

# SSCC AND ITS PARTNERS AT THE SIDE EVENT OF THE COP22 OF UNFCCC IN MARRAKECH, NOVEMBER 2016

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The SSCC was very honoured to have had an opportunity to appear at a Side Event at the 22nd Meeting of Contracting Parties (COP22) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which was held in Marrakech from 7th to 16th November 2017. The side event entitled “ Tri-Continental South-South Dialogue : Decarbonization for defying disasters with climate solutions ” brought together on 8th November the following partners: Earthsavers Philippines ( Mr. Heherson Alvarez and Mrs. Cecile Alvarez, both members of SSCC advisory boards), Mr. Nasir Khattak, also a member of SSCC, of the Climate Institute Washington and the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, the USA/Taipei, represented by its vice president Debra Bordeaux and Scientist Chi Ming Peng of Weather Risk Explore. The SSCC’s spokesman was Dr. Viktor Sebek, the Chairman. Also present on the roster of speakers were parliamentarian Cecilia Barbara Atim-Ogwal of Uganda and Professor Ros Cornforth, Director of the Walker Institute of the Reading University.

Dr. Sebek outlined the main contributions of SSCC to the process, namely, environmental projects, especially in Sri Lanka, the plight of indigenous peoples, on the example of Nukak tribe in Guaviare province of Colombia and also its programme of Art as a Tool for Global Peace.

The section on the plight of Indian tribes in the Amazon in Colombia, victims of long armed conflict and destruction of their habitat was accompanied by a [short documentary](#) movie and presented by SSCC Coordinator of the Working Group on Indigenous and Afrodescendant communities, Mr. Felipe Cabrera. The SSCC is deeply grateful to Mr. Cabrera for this effort and connections he has made with the Ministry of Interior of Colombia and the Fond for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.

## Gallery of Side Event

The side event was accompanied by an exhibition of, amongst other people, artists associated with its Working Group on Art as a Tool for Peace. The artists were Colombian Painter Rafael Dussan with works depicting the plight of displaced peoples and refugees in Colombia, the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa, and also of the Colombian photographer Tico Molina whose work illustrates the lives in remote places affected by displaced people, especially in the department of Choco. From Georgia, courtesy of its honorary consul general Buddy Cunanan, the painter was Irina Chutkerashvili, and from the Philippines, Pancho Piano and Frank Rivera.

Partners in the event have issued a letter of thanks to the Director General of UNESCO, Dr. Irina Bokova, for her outstanding contribution to promote art as a tool for peace and sustainable development goals. A televised press conference was held on 8th November and an event with Dr. Bokova on 15th November. Moreover, at the social UNFCCC media forum on culture as an essential womb for confronting climate change on observance of gender day at COP22 UNESCO Director General, Dg Irina Bokova recognized the outstanding contribution of Cecile Guidote Alvarez as an International Theatre Institute leader, and founder of PETA and as earthsavers director, initiation of cultural caregiving to vulnerable groups by giving her the UNESCO 70th

anniversary gold medal of peace. Cecile Guidote Alvarez also organized an intercultural exhibit on the plight of refugees and 17 sustainable development goals for the 2 week UN conference with SSCC and Tzu Chi foundation and was selected to be the Asian voice in discussing the theme: arts for empowerment and serving the Good. Geneva based SIGEF ( Social Innovation and Global Ethical Forum) organized as an official side event at COP22 at which Cecile Guidote Alvarez highlighted the Earthsavers technology in healing trauma, popularizing scientific data and building resilience As a UNESCO ,poverty alleviation global model for inclusive , transformative human rights based lifelong learning to promote social justice , peace and sustainable progress.Cecile Guidote Alvarez also spoke on heritage protection from the impact of climate change organized by a British based conservation organization.

Video of press conference: <http://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/webcast/culture-for-disaster-resilience-peace-and-sdgs>

Photos Side

event: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4Ojh3YHODbRSWF5T01mdlRqLTQ?usp=sharing>

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