

Climate Justice: Civil Society Agenda for COP21 and Beyond**45 Rue Saint-Roch, 75001, Paris****Thursday, December 3, 2015****6:30 – 8:00pm****Panel Agenda**

6:30 Welcome (Susan Taylor-Leduc, Dean Parsons Paris)

6:40 Introduction of Panelists (Ana Baptista, Associate Director TEDC)

6:45 Questions for panel conversation:

1. What can you tell us about some of the experiences with or reflections on the impacts that climate change has had in the communities where you work or that you are from?
2. What brings you to the Paris Climate Talks and what do you hope to see come out of the official climate negotiations?
3. What do you think is the role of non-state, civil society groups in the context of these international climate talks? What contributions can civil society make to the discourse and outcomes of climate action globally and locally?
4. Do have any good examples or recommendations that you would like to draw attention to that you believe can make a difference on the climate front?
5. What are your hopes for climate action beyond the COP21 negotiations? Where do you see the most potential for motivating change that will help address climate change and its worst impacts on vulnerable communities around the world?
6. What do you think should be the role of young people in being part of the climate conversations happening in Paris and beyond?

7:30 Open to questions from the Audience

7:50 Wrap up and Thank-You

8:00 ***Reception to Follow***

Biographies of Panelists & Moderator

Ana Isabel Baptista is an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice in Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management. She is also currently serves as the Associate Director for the

Tishman Environment & Design Center (TEDC) at The New School She was most recently the Director of the Energy and Environment Program at the Regional Plan Association where she oversaw a diverse portfolio of issues ranging from climate change to greenspace preservation across the New York metropolitan region. Prior to RPA, Ana was the Director of Environmental and Planning programs for the Ironbound Community Corporation for over seven years. At ICC she oversaw a wide range of environmental justice, community development and community based planning and research projects in her native Ironbound community in Newark, New Jersey. Ana grew up in the Ironbound where she was part of the environmental justice struggles that later shaped her professional and academic interests. Ana completed her Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey where she studied state level environmental justice policy implementation across the country. Ana is a board member for the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance and the Ironbound Community Corporation.

Ananda Lee Tan currently coordinates the *Building Equity and Alignment for Impact* Initiative with support from the Overbrook Foundation and is an active member of the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, the Climate Justice Alliance and other grassroots climate justice organizations. He was previously the U.S. and Canada Coordinator for the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives – an international network of community-based groups organizing against polluting industries such as incinerators and landfills, in favor of zero waste and clean energy jobs for communities. Over the last twenty-five years, Ananda has worked on labor justice, environmental justice, anti-war, trade justice, climate change, sustainable forestry and agriculture campaigns around the world. Ananda has served on Boards of the Canadian Labor Environmental Alliance Society, Energy Action Coalition and the Forest Stewardship Council. He is currently active in the Rising Tide North America Network, the Ruckus Society and the Movement Generation Trainers Network. In recent years, Ananda has helped convene a national Climate Justice Alliance for social, economic and environmental justice groups with the aim of building a grassroots movement for climate resilience and just economic transition in the U.S. Ananda lives in Vancouver, British Columbia with his wife and son.

Monique Verdin is a native daughter of southeast Louisiana. Her intimate documentation of the Mississippi River Deltas' indigenous Houma nation exposes the complex interconnectedness of environment, economics, culture, climate and change. Monique is the subject/co-writer/co producer of the documentary *My Louisiana Love* (2012). Her multidisciplinary work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and is included in an assortment of environmentally inspired projects, ranging from the publication of *Unfathomable City : A New Orleans Atlas* (2013) to the multiplatform/performance/ecoexperience *Cry You One* (2012-2015). Since the spring of 2015, she has been working on a new project, *The Land Memory Bank & Seed Exchange*, a series of southeast Louisiana activations, engaged in building a community record and in the sharing of native seeds and local knowledge through citizen collaboration. Monique is traveling to Paris during the COP21 Global Climate Conference to share the story of the Mississippi River Delta and the Houma. She is honored to be included as a member of the Indigenous Environmental Network delegation. During COP21, Monique is seeking collaboration with international networks working to build transitional solutions in response to climate change adaptation.