



DRAFT Agenda: December 2008

Policy Roundtable
**Reclaiming the Commons:
Promoting a North/South Agenda for Environmental Justice**

January 14, 2008
Ottawa, Canada

The Albert at Bay Suite Hotel
435 Albert St.

8:00am – 9:00am **Registration** (*Closes at 9:00am*)

9:00am – 9:15am **Welcome and Opening**

Gerry Barr, *President and CEO of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)*

9:15am – 9:45am **Keynote Presentation: Reclaiming the Commons**

Maria Athena Ballesteros Senior Associate, International Financial Flows and Environment, World Resources Institute

Ms. Ballesteros will speak to the theme of reclaiming the global environmental commons from corporate-driven models of growth based on perspectives rooted in southern peoples' movements for social justice, human and women's rights, and environmental rights. Food sovereignty, access to resources, climate change, and the role of International Financial Institutions will be among the topics discussed.

9:45am – 10:15am **Discussion**

10:15am – 10:30am **Break**

10:30am – 12:30pm **Panel 1: Environment, conflict and crisis: the struggle for rights, land and livelihoods**

Moderator: TBC

Conflict and Resources: Mohamed Aly Ag Hamana, Regional Pastoral Programme Manager, West Africa, Oxfam GB

The Right to Food and Livelihoods: Pat Mooney, Executive Director, Etc. Group

The just and equitable management of natural resources is critical to the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable communities throughout the world. Environmental injustices such as lack of fair access to resources have exacerbated conflicts, marginalized women, jeopardized livelihoods and placed the food sovereignty of peoples at risk. This panel will explore environmental justice through the lens of land rights, food rights, and decent livelihoods.

12:30pm – 1:30pm **Lunch**

1:30pm – 4:00pm **Panel 2: From Climate Change to Climate Justice**

Moderator: TBC

Ecological debt and environmental justice: Nafisa Goga D'Souza, Laya, Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change (TBC)

Southern movements and campaigns for climate justice: Nicola Bullard, Senior Associate, Focus on the Global South

Canadian perspectives on equity and justice in the UNFCCC climate debates: Graham Saul, Executive Director, Climate Action Network Canada

This session will explore social and environmental justice critiques on the climate crisis and explore models for financing climate change adaptation. Alternative frameworks for climate justice will be examined and compared to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and outcomes from its negotiations process.

4:00pm – 4:15pm **Break**



4:15pm – 4:45pm **Call to Action**

A North-South Agenda for Environmental Justice: Steven Guilbeault, *Co-founder, Deputy Director and Spokesperson for Climate and Energy, Équiterre*

Mr. Guilbeault will provide a call to action based on key messages from the day. The Call to Action will challenge the sector to seek ways to mobilize around issues of environmental justice, explore opportunities for CCIC and members to promote global environmental justice, and examine how the sector can build a shared North-South agenda.

4:45pm – 5:00pm **Thank-you and close**