

## The Body Shop Human Rights Award 2002 Jury Members

### 1) Maha Abu-Dayyah Shamas

Maha has undertaken a significant amount of work throughout the Arab world on legal issues affecting women. She was formerly Director of the *Quaker Legal Aid Centre for Palestine* and was involved in the *Beijing Women's Conference*. The *Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)* was established in 1993 and has become an important local, regional and international reference centre in the defence of the social and legal rights of Palestinian women. It also remains an important address for abused women themselves, with branches on the West Bank and Gaza.

### 2) Rebecca Adamson

Rebecca Adamson, a Cherokee (Native American), is Founder and President of the *First Nations Development Institute*. She has worked directly with grassroots tribal communities, and has been an advocate of local tribal issues within the U.S. for over 24 years. Her interest in culturally appropriate development has led to several initiatives, such as the first reservation-based micro-enterprise loan fund in the United States. Rebecca is the U.S. delegate to *International Labour Organisation* on issues of indigenous rights and travels increasingly to support the work of other indigenous peoples around the world.

### 3) Geoff Budlender

Geoff Budlender is a South African attorney. In 1979 he was a founding member of the Legal Resources Centre, South Africa's leading public interest law organisation, where he litigated mainly on freedom of movement, forced removals, evictions, welfare rights, public transport and administrative justice. He served as National Director from 1994 to 1996. In the early years of the new South African government, he advised the Ministers of Land Affairs, Health and Water Affairs on new legislation. He was then appointed as Director-General of the Department of Land Affairs in the national government. He held this position until early 2000. On leaving this post he re-joined the Legal Resources Centre as Director of its Constitutional Litigation Unit. His main areas of litigation are the right to housing (including the *Grootboom* case), land rights, welfare rights and health rights. He is the attorney for the applicants in the current case on the provision of anti-retroviral drugs to pregnant women and their babies. He is a member of the Interim Council of the International Network on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

### 4) Radhika Coomaraswamy

Radhika Coomaraswamy was appointed *United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women* in 1994. Her first report to the 51st Session to the *UN Commission on Human Rights* in 1995, she emphasised conflict-related violence in the former Yugoslavia, Haiti and Rwanda with mention of abuse, primarily rape, of women in Bangladesh, Kashmir, Peru, Burma and Korea. In recent years she has been increasingly interested in domestic violence, human trafficking and the position of women within religious fundamentalism. Her official visits in recent years have included reports from Korea, Poland, Brasil, South Africa, Rwanda, Japan and Cuba.

### 5) Margot Franssen

Margot Franssen has been an active campaigner both within and outside her role as Head Franchisee for The Body Shop in Canada. Her major campaigning work started in 1988 with 'Protect the Ozone'. Since then she has campaigned on a range of environmental, animal

welfare and humanitarian causes. Since 1994, The Body Shop in Canada has given particular prominence to mobilising public support to stop violence against women for which, amongst other things, Margot has received numerous awards. Margot has been involved on the boards of several Canadian and international institutions such as the Canadian Women's Foundation, United Nations Development Fund for Women and the World Wildlife Fund.

## **6) Peter MacDonald**

The campaigning work of The Body Shop in Ireland has always been based on a simple vision: 'we have power, we have opportunity and we have responsibility'. As Head Franchisee for Ireland, Peter has led the company on major campaigns such as: the 1994 partnership with Greenpeace to protest against THORP nuclear reactor located just 20 miles from Ireland by the British Government, the 1995 outrage at the death of Ken Saro-Wiwa in Nigeria and the 1996 campaign to free the remaining 'Ogoni 20'. In addition to collecting nearly half a million pledges of support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights during 1998 as part of 'Make Your Mark', Peter has initiated other human rights initiatives to defend the rights of refugees, homeless in Ireland or the elected government of Burma.

## **7) Felix Morka (Chair of 2002 Award)**

Formed in 1995, the *Social and Economic Rights Action Centre (SERAC)* is a Nigerian NGO specialising in promoting and protecting the social and economic rights of Nigerians and neighbouring West Africans. The Centre runs programmes in monitoring and advocacy, community mobilisation and legal action. As Executive Director and Founder, Felix Morka has been public in his defence the rights of slum-dwellers in Lagos and has campaigned against the worst excesses of reconstruction under the *World Bank*. Felix has become an expert of issues of housing and homelessness and has been invited to advise other organisations across the continent and in Geneva.

## **8) Javier Mujica**

Javier runs a leading labour-support NGO in Peru and is involved in campaigns defending the rights of female workers, indigenous populations, migrant workers and the activities of transnational corporations. Javier is active within three regional and international networks: *The Latin American Association of Progressive Organizations*, *The International Federation for Human Rights* (based in Paris) and *The South American Platform for Human Rights, Democracy and Development* (Javier is the regional co-ordinator).

## **9) D.J. Ravindran (known as 'Ravi')**

'Ravi' is the former Director of *Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM Asia)* based in India but working across the whole continent from South Asia to China. He has been Chair of the *Advisory Board for the International Human Rights Internship Program* in Washington D.C. for several years and has gained a global overview of human rights activism. During 1999, Daniel acted as consultant to the *Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights* both in Cambodia and East Timor.

## **10) Anita Roddick**

Anita Roddick OBE is founder of The Body Shop. Some of her most formative years were spent working around the world in situations that gave her valuable insights into the issues that would later shape her company - woman's rights, the importance of community, respect for traditions and the responsibility of business. From the time she opened the first branch of The Body Shop in Brighton, England, in 1976, Anita has been building a platform

for social and environmental activism. The Body Shop International now has 2000 shops across 50 countries and Anita remains a Non-Executive member of the Board and a significant share-holder in the business. Anita has recently set up her own publishing company.

### 11) Gordon Roddick

As Co-founder of The Body Shop, Gordon has devoted a great deal of energy towards providing assistance to disadvantaged groups around the world, through the company's programme of trading with communities in need. Gordon brought the idea of street newspapers to Britain from New York, and co-founded *The Big Issue*. He has also been significantly involved in a range of other projects including indigenous rights in the Amazon, the *Freeplay* wind-up radio, *Body and Soul* HIV/AIDS group, the *Respect Europe* network and *ABC stories* on-line. Like Anita, Gordon remains a non-Executive member of the Board of The Body Shop and a major share-holder.

### 12) Maria Socorro Diokno ('Cookie')

Cookie's background is one of activism against U.S. military bases in the region and of individual casework within the Philippines (particularly those on Death Row). She is now Secretary General of the *Regional Council on Human Rights in Asia* and within this role has consultative status at the United Nations. She has a wide-ranging knowledge of human rights across the continent but is particularly involved in issues of housing, child labour, street children and land issues within Southeast Asia. Cookie is currently undertaking a global analysis of States' expenditures and how they relate to respective commitments on social, economic and cultural rights.

### 13) Elena Topoleva

Founded in 1994, the Agency for Social Change (ASI) is a Moscow-based, independent information agency that works to support Russia's emerging third sector of non-governmental, nonprofit social organizations. ASI provides information and media support to over 300 NGOs across Russia and also some other former Soviet republics. Of particular relevance have been 'the rights of children', 'violence against women' and 'women's reproductive health'.

### 14) Amy Tsanga

Amy works on issues of justice for rural communities. She has experience of working in South, East and West Africa and comfortable with a range of social, economic and cultural issues. She has been on the international advisory council of the *Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights* for several years.