

AFRICA:

Elisabeth Atanga

PROPAC, President of PAFFO.

ASIA:

Vernie Yocogan – Diano, indigenous women leader from the Cordillera Philippines – involved in national network of women's organisation, UN engagement as well.

Fatima Burnad.

From the Tamil Nadu Dalit women's forum. She is also member of APWLD (Bangkok) Asia Pacific Forum on women, law and Development

Farida Akhter

Activist in women's movement, environment and health issues in Bangladesh. She is also the executive director of UBINIG (Policy Reserach for Development Alternative), a well-known policy research and advocacy organisation in Bangladesh and a founding member of Nayakrishi Andolon (New Agricultural Movement), led by Bangladeshi peasants for biodiversity-based ecological agriculture.

Vandana Shiva

A world-renowned environmental leader and recipient of the 1993 Alternative Nobel Peace Prize (the Right Livelihood Award), Shiva has authored several bestselling books, most recently Earth Democracy. Activist and scientist, Shiva leads, with Ralph Nader and Jeremy Rifkin, the International Forum on Globalization. Before becoming an activist, Shiva was one of India's leading physicists.

INGOs

Joanna Kerr, CEO ActionAid International Joanna Kerr is the Chief Executive of ActionAid International. She has been an advisor to numerous organisations including Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, Mama Cash, the UN Trust Fund on Violence Against Women and The Stephen Lewis Foundation. In the nineties she was a Senior Researcher at The North-South Institute in Ottawa where she managed the gender program. Joanna Kerr holds an MA in Gender and Development from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. Some of her recent publications include Financial Sustainability for Women's Movements Worldwide (AWID 2007) and The Future of Women's Rights: Global Visions and Strategies (2004, ZED press) edited with Ellen Sprenger and Alison Symington.

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