



“Old Struggles, New Movements”

Tuesday, 12 November 2013
18:00-20:00
Wits Science Stadium, Braamfontein

Prominent civil society activists from around the globe will come together for a panel discussion on how citizen action and people power can change the world. They will reflect on the achievements of citizens' movements and what can be learnt from both past and present struggles. Join us and learn how to “be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Confirmed speakers include:



Jay Naidoo, founding General Secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)

Jay Naidoo was General Secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions from 1985 to 1993, and after the liberation served in two ministerial positions from 1994-1999. He funded the social development arm of an investment and management company, J&J Group, in 2000 in South Africa. He is now the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).



Adam Habib, Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of the Witwatersrand

A professor of political science, and a public commentator, Adam Habib held several research positions in the Human Science Research Council, the Universities of Kwazulu-Natal and Witwatersrand. He was the founding director of the Centre for Civil Society, the director of the Democracy and Governance Programme and published numerous books and articles on democratization, institutional reform and social movements.



Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of Oxfam International

Winifred "Winnie" Byanyima is a Ugandan aeronautical engineer, politician and diplomat. Before serving as Director of the Gender Team, in the Bureau for Development Policy at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) from 2006 until May 2013, she was a Member of Parliament in Uganda and a member of the Constituent Assembly that drafted the 1995 Constitution. She was appointed Executive Director of Oxfam International in May 2013.



Jenni Williams, Founder of Women of Zimbabwe Arise

Jenni Williams is a Zimbabwean human rights activist. From 1994 to 2002, her public relations firm represented the Zimbabwean Farmers' Union, and soon was in conflict with the government on its land reform policy. In 2003, Jenni closed her firm and founded Women of Zimbabwe Arise (Woza). By 2012, she had been arrested 40 times for her actions with the group. A prominent critic of President Robert Mugabe's government, The Guardian described her in 2009 as "one of the most troublesome thorns in Mugabe's side".



Joao Scarpelini, Co-founder of #ChangeMob

Joao is a 26-year-old Brazilian-Italian activist and social entrepreneur. He took part in the development of the UN Habitat Youth 21 initiative; worked at Peace Child International (UK); and is a member of YouAct, a European network on sexual and reproductive rights. He is currently finishing his degree in Community Regeneration at Middlesex University, and works for #ChangeMob, a youth-led social enterprise working to empower young people in the global south and as a Global Power Shift co-organiser in 350.org.



Aya Chebbi, African Youth Coordinator for the Peace Revolution Project

Aya Chebbi is a young Tunisian activist, amateur photographer, blogger and peace coach. She volunteered as a teacher, a peer educator on sexual health and HIV/AIDS, and in refugee camps on the Libyan borders following Tunisia's revolution. Aya is the African Youth Coordinator at the Peace Revolution Project and she co-founded recently a women led organisation "United Women for Peace" aimed at defending women's rights.

