

EARTH TRUSTEESHIP *DIALOGUE*



Pacific Island Youth in front of the Peace Palace; Klays Bosselmann launches The Hague Principles; Justice Suntariya Muanpawong; Emilie Gailard; Maja Groff, international lawyer; Tara Buakamsri, Thailand Country Director, Greenpeace.

NATURE RIGHTS: THE COMMONS FOR ECO-PEACE

Open coalition networking toward the 2024 UN Summit of the Future.



Connecting the Commons (CTC) on partner visit; Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee and Norn Samnangseymony; Peace activist Alyn Ware; Neshan Gunasekera, Co-Chair and Justin Sobion, Coordinator, Earth Trusteeship Working Group (ETWG).

Shaping the role of Thailand and ASEAN in Earth System Governance, in light of ASEAN's emerging Post-2025 Vision. Voices of civil society, Youth, experts in environmental law, independent academia and responsible business.

Rationale

In September 2024 the **Summit of the Future** will be held in New York, following suggestions of the UN Secretary-General in his groundbreaking *Our Common Agenda*. Multiple initiatives are shaping up towards recommended “open coalition networking” with the purpose to strengthen **Earth System Governance** and aregenerative economy. A network of Right Livelihood Laureates and the World Future Council¹ recommends “*Enhance the concepts of Rights of Nature and Earth Trusteeship in our relationship with the earth and in our political and legal systems.*” In this line the **Earth Trusteeship Working Group**² (ETWG) was set up three years ago, initiated by Right Livelihood College Bangkok. At the grassroots level RLC Bangkok and partners enabled the start of the **Connecting the Commons** (CTC) project with support of the Heinrich Böll Foundation Southeast Asia.

The purpose of the conference is to explore innovative concepts toward Earth System Governance as well as show initiatives rooted in **ASEAN and its Post-2025 Vision, Southeast Asia, Asia Pacific** can feed into this **global “open coalition networking”**. Suggestions have been made that the Summit of the Future should not be limited to the New York location, but see satellite activities budding all over the world.

Bangkok is cherished as the cradle of ASEAN as well as the core UN platform for Asia Pacific. From this perspective, it is felt as an important challenge to shape ASEAN and Asia Pacific contributions to “open coalition networking” toward the Summit of the Future. With creative input from *academia-civil society* collaboration, **Youth initiatives** and a growing **commons movement** in the region.

Thursday, 27 April 2023	
[SASA International House, Chula]	
12.30 – 15.30	Lunch and (internal) meeting Earth Trusteeship Working Group with guests

FCCT (Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand)	
P floor, 518/5 Phloen Cit, Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330.	
18.00 – 20.30	<p>Public Meeting</p> <p>Media presentation / Press Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host: Anunta Intra-aksorn <p>Welcome Dinner (pay FCCT)</p> <p>Pre-review of book to be launched 28 April 2023</p> <p><i>Reflections on EARTH TRUSTEESHIP. Mother Earth and a new 21st-century governance paradigm</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connecting the Commons (CTC): “Commons movement manifesto”* - Online: Wheelbarrow Campaign – <i>Walk on Brussels</i> Henry Mentink, Co-Author <p>Panel discussion with authors <i>Reflections on Earth Trusteeship</i>:</p> <p>Welcome by Neshan Gunasekera, Co-Chair, Earth Trusteeship Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Klaus Bosselmann - Justin Sobion (Co-Editor) - Alyn Ware - Maja Groff - Michel Bauwens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hans van Willenswaard – Moderator (Co-Editor)

Friday, 28 April 2023 09.00-18.00 hours	
Chaloe Rajakumari 60 Building, Conference Room 701 Chulalongkorn University	
09.00-09.15	Official Opening - Sineenat Sermcheep , Director, ASEAN Studies Center, Faculty of Economics; Chulalongkorn University (CU) - Suthipand Chirathivat , Emeritus Professor of Economics, Former Executive Director, ASEAN Studies Center, CU - Neshan Gunasekera , World Future Council; Co-Chair, Earth Trusteeship Working Group (ETWG); Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund University, Sweden / Sri Lanka.
09.15-09.45	Conference Introduction Purpose of the conference -Hans van Willenswaard , Right Livelihood College Bangkok Getting to know each other. What we expect from World Café? -Anunta Intra-aksorn , Connecting the Commons (CTC); Big Trees Project
09.45-11.00	<u>First Experts' Panel</u> Rights of Nature, Earth System Governance and Earth Trusteeship Dialogue: do we need a new law and governance paradigm?
	-Klaus Bosselmann , Professor of Law, Auckland University, New Zealand -Justice Suntariya Muanpawong , expert in environmental law, Thailand -Michel Bauwens , P2P Foundation, Thailand / Belgium -Maja Groff , Climate Governance Commission, the Netherlands / Canada -Tara Buakamsri , Thailand Country Director, Greenpeace Southeast Asia. <u>Moderator: -Manuel Castillo*</u> , Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP Online contributions: -Bharat H Desai* , Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India -Jessica den Outer* on Rights of Nature.
11.00-12.00	Coffee Break and “World Café” - small group discussion – Anunta (Kob)
12.00-13.30	Lunch with GREEN CATERING

13.30-15.00	<p><u>Second Experts' Panel</u></p> <p>-Can we empower “multilateralism” – or: global citizenship – by starting with FOOD AS A COMMONS? Are food systems vital for Earth System Governance?</p>
	<p>-Phoonam Ghimire*, Nepal, Youth member of UN HLAB on Effective Multilateralism; Next Generation Fellow (2021) (online)</p> <p>-Samruay Phatphon, Hug Muang Nan Foundation</p> <p>-Kittipon Phumisuttikul, Coordinator, Right Livelihood College Bangkok</p> <p>-Aneta Nikolova*, Environmental Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP</p> <p>-Rattanasiri Kittikongnapang*, Greenpeace Southeast Asia (Thailand).</p> <p>- <u>Moderator: Wallapa vanWillenswaard</u>, INI</p>
15.00-16.00	<p>“World Café” – Anuta (Kob)</p> <p>Reflections on global citizenship and food as a commons</p>

16.00-18.00	<p>FESTIVE Book LAUNCH. Chaloe Rajakumari Building, 7th Floor</p>
	<p><i>Reflections on EARTH TRUSTEESHIP. Mother Earth and a new 21st-century governance paradigm</i></p> <p>with Waldorf School Music Ensemble</p> <p>Opening Remarks by Ambassador Emeritus, Kobsak Chutikul, President, World Wildlife Fund Foundation (Thailand)</p> <p>Sulak Sivaraksa*, Right Livelihood Laureate, Founder, Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation (SNF)</p> <p>-Online message Vandana Shiva*, Right Livelihood Laureate, co-author of <i>Reflections on Earth Trusteeship</i></p> <p>-Editors and Authors presentations</p> <p>-Surichai Wun'gao*, Emeritus Professor; Director, Peace and Conflict Studies Center – opening review</p> <p>-Maitree Jongkrajak, community network leader (in Thai with translation) on behalf of Connecting the Commons (CTC) Thailand</p> <p>-Open Forum. Reviews, Debate, Exchanges</p> <p>Snacks and drinks</p>

**Saturday, 29 April 2023
09.30 – 14.00 hours**

Chaloem Rajakumari 60 Building, Conference Room 701

09.30-11.00

Third Panel

ECO-PEACE Panel

Making Peace with the Earth. Can collaboration and common care for Earth – demonstratable in the new ‘high oceans treaty’ – heal wider geopolitical tensions, conflict and war? **Youth Initiatives and the Voice of future generations. ASEAN’s Post-2025 Vision.**

Online message by **Maria Fernanda Espinosa***, Ecuador; former President UN General Assembly, 73rd session

- Emilie Gaillard**, Director of the Normandy Chair for Peace, France
- Alyn Ware**, New Zealand / Czechia, Right Livelihood Laureate; World Future Council; Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament; Director of the Basel Peace Office; Environmental Activist
- Renaud Meyer***, UNDP Resident Representative.
- Wanida Jiamram**, Connecting the Commons (CTC), Buri Ram, Thailand
- ASEAN Youth Advocates Network, Norn Samnangseymony, Country Director, Cambodia**
- Youth from Vietnam**
- Greenpeace Youth, Thailand**
- Myanmar Youth***
- ICJAO Pacific Island Youth Campaign**, Solomon Yeo* and **World’s Youth for Climate Justice** Jule Schnakenberg* (online), with **Justin Sobion**, Caribbean Small Island States

- Moderator: **Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee**, Thailand, Former Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN

DIALOGUE

11.00-12.00

Coffee Break and “**World Café**” – Anunta

12.00-13.00

Lunch with GREEN CATERING

13.00-14.00	<p>CONFERENCE HARVEST</p> <p>Closing remarks by Neshan Gunasekera, Co-Chair, Earth Trusteeship Working Group.</p> <p>The NEXT STEPS in open coalitionnetworking toward the 2024 UN Summit of the Future. The Role of civil society, Youth, independent academia in ASEAN on Earth System Governance in light of ASEAN's Post 2025 Vision. With final statements of resource persons and participants</p> <p>Sharing of commitments and plans.</p>
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Informal Meetings and Departures