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## About the People's Health Hearing

The People's Health Hearing seeks to bear witness to the public health impacts of extractive industries, create a space that connects to people's struggles and set out a vision for intersectional, transformative climate justice. It is a space for movement building, connecting health and climate activists across the world and laying the roots for ongoing organising.

We will hear people and communities at the frontlines of extractivism share testimonies of how these industries are devastating people's health, share stories of hope and how communities are resisting.

Weaving together the testimonies, the hearing will close with reflections from *Listeners*, who will bring in their own experiences of resistance and organising as part of the wider health and climate justice movements.

The People's Health Hearing is being co-organised by [Medact](#), The [People's Health Movement](#) Ecosystems and Health Circle, [Race & Health](#), [Students for Global Health](#), [Health for Future](#) and [Actions Speak Louder Than Words](#).

## Care & Justice Policy

The People's Health Hearing forms part of the COP 26 Coalition's People's Summit for Climate Justice. The COP 26 Coalition have set out a Care & Justice Policy for the summit as a way to:

- Build healthy, reflective and self-sustaining social movements that collectively challenge and confront structural issues of violence, exploitation and oppression
- Build new political cultures that actively hold community members to account for their actions
- Develop forms of community infrastructure that create a welcoming, participative and supportive space for everyone to organise and take action together.

Coming together for the People's Health Hearing, we would like for us all to hold this Care & Justice policy throughout – you can read the Care & Justice policy in full [here](#).

We also recognise that the hearing is a long day online and we would like to encourage collective care – for us to all take the time to hydrate, move, opt out and rest.

## Accessibility & Disability Justice Policy

The COP26 Coalition considers issues around accessibility seriously and aims to provide inclusive and friendly spaces.

We are aware that the needs of people with disabilities and medical conditions are often neglected in activist organisations and spaces. We are also aware that people with disabilities

are more at risk from the looming societal collapse tied to the climate emergency than many other social groups. As such, we believe that including people with disabilities and their voices in the activities aimed at preventing and mitigating the climate emergency is essential.

Please take time to read through the COP 26 Coalition [Accessibility & Disability Justice Policy](#)

## Outline for Programme

The People's Health Hearing will run from 9:30 to 17:45 UTC alongside the online gallery. There will be three sessions where we will be hearing testimonies from around the world as to how extractivism is devastating people's health as well as how communities are resisting. We will end the day with the Listener's Reflections.

### Session 1: 09:30 - 11:00 UTC

#### Patricia Miranda



Patty Miranda is a feminist, lawyer, campaigner, and disaster survivor from the Philippines with a deep interest in global health, human rights, and gender in emergencies. She is now studying for a Masters of Law (LL.M.) in Health, Law, and Society at the University of Bristol.

#### AkpoBari Celestine



AkpoBari Celestine is an Ogoni born Environmental/Human Rights Defender based in the oil rich but economically disempowered and environmentally devastated Niger Delta region of Nigeria. He started his activism from an oil palm plantation where he led a successful protest against the oppressive management team even as a casual field worker – that action automatically pushed him to become the branch of the Agricultural and Allied Workers Union of Nigeria (AAWUN). Upon the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and 8 others, he left the plantation to volunteer for the mainstream human rights community from where he established the Nigeria Charter of the Ogoni Solidarity Forum-Nigeria and the Peoples Advancement Centre to train young Ogoni activists and advance the nonviolent struggle initiated by Ken Saro-Wiwa.

#### Mafel Macalanda



Mafel Macalanda is an indigenous Ifugao leader from Punganay – Indigenous Peoples Organisation in Cagayan Valley. They are a member of the International Indigenous Peoples Movement for Self-Determination and Liberation (IPMSDL) – a global network of Indigenous Peoples communities, rights activists, advocates, and organizations committed to advancing the rights of Indigenous Peoples to self determination, land, life, for human rights and against imperialism.

## Gopal Krishna



Gopal Krishna is a law and public policy researcher. He is the convener of ToxicWatch Alliance (TWA). He has been working on the subject of the climate crisis since 2000. He has exposed several carbon trade frauds. His work on waste and river basins reveals poverty of imagination inherent in the business as usual approach of ruling parties, their donors, public and private organisations. He did his Masters in Law and Doctoral Thesis on corporate crimes and the accountability of public institutions with specific reference to the industrial disaster of Bhopal. He has co-authored Disputes Over Ganga, Kosi Deluge: The Worst is Still to Come, The Return of the Giants: Different Regions – Same Logic (Similarities and differences between mega infrastructure projects in South America and South Asia), and The Omnishambles of UID. He has been a petitioner in the Supreme Court and a co-petitioner in National Green Tribunal. He is the co-founder of Ban Asbestos Network of India (BANI). He has worked with national and international organisations.

## Raki Ap



Free West Papua Campaign was founded by independence leader Benny Wenda and exists to raise awareness about the genocide and ecocide in West Papua. Our agenda is to create international awareness and to find support for the right to self-determination for West Papua. I have the honor of being the spokesperson for our campaign to be a voice for Indigenous Papuans.

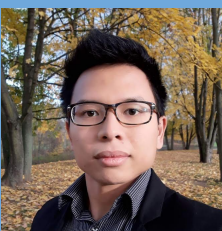
## Session 2: 11:45 - 13:15 UTC

## Simmone Ahiaku



Simmone is a climate justice campaigner, activist and educator who has contributed to environmental, social and cultural work in Bristol, London and across the UK. Simmone has worked on air pollution, divestment and direct action campaigns. She currently uses facilitated workshops to explore climate colonialism and examples of climate resistance and movements from the past and present day. Simmone currently organises with airukcollective.

## John Leo Algo



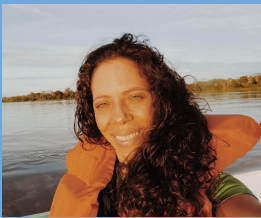
John Leo is the Deputy Executive Director for Programs and Campaigns of Living Laudato Si' Philippines and a member of the interim Secretariat of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas. He is a citizen journalist that has focused on climate and environmental stories since 2016, being published in international and local media platforms. He is also an environment researcher and science communicator, having contributed to award-winning studies and reports on climate and the environment in the Philippines.

## Mulindwa Patrick Hans



My name is Hans. I'm from Uganda and I'm just crazy about activism mainly around climate, poverty and health and the intersectional issues that arise from them. Working with Climate operation has allowed me to move around to see first hand the effects of so many issues but also to think up ways to mitigate them, and that for me is something I am proud to be a part of.

## Julia Avila



I am a biologist, master in ecology and PhD candidate in botany at the National Institute of Amazonian Research. Since 2015, I have been working with riverine populations in the Middle Solimões, investigating the impacts of climate change on the livelihoods of local populations. I am an external researcher at the Mamirauá Sustainable Development Institute.

## Melvine Otieno



Melvine Anyango Otieno is a Planetary Health Alliance Next Generation Fellow working to inspire, activate and convene the next generation of Planetary Health Campus Ambassadors from around the world, as well as conduct outreach to facilitate local and international collaborations through her leadership in growing the Planetary Health Eastern Africa Hub. She is an associate team member of Women Leaders for Planetary Health where she advocates for gender equality for sound environment and public health solutions. She is holding a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Health and soon graduating with MSc in Environmental Health from

University of Eldoret. She research assistant for BGS-UoE research on dynamics of Environmental Geochemistry and Health in the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB), where she investigates the transfer of micronutrients and potentially toxic elements into the Winam Gulf, LVB catchment, which is attributable to changes in land-use and subsequent implications for planetary health.

## Session 3: 14:00 - 15:30 UTC

### Yasunidxs Guapondelig



Yasunidxs Guapondelig are an Ecologist collective from Cuenca, Ecuador. We work defending human rights, Nature Rights (enshrined in the Ecuadorian constitution), we propose other ways of living, in harmony with nature, respecting all Her ways as well as the cultural diversity of our communities. We fight against predator extractivism and particularly against metals mining that threatens our páramo ecosystem and our water sources.



## Damiàn Verzeñassi



Damian will be speaking from InSSA (Socioenvironmental Institute – Medicine School, National University of Rosario- Argentina). We are a working team from the Public University, whose aim is to contribute to generate knowledge of the impact in Health of the extractivist processes. With permanent dialogue with our communities, we understand Health in a holistic perspective: One Health is the Health of Mother Earth. Visit the Body Territory Map of the TOP 10

socioenvironmental problems in Argentina, Latinamerica, and their impact on our health here (Spanish): <https://iconoclasistas.net/portfolio-item/salud-y-extractivismo-2021/>

## Goran Zangana



Goran is a medical doctor and public health activist from Kurdistan region of Iraq. He is a member of Clinicians for Planetary Health.

## Keston K. Perry



Keston is a political economist, and from January 2021 Assistant Professor of Africana Studies at Williams College, USA. Their work examines racialised cartographies of climate change, including finance and the role of transnational organising in advancing climate reparations as a mechanism of social justice in the Caribbean and the African Diaspora.

## Observatorio de Ecología Política de Venezuela



We are the Observatory of Political Ecology of Venezuela, a multipurpose organisation that approaches from research and activism the struggles, knowledge and practices that occur around the defense and care of life, nature and the planet. Our field of action is Venezuela, with a Latin American (Abyayalense) and global perspective, and we seek to make visible and analyze the inequalities and socio-ecological impacts that extractivism generates, as well as to produce a record, systematisation and dissemination of the different knowledge and experiences

produced, around the socio-environmental struggles in the country, the defense of natural common goods and territories, as well as the promotion of ways of life in harmony with the care of nature, life and the different forms of community.

## Session 4: Listeners Reflections 16:15 - 17:45 UTC

Tatiana Garavito



Tatiana Garavito is an organiser and facilitator with over ten years experience of working on issues around race, migration and climate justice. She leads on the care and repair work at Tipping point UK, and is one of the co-founders for training collective Organising for Change.

Ken Henshaw



Ken Henshaw is Executive Director of We the People, a nongovernmental organisation based in the Niger Delta cities of Port Harcourt and Calabar. In the last 17 years, Ken has worked closely with communities in the Niger Delta especially in those communities where oil and gas have been extracted for decades with devastating environmental, health and social consequences. His engagements in these communities have mainly focused on ensuring that decades of environmental pollution are cleaned up, that the human rights of the people are respected and protected, that community livelihoods lost to pollution are restored, and that the rising effects of climate change are mitigated.

Maan Tablang



Rosalinda “Maan” Tablang has been actively involved in humanitarian and development work for a number of decades as a writer and researcher. Maan is currently the Program Director of Samahang Operasyong Sagip or SOS, a broad network for disaster response among health NGOs and institutions. Maan is also an active member of the People’s Health Movement-Philippines. She is also an active participant in the Ecosystems & Health thematic circle as part of the global People’s Health Movement.

Tammam Aloudat



Tammam Aloudat is a Syrian physician. He is the managing director of the global health centre in the graduate institute in Geneva. He worked with the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement and Doctors Without Borders (MSF). He is concerned with the coloniality and asymmetry of power in Global Health Governance.

Kanahus Manuel



Mother, activist, traditional birthkeeper, land and water defender and freedom fighter. Kanahus is Secwepemc and Ktunaxa, born into a political family known for bringing their fight for their traditional territories into the international spotlight, and is a member of the Secwepemc Women Warrior Society. Kanahus’ activism also includes prison justice work, including advocacy for the freedom and exoneration of Orlando Watley.

## Noemí Gualinga



Noemí Gualinga is part of the Kichwa Sarayaku Peoples in the Ecuadorean Amazon Region. She has been active in the struggle for her territory since she was 13 years old. In her community she has occupied the positions of Health leader, education leader and President of the Women Association of Sarayaku KURIÑAMPI (Gold Roads). Kuriñampi's objective is to raise women's voices. Currently she is part of Amazonian Women Defending the Jungle – a collective of Women from different indigenous nationalities/ peoples from Ecuador; they fight for the right of women to protect their territories from sinister extractive industries: mining, oil, lumber companies or hydroelectric power plants.

## Online Gallery

Alongside hearing testimonies throughout the day, we have curated an online gallery where people and communities have shared their testimonies. We will update the programme on Sunday when the online gallery is finalised.

During the breaks in the day and afterwards, please take the time to explore the online gallery.

## How do I stay involved?

This will be more than one event - it's just the start. The event is a centre for movement building and connecting health and climate activists across the world, and we will continue to build this movement after the hearing. You can stay in touch with the co-organisers and keep up date below:

### People's Health Movement

[The People's Health Movement](#) is a global network of health justice activists involved in the struggle for health for all across the world in a diverse set of campaigns and issues. One of our main circles is the Ecosystems and Health group, where we seek to support activists working to protect the health of their communities from the effects of extractivist economies, including climate change. To get involved, please contact the circle co-coordinators Erika Arteaga (English/Spanish) in Ecuador at [erikartega@yahoo.com](mailto:erikartega@yahoo.com), or Amulya Nidhi (English/Hindi) in India at [amulyabhair@gmail.com](mailto:amulyabhair@gmail.com).



### Medact and Health for a Green New Deal

Medact is a public health campaigning organisation based in the UK that organises with the health community so that everyone can exercise and achieve their human right to health. Our Health for a Green New Deal campaign aims to build mass support in the health community for a transformative Green New

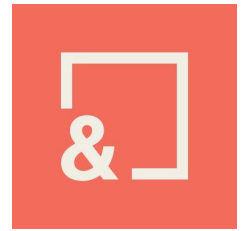




Deal, and to support those working in health to organise for a just transition to a zero-carbon society. Health workers and students across the UK are taking action for health and climate justice - you can sign up to Health for a Green New Deal at [health4gnd.uk](https://health4gnd.uk) and join Medact [here](#). You can follow Medact and Health for A Green New Deal at @medact and @health4gnd.

## Race & Health

Discrimination based on race, ethnicity, skin colour, caste, religion, Indigeneity or migratory status affects the health of individuals and communities across the world. Our goal is to reduce the adverse effects of discrimination that leads to poor health. Race & Health is a collective of academics, artists, activists, policy makers, grassroots organisations and individuals. We are a hub for investigating how racism and discrimination affects health and interventions to improve health. We are creating a catalyst to achieve equitable health for all. Join us. Sign up to our Quarterly newsletter [www.raceandhealth.org](https://www.raceandhealth.org). Listen to our podcasts and watch our webinars!



## Students for Global Health

Students for Global Health is a student organisation advocating for a fair and just world within which equity in health is a reality for all. There are groups at universities across the country, and you can get involved no matter what you study! Look us up at your local student union or find more details through the website [here](#).



## Health for Future

[Health for Future](#) is a movement for everybody committed to an intact climate and ecosystem and our health. At Health For Future health professionals work together for climate justice and an intact ecosystem. Because we know: Healthy people only exist on a healthy planet. Currently, Health for Future consists of over 70 local groups in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Belgium.



## Actions Speak Louder than Words

Actions Speak Louder than Words are a resident led group, calling for the closure of the Mossmorran Petrochem plant and organising for a just transition. You can sign the petition to shut down the site [here](#). You can follow ASLTW here: @ASLTWScot

