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The Goldman Environmental Prize

The Goldman Environmental Prize honors the achievements and leadership of grassroots environmental activists from around the world, inspiring all of us to take action to protect our planet.

“People of ordinary backgrounds doing extraordinary things to save our Earth.”

— Richard Goldman, philanthropist and founder

Each year, the Goldman Prize solicits nominations from our alliance of nominating partners. The global reach and on-the-ground knowledge of our partners enables the Goldman Prize to identify a diverse cohort of grassroots environmental changemakers across the world. Prize winners are then selected each year by an expert, international jury.

The Goldman Environmental Prize honors grassroots environmental heroes from roughly the world's six inhabited continental regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Islands & Island Nations, North America, and South & Central America.

The identities of the 2022 Goldman Prize winners are under a strict confidentiality embargo until 12:30 am PDT / 3:30 am EDT on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Visit our website's media room to download an announcement toolkit and Prize winner assets on May 25.

Learn more at www.goldmanprize.org

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The Goldman Environmental Prize is the world's foremost award honoring grassroots environmental activists, recognizing outstanding leaders from each of the world's regions. Goldman Prize winners prove that we can re/shape the Earth's future.

There is no better time than now to re/think, re/build, and re/generate our planet. We can be the re/Generation.

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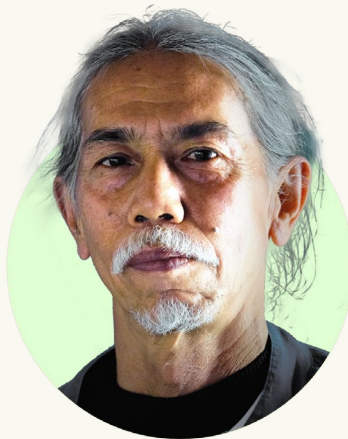


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Congratulations to the 2022 @goldmanprize winners! These grassroots environmental leaders prove that, together, we can reshape the future of our planet. 🏆🌍 #reGenerationNow #GoldmanPrize

Instagram

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✦✦ Chima Williams (Nigeria)
✦✦ Niwat Roykaew (Thailand)
✦✦ Marjan Minnesma (The Netherlands)
✦✦ Julien Vincent (Australia)
✦✦ Nalleli Cobo (United States) - @nallelicobo
✦✦ Alex Lucitante & Alexandra Narvaez (Ecuador) - @alexlucitante_ & @alexandra.narvaez.official

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✦✦ @marjanminnesma (The Netherlands)
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Chima Williams

Nigeria / Pollution & Waste

In the aftermath of disastrous oil spills in Nigeria, environmental lawyer Chima Williams worked with two communities to hold Royal Dutch Shell accountable for the resultant widespread environmental damage. On January 29, 2021, the Court of Appeal of the Hague ruled that not only was Royal Dutch Shell's Nigerian subsidiary responsible for the oil spills, but, as parent company, Royal Dutch Shell also had an obligation to prevent the spills. This is the first time a Dutch transnational corporation has been held accountable for the violations of its subsidiary in another country, opening Shell to legal action from communities across Nigeria devastated by the company's disregard for environmental safety.

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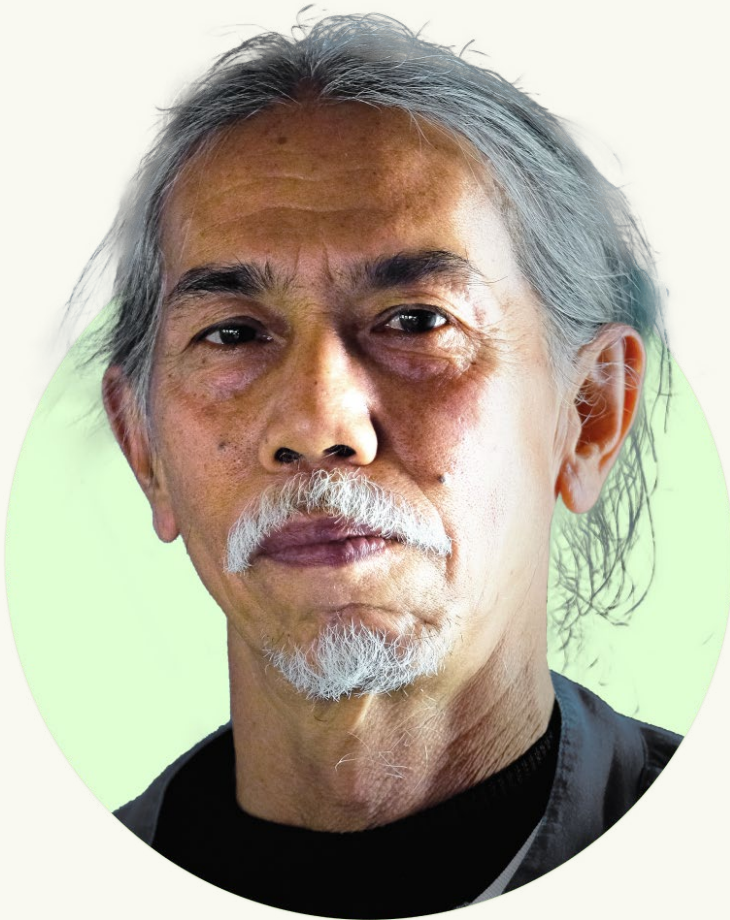
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Niwat Roykaew

Thailand / Freshwater

In February 2020, Niwat Roykaew and the Mekong community's advocacy resulted in the termination of the China-led Upper Mekong River rapids blasting project, which would have destroyed 248 miles of the Mekong to deepen navigation channels for Chinese cargo ships traveling downstream. Flowing 2,700 miles from the mountains of Tibet before draining to the South China Sea, the biodiversity-rich Mekong River's fisheries, tributaries, wetlands, and floodplains are a vital lifeline for more than 65 million people. This is the first time the Thai government has canceled a transboundary project because of the environmental destruction it would cause.

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Niwat's Organization

Chiang Khong Conservation Group



Marjan Minnesma

The Netherlands / Climate & Energy

In a groundbreaking victory, Marjan Minnesma leveraged public input and a unique legal strategy to secure a successful ruling against the Dutch government, requiring it to enact specific preventive measures against climate change. In December 2019, the Dutch Supreme Court ruled that the government had a legal obligation to protect its citizens from climate change and ordered it, by the end of 2020, to slash greenhouse gas emissions by 25% below 1990 levels. The Netherlands' Supreme Court decision marks the first time that citizens succeeded in holding their government accountable for its failure to protect them from climate change.

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Julien Vincent

Australia / Climate & Energy

Julien Vincent led a successful grassroots campaign to defund coal in Australia, a major coal exporter, culminating in commitments from the nation's four largest banks to end funding for coal projects by 2030. Because of Julien's activism, Australia's major insurance companies have also agreed to cease underwriting new coal projects. His organizing has produced a challenging financial landscape for the Australian coal industry, a significant step toward reducing fossil fuels that hasten climate change.

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Nalleli Cobo

United States / Environmental Justice

Nalleli Cobo led a coalition to permanently shut down a toxic oil-drilling site in her community in March 2020, at the age of 19—an oil site that caused serious health issues for her and others. Her continued organizing, along with her community, against urban oil extraction has now yielded major policy movement within both the Los Angeles City Council and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, which voted unanimously to ban new oil exploration and phase out of existing sites.

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Nalleli's Organizations

People Not Pozos

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Alex Lucitante & Alexandra Narvaez

Ecuador / Drilling & Mining

Alex Lucitante and Alexandra Narvaez spearheaded an Indigenous movement to protect their people's ancestral territory from gold mining. Their leadership resulted in a historic legal victory in October 2018, when Ecuador's courts canceled 52 illegal gold mining concessions, which were illegally granted without the consent of their Cofán community. The community's legal success protects 79,000 acres of pristine, biodiverse rainforest in the headwaters of Ecuador's Aguarico River, which is sacred to the Cofán.

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