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**PROGRAMME FOR
RIGHT LIVELIHOOD LECTURE 2018**

On

**Natural Resource Extraction, Livelihoods, Social Relations and Conflict in
Africa**

By

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Programme

Programme for Right Livelihood Lecture 2018, University of Port Harcourt.

8:30 am — Arrivals and registration

9:45 am — Opening Prayers

10:00 am — Welcome Address by Dr. Fidelis Allen- Ag Director, Centre for Conflict and Gender Studies.

10:15 am — Welcome Words by Prof Professor Kinikanwo Anele , Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, UNIPORT.

10-30am - Welcome Remarks by Prof. Ndow E. S. Lale, Vice Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt.

10:30 am — About Right Livelihood Award/ Lecture - Nnimmo Bassey

10:45 am — Right Livelihood Lecture by Jacqueline Moudeina

11:45am - Questions & comments

12:00 pm — Group Photographs

12:15 pm — Lunch

1:00pm – Closing/Departures

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The [University of Port Harcourt](#), based in oil-rich Niger delta in Nigeria, was established in 1975 and received university status in 1977.

The RLC campus is based at the Faculty of Social Sciences and is co-hosted by the [Health of Mother Earth Foundation](#) (HOMEF), a think-tank and advocacy organisation founded by Right Livelihood Award recipient [Nnimmo Bassey](#).

"We believe that targeted research at the University of Port Harcourt will generate tools for tackling problems of environmental pollution and related socio-economic issues caused by the petroleum industry and that these tools would find application in other challenged territories beyond the Niger Delta. HOMEF is proud to collaborate with the University of Port Harcourt in hosting the Right Livelihood College campus in Nigeria." - Nnimmo Bassey (RLA 2010)

In October 2013, the University of Port Harcourt became the fifth Right Livelihood College. The University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT), HOMEF and the Right Livelihood Award Foundation signed the memorandum of Understanding on Monday 25 November 2013. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Joseph Ajienka ably represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Ethelbert Chinaka Nduka expressed his delight at the honour of being the first Nigerian university to host such a laudable initiative which will immensely benefit the students and young researchers in the university and increase the quality of education, while opening them to more international learning opportunities.

The former Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences who chaired the ianuagural RLC lecture, Prof Willy Okowa welcomed the guests, staff and the participating students to the event and implored them to take full advantage of the resources available. In his opening remark, Prof Alapiki, Dean of the faculty highlighted ways the young scholars can access the learning platform provided by the Right Livelihood College.

Monika Griefahn, Co-Chair of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation and a former Minister of Environment in the German State of Lower Saxony said that "the Right

Livelihood College was inaugurated in 2009 to further the foundation's work through capacity building and increasing accessibility of past Right Livelihood Laureates accessible to people". She also says "the foundation tries to recognise the work of people who are working to promote peaceful and sustainable world and hope that by recognising the exceptional work, they can help put their cause on global discourse and protect them from persecution." She cited some of the work of the past laureates such as Wangari Maathai of Kenya who won the award in 1984, and later won the Nobel Peace Prize 20years later. According to her, this shows the foresightedness of the foundation in it selection of winners.

Meet our Instigator



Jacqueline Moudeina

Jacqueline Moudeina, born in 1957 is a Chadian lawyer and Human Rights Activist. During the civil war in 1979, Jacqueline left the University of Chad where she was studying English and fled with her husband to Congo. While there, she received a Bachelor's degree in Law and a Master's degree in Private Law from the University of Brazzaville. Ms Moudeina lived in Congo with her family for over 13 years before returning to Chad.

Since her return to Chad in 1995, after the reign of terror that occurred during Hissène Habré's stint as president, Jacqueline worked her way through as the legal counsel for **Association for Victims of the Crimes of Hissène Habré's Regime (AVCRHH)**, and was later promoted to the position of a legal secretary. By 2004, she was made the President of the Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights. Determined to fight for the victims of the Habré's government and entrench a sense of human right and justice in Chad, she began piling up evidences of the atrocities committed by Habré and his affiliates. She continues to press for justices till date despite all efforts to frustrate the process in Senegal.

Hissène Habré, president of Chad from 1982 to 1990, was accused of widespread atrocities including torture and barbarity. Evidences of his dreaded political police that Human Rights Watch recovered reveal the names of 1,208 people who died or were killed in detention and 12,321 victims of human rights violations. After he was deposed, Habré lived in quiet luxury in Senegal for 22 years until May 30, 2016, when he was [convicted of crimes against humanity, war crimes, torture, sexual violence and rape](#), by the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Senegalese court system and sentenced to life in prison. The [New York Times](#) referred to this case as "a Milestone for Justice in Africa". This was made possible by Jaqueline's tireless effort in fighting for justice and Human Rights.

On April 27, 2017, an Appeal Court confirmed the verdict and ordered Habré to pay up to 30,000 euros (\$33,000) to each victim of the abuses committed during his 1982-1990 rule, as well as to their relatives.

Jacqueline Moudeina continues to work on a wide range of human rights issues concerning Chad today. With her commitment to justice as prerequisite for reconciliation and her dedication to intervene from the grassroots level up to international jurisdiction, she has made a prominent and crucial contribution to winning respect for human rights in Africa.

In 2002 Jacqueline Moudeina received the *Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders*, sometimes called "the Nobel Prize for human rights". Also in 2011, Jacqueline Moudeina received the Right Livelihood Award for her tireless efforts and great personal risk to win justice for the victims of the former dictatorship in Chad and to increase awareness and observance of human rights in Africa.



The Right Livelihood College

Disseminating and strengthening wisdoms and skills for a positive future

“The Right Livelihood College aims to be five things – a hub, a catalyst, an incubator, a multiplier and an accelerator of links between universities and the work of Right Livelihood Laureates, an interactive link between academics and activists.”
Anwar Fazal - Right Livelihood Award Laureate 1982

The Right Livelihood College (RLC) is a global capacity building initiative of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation. Founded in 2009, the RLC aims to make the knowledge of the Laureates accessible to all and, by linking young scholars, academics and civil society organisations with the Laureates, hopes to make their “winning ideas” succeed and multiply.

Goals

The RLC has four main goals:

1. Making the knowledge of Laureates **accessible to all**, the general public as well as individuals and academics with the potential to make the ‘winning ideas’ of Laureates succeed and multiply.
2. Actively linking the most excellent educational institutions with the Laureates, thus providing researchers and students **unparalleled access to primary data** and case studies of eminent civil society activists and movements.
3. Connecting the global community of Laureates to help release **synergies**, scale tested know-how and create the critical mass to help bring their common goals forward.
4. Providing a hub and an incubator for **promoting and multiplying the most successful solutions** to urgent global problems through the development of **information and education activities** including web-based learning materials, meetings, networking and internship and research scholarship programmes.

Activities

Every Right Livelihood Laureate is automatically a Fellow of the Right Livelihood College. The role of the Fellow is to be the principal source of supply of learning resources through engagement in activities of education, scientific research, and practical activities that share and upscale their work.

The following are some of the generic activities which the College carries out in collaboration with other partner organizations:

- Laureates will share their 'winning ideas' with university staff and students by giving **lectures** on particular issues; some forty lectures have taken place since the founding of the College.
- **Fellowships** and **research grants** are given to outstanding students and researchers to further work on issues Laureates are working on; some ten fellowships have been awarded.
- Between two and five **interns** are supported and mentored by the Laureates on specific issues; over a dozen internships have taken place.
- Various international policy and action building **courses** and **seminars** are promoted, building upon the knowledge and activities of the Laureates. Topics that have been covered include 'social mobilization', 'reversing environmental degradation' and 'how to make a better world'. Over a dozen courses and seminars have been organised.
- The College is planning to publish a scientific monograph series and easy-to-understand publications in public booklet series. Both these type of **publications** will help explain Laureate key issues, actions and resource links. The College is currently seeking partners to help set up this venture.
- Inspiring **films** will be produced with the aim to multiply the thoughts and actions of the Laureates. The Right Livelihood [Youtube](#) channel contains short documentaries on Laureates in English, German, French and Spanish.
- '**Days of Action**' are organised to link selected international United Nations days with issues Laureates are working on, such as biodiversity, water and migrant workers. An active programme on volunteerism - Lifting Others Through Voluntary Engagement (LOVE) - and a Run for Peace are organised on a regular basis.
- **Upscaling:** The College works closely with the Laureates in identifying appropriate institutions that can be partners with the College and the Laureates. It is planned to develop such partnerships in other countries with at least one major link in each continent. Thus far, the College has established additional [campuses](#) at Universiti Sains Malaysia (Malaysia, 2009-2014), Lund University (Sweden), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria), Universidad Austral de Chile (Chile), University of California Santa Cruz (USA), University of Bonn (Germany) and Tata

Institute of Social Sciences (India). Currently, discussions are under way for establishing partnerships in the Pacific.

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About the Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

HOMEF is an ecological think tank and advocacy organisation with head office in Nigeria. Nigeria is our base but Africa is our focus. **HOMEF** works to bridge the yawning gap between policy/decisions and the actual needs at the grassroots. **HOMEF** recognises that top down actions based can distort the possibilities of meeting actual needs and generate conflict.

HOMEF thus works to fill the gap in environmental advocacy in which grassroots voices are overlooked with the recognition that ongoing global crises have systemic roots and the current paradigms of development and growth based on competition will lead to the critical destruction of biodiversity and continued destructive extraction of natural resources as well as dependency on risky technologies.

Our Project Areas:

Fossil Politics (Climate justice environmental governance, ecocide, etc.)

Hunger politics (Food sovereignty, biosafety, forests and biodiversity)

Sustainability Academy (Arena for contestation of ideas and generation of knowledge)

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