



The Women's Earth and Climate Action Network invites you to join a series of online  
Education and Advocacy Trainings for Women for Climate Justice  
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**Women for Soils: Healthy Soils, Restorative Small-Scale Farming and Carbon Sequestration**

**June 14, 2017** - 11:00 am Pacific Time/2:00 pm Eastern Time for 120 minutes

Since the rise of industrial agriculture, global food production has become one of the top sources of fossil fuel emissions, diversity loss, habitat erosion, pollution and subsequent climate change impacts. However while chemical agriculture pushes us towards climate crisis - small-scale, agro-ecologic farmers are standing up to remind us that healthy soil, diverse seeds and strong farming communities are in fact an essential solution to cool the planet and feed the world in a just and sustainable manner.

In countries around the world, women, who produce 60-80% of all food in developing nations, are rising to protect their soil, seeds, lands and livelihoods. In this training we will explore women leading movements for healthy soils and regenerative farming and the role of soils in climate solutions, while also understanding that farming land cannot become a carbon offset mechanism for managing the climate crisis. Presenters will discuss women farmers, agro-ecology, peasant farming, and carbon sequestration as part of the solution to the climate crisis, while highlighting farmers' rights, food sovereignty and ecosystem integrity.

**Presenters:**



**Precious Phiri (Regeneration International, Zimbabwe)**

Precious Phiri is a representative for the Africa Centre for Holistic Management (ACHM) Hub in Zimbabwe, and with Regeneration International. She has vast training experience working with rural villages in the Hwange Communal Lands region that are implementing restorative grazing programs using Holistic Land and Livestock Management (HLLM). These trainings help rural communities in Africa to reduce poverty, rebuild soils, and restore food and water security for people, livestock and wildlife. Holistic Land and Livestock Management has been successfully used

on different landscapes in Africa and many parts of the world.

Precious was born and raised in one of the communities now implementing HLLM, and has been involved as a great influence in helping communities restore land and water, while feeding themselves. She holds a BSc degree in Geography and Geographic Information Systems from the University of Fort Hare (South Africa) and an Executive Diploma in Business Leadership (EDBL) with the Zimbabwe Institute of Management.



**Diana Donlon (Center for Food Safety's Cool Foods Campaign, USA)**

Diana Donlon is the Director of Center for Food Safety's Cool Foods Campaign – a solutions oriented program, empowering the public to make the critical connections between food and climate. Before coming to work for CFS, Diana worked for a variety of family foundations supporting youth and sustainable agriculture programs and was one of the founders of Roots of Change, a state-wide collaborative transitioning California's food system. As a program executive at the Goldman Environmental Prize, she helped elevate the critical causes of environmental activist around the world.

Diana is the Board Secretary of Watershed Media, award-winning publishers of action-oriented titles. She served in Peace Corps, Morocco and speaks French and Spanish. She lives amidst an abundance of fruit trees in Marin County with her husband, teenaged sons, Maine Coon cat and three chickens.



### **Calla Rose Ostrander (Project Drawdown, USA)**

Calla Rose Ostrander is an independent advisor and agent for individuals and organizations committed to balancing the Earth's carbon cycle. She works with leaders in California and the Western United States to return carbon to the soil through the way we grow, make and dispose of our food, fuel, fiber and flora. Prior to her work on the California Carbon Campaign she was

the Climate Change Projects Manager for the City & County of San Francisco where she created and managed the San Francisco Carbon Fund, internal agency sustainability reporting, and lead the update to the community wide Climate Action Strategy under mayors Gavin Newsom and Edwin Lee. Calla Rose was born in Tucson Arizona and lived in Oaxaca and Australia before her family settled in Colorado's front range where she attended the Shining Mountain Waldorf School K-12. Before moving to California she co-authored of the City of Aspen's first Climate Action and Adaptation Plans and was a Communications Fellow for Rocky Mountain Institute. She holds a BA in International Political Economy from the University of Puget Sound and studied ecological economics with David Batker of Earth Economics.

**Representative of La Via Campesina, to be announced**