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## **CURRICULUM VITAE – NNIMMO BASSEY (54)**

### **Personal information**

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Name: Nnimmo Bassey  
Date of birth: June 11<sup>th</sup> 1958  
Nationality: Nigerian  
Languages: English and Ibibio

### **Education**

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1981 Architecture Graduate, University of Nigeria, Nsukka

### **Employment and work history**

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2008-present Chair of Friends of the Earth International (FoEI)  
2001-present Director of Mission, New Covenant Gospel Church, Nigeria  
1993-present Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action (ERA)  
1993 Co-founder of Environmental Rights Action Nigeria  
1993-1999 Member of Board of Directors, Nigeria's Civil Liberties Organisation  
1993-1997 General Secretary at the Association of Nigerian Authors  
1982-1991 Architect, Physical Planning Division of the Vice Chancellor's Office, University of Benin

### **Advocacy**

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2010 Received the Right Livelihood Award, Stockholm  
2009 Time Magazine's Heroes of the Environment  
1998 Received the Sophie Prize on behalf of Environmental Rights Action, Oslo

## **Speaking engagements**

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Nnimmo Bassey is a frequent conference speaker on the issues relating to extractive industry pollutions, climate change and hunger politics.

*Examples of conferences attended and speeches given over the last few years:*

2012	Opening plenary of the Left Forum at Pace University, New York City, US
2011	Speaker at the Gaia Foundation – “Defending the Rights of Nature and holding Corporations to Account”, London, United Kingdom
2011	Speaker at the Global Struggle for Environmental Justice, Nottingham University, Nottingham, United Kingdom
2011	Guest speaker at Suhm-huset, The Museum of Natural History and Archaeology, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway
2010	Opening remarks, The World Peoples Climate Conference Summit, Cochabamba, Bolivia
2009	Speaker at Klimaforum 09 – People’s Climate Summit, Copenhagen, Denmark

## **Selected publications**

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### **Books**

2012	To Cook A Continent: Destructive Extraction and Climate Change in Africa, Pambazuka Press
2009	Knee Deep in Crude, ed., Environmental Rights Action
2004	Genetically Modified Organism: the African Challenge, Environmental Rights Action
1997	Oilwatching in South America, Kraft Books

### **Poetry collections**

2011	I Will Not Dance To Your Beat, Kraft Books
2002	We Thought It Was Oil But It Was Blood, Kraft Books
1998	Intercepted, Kraftgriots
1994	Poems on the Run, Kraft Books
1992	Patriots and Cockroaches, Kraft Books

