executive Secretary of the Network of Peasant Organisations and Producers in West Africa (Roppa). He is also Executive Director of IRPAD (Institute for Research and promotion of alternative development) and Chair of the board of AMASSA (Association Malienne pour la Sécurité et la Souveraineté Alimentaire).

Andrew MERCIA – Director of TCOE (Trust for Community Outreach and Education) (South Africa)

Andrew Mercia is Director of the Trust for Community Outreach and Education. Trust for Community Outreach and Education was established in 1983. TCOE is a national organisation that operates mainly in the rural areas of South Africa. The main work and experience of the

organisation in the past ten years has been to stimulate the building of local organisations, local leadership and assist these associations to access land and productive assets to improve their livelihoods.

Moema DE MIRANDA - Member of IBASE (Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analyses) (Brazil)

Moema Maria Marques de Miranda, Convener from Latin America, is an anthropologist with an MA from the Graduate Programme in Social Anthropology at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, where she studied rural labor and politics. Since 1992, she has been working at the Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Research (IBASE) on different projects and initiatives.

Initially, she was the Secretary-General of the Agrarian Reform National Campaign. Between 1998 and 2001, she worked on the issues of favelas (slums) and urbanization in Rio de Janeiro, being a member of the steering committee of the National Forum on Urban Reform. She was an active participant of the Citizenship Action against Hunger and for Life, one of the largest popular mobilizations in Brazilian history. Currently she is Coordinator of two programmes at IBASE: the World Social Forum (WSF) Process; and Democratic Alternatives to Globalization. Recently, she has also taken charge of IBASE's Human Rights initiative.

Rodrigo DE CASTRO AMEDEE PERET- OFM-Franciscans (Brazil)

Br. Rodrigo de Castro Amédée Péret is a Brazilian Franciscan. He is Coordinator of the Franciscan Ecology Action and Solidarity - AFES, and member of the Pastoral Land Commission of the Triangulo Mineiro - CPT. He is also a member of the Franciscans network for human rights.