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A PROFILE OF DIANA WIWA

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Diana Wiwa is an activist in the areas of human rights, women and feminism, and the environment in Nigeria in particular and Africa in general.

Diana Wiwa was forced to flee Nigeria just days after the military regime of Sani Abacha executed her brother-in-law Ken Saro-Wiwa, who was an internationally renowned human rights activist, environmentalist and writer. Diana Wiwa has been involved in the struggle for human rights and environmental sustainability, beginning as a student leader at the University of Port Harcourt in Nigeria.

Subsequently, Diana Wiwa was elected Organizing Secretary of the National Youth Council of Ogoni people, the youth arm of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP). She is currently the international representative of the Federation of Ogoni Women Association (FOWA) and the Coordinator of MOSOP Canada. She has been active in her efforts to expose the Nigerian military dictatorship of the late Sani Abacha and its collusion with Shell Oil.

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