

# DELEGATE BIOGRAPHIES

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## **Patricia Gualinga, Sarayaku**

International Relations Director for the globally celebrated Kichwa indigenous community of Sarayaku in the heart of the Ecuadorian Amazon. Her leadership was instrumental in Sarayaku's 2012 victory for respect for indigenous consultation at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

## **Esperanza Martinez, Accion Ecológica**

As a founder and current president of Accion Ecológica, the country's leading grassroots ecological organization, and Oilwatch, an international south-to-south network connecting communities affected by oil extraction, she is perhaps the most recognizable and influential environmental leader in the country.

## **Elena Gálvez, Yasunidos**

Elena Gálvez is an historian and member of the YASunidos collective. She has been involved in the creation a socio-environmental reparation process as well as the drafting of historical documents to demonstrate ancestral ownership of indigenous territories and opposition to expansion of the petroleum industry in their territories.

## **Antonella Calle, Yasunidos**

Antonella Calle is an animal rights and environmental activist, radio host, and founding member of the Yasunidos collective. During the signature collection process, she was in charge of receiving and processing signatures and identification cards of people supporting the referendum. She collected more than 2,000 signatures.

## **Leo Cerda, Yasunidos**

Leo is Kichwa and a native of the city of Tena in the Ecuadorian Amazon. He is a climate, energy and sustainability activist working to build a more just and sustainable society in Ecuador. Leo has worked for many years with local grassroots organizations creating awareness of the environmental and cultural impacts caused by the oil industry.

## **Atossa Soltani, Executive Director, Amazon Watch**

Atossa Soltani is the founder and executive director of Amazon Watch, an international NGO dedicated to protecting the rainforest and advancing the rights of indigenous peoples in the Amazon Basin. Ms. Soltani is the Hillary Institute of International Leadership's 2013 Hillary Laureate and serves as the chair of the board of trustees of The Christensen Fund, as a board member of Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs, as an advisor to the Peruvian organization The Arkana Alliance, and as an advisor to the Inter-American Clean Energy Institute.

## **Leila Salazar-Lopez, Program Director, Amazon Watch**

Leila is the Program Director at Amazon Watch overseeing its programs and campaigns to defend the Amazon and advance indigenous rights. She has over 15 years of experience working on international campaigns to defend the world's rainforests, in particular in the Amazon and Indonesia.

## **Andrew Miller, Advocacy Director, Amazon Watch**

As Amazon Watch's DC Advocacy Director, Andrew has collaborated closely with indigenous partners from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, facilitating rights-based advocacy at Washington DC-based institutions.

## **Adam Zuckerman, Campaigner, Amazon Watch**

As a campaigner at Amazon Watch, Adam coordinates international campaigns to support indigenous community opposition to new oil concessions in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Adam has years of experience working with activist diaspora communities and organizing divestment campaigns.

**Amazon Watch works to protect the rainforest and advance the rights of indigenous peoples in the Amazon Basin.**