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## WECAN International Actions & Events During the UNFCCC COP22

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EVENT: Women Leading Solutions on the Frontlines of Climate Change - Marrakech

November 14th, 2016 from 13:00 to 18:00

Kenzi Farah Hotel (Avenue du Président Kennedy, Hivernage District, Marrakech Morocco)

French - English translation provided; Limited Arabic translation

Speakers to date include:

“☿ Neema Namadamu - SAFECO; Women's Earth and Climate Action Network Democratic Republic of Congo

“☿ Ruth Nyambura - African Eco-Feminists Collective; No REDD in Africa Network; Health of Mother Earth Foundation, Kenya

“☿ Rachida Outouchki - Tamazight Representative of the High Atlas Foundation, Morocco

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“☿ Simone Lovera - Global Forest Coalition, Paraguay

“☿ Thilmeeza Hussain - Climate Wise Women; Voice of Women, Maldives

“☿ Marta Cecilia Ventura - Indigenous Campesinos CONID, Mayan People of Quiche, Guatemala

“☿ Jacqui Patterson - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Environmental and Climate Justice Program, USA

“☿ Southern Africa Rural Women's Assembly Representative

“☿ Global Grassroots Justice Alliance Representative

“☿ Women and Gender Constituency Representative

“☿ Gloria Ushiga (to be confirmed) - ASHIA'WAKA Association of Sapara Women, Ecuador

“☿ Honorable Mary Robinson (to be confirmed) - Mary Robinson Foundation: Climate Justice; Former President of Ireland

“☿ Osprey Orielle Lake - Women's Earth and Climate Action Network, USA

“☿ Yamna Oulamine and Nejma Ait Mansour - traditional Tamazight singers of Morocco to open the event

Neema Namandu (WECAN DR Congo Coordinator and Founder of SAFECO) presents during COP21 climate negotiations in Paris, 2015. Also pictured: Casey Camp Horinek (Ponca Nation Council Woman and WECAN Special Projects Advisor) and Osprey Orielle Lake (WECAN International Executive Director) - Photo by Emily Arasim

The Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International will be on the ground in Marrakesh, Morocco with a WECAN Delegation this November and December for the 2016 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP22 climate talks.

As a global network of women for climate justice, WECAN International is committed to bringing the voices of grassroots, frontline and Indigenous women community and Earth defenders into such spaces to share their struggles, experiences and solutions and to demonstrate resistance to false solutions to the climate crisis, while offering clear directives for a just and safe energy transition.

Building upon WECAN International's work done in conjunction with UNFCCC climate talks and negotiations since 2010, we will participate both within and outside of the UNFCCC climate conference to advocate for climate justice, gender equality, Indigenous rights, rights of nature and meaningful, bold action on climate change, with grassroots, Indigenous and frontline women leaders at the forefront of policy and decision making. Source : Wecan

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