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Nnimmo Bassey, Renowned African Environmentalist, TIME Magazine Hero of Environment 2009,

Recipient Right Livelihood Award 2010 known as the “Alternative Nobel Prize,” Rafto Prize 2012, Honorary Degree York University UK 2019. Nnimmo will speak at the ARCC Forum about Climate Action, Ecology Education and Environmental issues in Africa.

A Nigerian architect, environmentalist activist, author and poet. He currently serves on the Advisory Board and is Director of the Health of Mother Earth Foundation, an environmental think tank and advocacy organization.

Nnimmo Bassey was active on human rights issues in the 1980s when he served on the Board of Directors of Nigeria's Civil Liberties Organization. In 1993, he co-founded a Nigerian NGO known as Environmental Rights Action (Friends of the Earth Nigeria) in order to advocate, educate and organize around environmental human rights issues in Nigeria. Since 1996, Bassey and Environmental Rights Action led Oilwatch Africa and, beginning in 2006, also led the Global South Network, Oilwatch International, striving to mobilize communities against the expansion of fossil fuels extraction. Bassey has served in the committees of both Oilwatch International and the regional arm, Oilwatch Africa since inception. The Network works to resist destructive oil, gas and coal extraction activities. It demands an urgent shift from the dominant petroleum-fueled civilization. In 2011, Bassey founded the Ecological think tank, the Health of Mother Earth Foundation promoting environmental/climate justice and food sovereignty in Nigeria and Africa and continues to serve as Director.

Related videos and articles:

Health of Mother Earth Foundation: <https://homef.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nnimmo_Bassey

Interview with Nnimmo, 2018: <https://youtu.be/jNHePF8HHn0>