



# chico vive



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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The Legacy of Chico Mendes  
and the Global Grassroots Environmental Movement

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of International Service  
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The Chico Vive conference is bringing together grassroots activists, NGOs, students, engaged scholars, applied scientists, policymakers, journalists and others to discuss the development of the global grassroots environmental movement in the 25 years since environmental martyr Chico Mendes' death. Participants will plan strategies for coordinated international actions, networks, coalitions and initiatives to advance sustainability, defend the environment from depredation and climate change, and protect the rights of its traditional inhabitants.

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# Keynote Speakers

## Marina Silva

During almost 30 years in public life, Marina Silva has become internationally known for her defense of ethics, natural resources and sustainable development. After election to local, state and national offices, she served as Brazil's environment minister from 2003 to 2008. As a result the British newspaper *The Guardian* named her as one of 50 people who could help save the planet.



A native of the Amazon state of Acre and daughter of a rubber tapper, Marina Silva learned to read and write as a teenager and graduated from the Federal University of Acre at age 26. A union leader and close associate of Chico Mendes, she first ran for public office at age 28 and was the youngest person ever elected to the Brazilian Senate, at age 36.

After her tenure at the environment ministry she returned to the Senate. In 2010 she ran for the Brazilian presidency as the Green Party candidate and received 19 percent of the vote in the first round. In late 2013 she presented herself as the vice-presidential candidate of the Brazilian Socialist Party in

the upcoming presidential election of 2014.

Marina Silva has received numerous awards, including the UN's "Champion of the Earth" award, the Duke of Edinburgh's medal, and the Goldman Environmental Prize, among many others.

## John H. Knox

John Knox is an internationally recognized expert on human rights law and international environmental law. In July 2012 the United Nations Human Rights Council appointed him to a three-year mandate as its first Independent Expert on human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. He is preparing a series of reports to the Human Rights Council on the relationship between human rights and environmental protection.

John Knox is the Henry C. Lauerman Professor of International Law at Wake Forest University. In 2003 he was awarded the Francis Deák Prize, established by the American Society of International Law, to honor a younger author who has made a "meritorious contribution to international legal scholarship." From 2001 to 2005 he chaired a national advisory committee to the Environmental Protection Agency on the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation. More recently he has provided pro bono assistance to environmental groups and to the Maldives, a small island state in the Indian Ocean.



# Schedule



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 4 (FOUNDERS ROOM)

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Introductions of grassroots leaders: Edwin Cisco (Liberia), Aunt Joan Hendriks (Australia), Norman Jiwan (Indonesia), Chief Liz Logan (Canada), Godfrey Massay (Tanzania), Raimundo Mendes de Barros (Brazil), Cristian Otzin (Guatemala), Cristhian Prado Andrade (Ecuador), Gomercindo Rodrigues (Brazil), Georgina Shanley (USA), Hiparidi Top'tiro (Brazil), Ernesto Tzi (Guatemala), Tek Vannara (Cambodia), Franco Viteri (Ecuador). <i>Some invited speakers have not confirmed their participation.</i>
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Reception
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Keynote #1: Marina Silva, former environment minister of Brazil, introduced by James Goldgeier, Dean of the American University School of International Service
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Cultural performances (Kay Spiritual Center Chapel)
	Song cycle, "Angel of the Amazon," performed by Melissa Wimbish and Robert Wood
	Poems spoken by Naomi Ayala, Linda Rabben and Maritza Rivera
	Songs performed by Luci Murphy

## SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 5 (FOUNDERS ROOM)

9:00 am - 10:45 am	Chico's Story: Mary Allegretti, Barbara Bramble, Steve Schwartzman, Raimundo de Barros, Gomercindo Rodrigues. Moderator: Biorn Maybury-Lewis
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am - 12:45 pm	Human rights and the environment: Cristhian Prado Andrade, Tek Vannara, Edwin Cisco, Joji Carino, Franco Viteri. Moderator: Eve Bratman

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 5 (FOUNDERS ROOM)

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12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch and Keynote #2: John Knox, UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and Environment, introduced by Juan Méndez, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture
2:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Self-determination and conservation challenges for grassroots movements: Cristian Otzin, Philip Fearnside, Chief Liz Logan, Margaret Keck, Godfrey Massay. Moderator: Laura R. Graham
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Sustainable solutions for forests and communities: Norman Jiwan, Ernesto Tzi, Suzanne Pelletier, Aunty Joan Hendriks, Barbara Zimmerman. Moderator: Janet Chernela
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Cultural performances
	Songs by DC Labor Chorus
	Dance-theatre performance by Camila Alves of AfroMundi: Pés no Chão

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## SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 6

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9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Strategies workshops
	SIS 233: Creative activism, with Georgina Shanley, Barbara Rose Johnston, Dan Baron Cohen, Camila Alves.
	SIS 120: New technologies, with Arielle Kilroy, Carolina Comandulli
	Founders Room: Protection, with Moira Birss, Michael Beer, Francisco Quintana

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## SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 6

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1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Mini Film Festival:
	Ward Bldg. Room 1: "Dreaming On," World Premiere, introduced by Marcia Machado and Aunty Joan Hendriks; "Owners of the Water," introduced by Laura R. Graham and Hiparidi Top'tiro; "A Fierce Green Fire," introduced by Mark Kitchell; "Children of the Amazon," introduced by Denise Zmekhol.
	Founders Room: "Decade of Destruction," "They Killed Sister Dorothy," "Toxic Amazon," "Children of the Jaguar."

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# In Memoriam

**Francisco Canayong**  
(Philippines, murdered 2012)

**Adrian Cowell**  
(UK, 1934-2011)

**Terry Freitas,  
Ingrid Washinawatok,  
& Laheenae Gay**  
(USA, murdered in Colombia 1999)

**Robert Goodland**  
(USA, 1939-2013)

**Gonzalo Alonso Hernandez**  
(Spain, murdered in Brazil 2013)

**Wangari Maathai**  
(Kenya, 1940-2011)

**Jairo Mora Sandoval**  
(Costa Rica, murdered 2013)

**Prajob Nao-opas**  
(Thailand, murdered 2013)

**Perween Rahman**  
(Pakistan, murdered 2013)

**José Claudio Ribeiro &  
Maria do Espirito Santo da Silva**  
(Brazil, murdered 2011)

**Ken Saro-Wiwa**  
(Nigeria, executed 1995)

**Sombath Somphone**  
(Laos, disappeared 2012)

**Dorothy Stang**  
(USA, murdered in Brazil 2005)

**Pe. Josimo Tavares**  
(Brazil, murdered 1986)

**Noe Vazquez**  
(Mexico, murdered 2013)

**Ambrósio Vilhalva**  
(Brazil, murdered 2013)

**Chut Wutty**  
(Cambodia, murdered 2012)

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No matter the nation in which we reside, we as human beings now face a choice: either to be swept along by the powerful currents of technological change and economic determinism into a future that may threaten our deepest values, or to build a capacity for collective decision making on a global scale that allows us to shape that future in ways that protect human dignity and reflect the aspirations of nations and peoples.

—Al Gore, *The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change* (2013)



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