

Africa's Green Future: Nurturing the Vision of Wangari Maathai



Wangari Maathai (1940-2011) spent her life advocating for social justice and ecosystem preservation in post-colonial Africa. As founder of the Green Belt Movement, she encouraged Kenyan women to plant trees as a tool for environmental conservation, poverty reduction, and empowerment. Wangari was a Yale McCluskey Visiting Fellow for Conservation (2002), received a Yale Honorary Doctorate (L.D.H. '04) and was a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (2004).

In a two-day event, the Yale community will honor her legacy with the screening of a documentary film about her life and a series of panel discussions about the key environmental issues pressing the region.



September 19-20, 2013

Hosted by the African Student Interest Group at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies
Burke Auditorium, Kroon Hall - 195 Prospect St., New Haven, CT

Thursday, September 19, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- 6:00 p.m. Opening remarks by **James Leitner** (B.A. '75) President of Falcon Management Corp.
- 6:30 p.m. Screening of "Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai," followed by a discussion with directors **Lisa Merton and Alan Dater**



Lisa Merton and Alan Dater



James Leitner

Friday, September 20, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and light breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Interview with our special guest, **Wanjira Mathai** daughter of Wangari Maathai and Project Leader for the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace & Environmental Studies (WMI). The interview will be led by **Maria Ivanova**, (M.E.S. '99, M.A. '99, Ph.D. '06) Assistant Professor at UMass Boston



Wanjira Mathai



Maria Ivanova

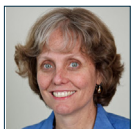
10 a.m. Panel discussion

Panel moderator



Rob Bailis
Associate Professor at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Women and Land Rights



Cheryl Doss
(M.A. '87) Director of graduate studies of the Yale MA program in International Relations

The CorpsAfrica Model



Alia Kate
Member of the Board of Directors for the non-profit organization, CorpsAfrica

Governance & Responses to Environmental Disasters in Africa



Ngoni Munemo
Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair of the International Studies Program at William's College

Forest Conservation in Africa



Amy Vedder
An expert in conservation and ecology, Amy has worked for more than 30 years dedicated to wildlife and wildland conservation

11 a.m. **Workshop 1: Building from the Bottom Up**

Cheryl Doss and Alia Kate will lead a discussion on efforts that aim to build the capacity of the next generation of African leaders with a focus on women leadership

Burke Auditorium

Workshop 2: African Political Ecology

Ngoni Munemo and Amy Vedder will lead a discussion on the intersection of equitable governance, bio-conservation, and environmental management in the region

Kroon Hall, Room 319

12:30 p.m. Closing Remarks by **Sir Peter Crane**, Dean of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, at Burke Auditorium followed by a commemorative tree planting at Sachem Woods

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