

Inter Pares supports local activist organizations to build a more equal world. Thanks to our generous donors, throughout 2018, we have strengthened many struggles for social justice in Canada and overseas. Here is a taste of some stories of hope from organizations we work with. To read more from these stories and others, visit www.interpares.ca.



RITA MORBIA

“I saw commonalities with so many of the organizations we met across British Columbia. I did not realize that Canadians have such problems: poverty, housing, women facing stigma, and lack of access to reproductive health services such as abortion. As women’s rights activists in the Philippines, we can relate.”

Lina Bacalando

is a community health worker and organizer with the Likhaan Center for Women’s Health in the Philippines. In the fall of 2018, Lina accompanied her colleague Joy Salgado and Inter Pares staff Jack Hui Litster and Rita Morbia on a two-week public engagement and learning tour that covered six cities in British Columbia.

Women’s Equality

“These women were true pioneers, testing alternatives, and demonstrating the feasibility of farming without chemicals. But a major obstacle stood in their way: local rules forbidding women to access land to farm. It was clear that women needed a way to organize across Senegal to claim more influence over their lives.”



ENDA PRONAT

Mariam Sow

is the Director of ENDA Pronat, a Senegalese NGO dedicated to supporting ecological agriculture, family farms, and women’s rights.

Food Sovereignty

“The creation of the National Union of Rural Integration is an important step in strengthening the capacities and giving a stronger, united voice to sectors of the population that have been absolutely abandoned and historically excluded in Colombia.”

Omar Fernández

is the Director of the Corporación Arazá, a Bogotá-based NGO working for social justice and the defense of human and environmental rights.

Control Over Resources



BILL FAUREN

“Good morning. I am a Rohingya lawyer, researcher, and educator specializing in trauma, mass rape, and trafficking of Rohingya girls and women. With these words, I began my presentation to the United Nations Security Council this spring – as the first Rohingya ever to do so – during its open debate on sexual violence in conflict.”

Razia Sultana

is a senior researcher with Kaladan Press Network, an independent and not-for-profit Rohingya news agency. She is also the founder of Rohingya Women Welfare Society, a grassroots organization working in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

Peace & Democracy



FEBBIA MONIR
NOBEL WOMEN'S INITIATIVE

“Learning that Hassan Diab had returned to Canada felt unreal. And extraordinary. After all these years of fighting – first, against his extradition, and then for his release and return from France – we were worried it would never happen. Although we never stopped fighting, his ordeal had lasted so long that it had become a new ‘normal’ – our reality and his.”

Anne Dagenais Guertin

is the Communications and Research Coordinator of the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG). Inter Pares is a founding and active member of ICLMG and sits on its Steering Committee.

Human Rights



CHARLOTTE MIDDELL