



# FAREWELL COMRADE DOT KEET

Another sad loss has rocked the Africa Trade Network (ATN) family – with the passing on Saturday 8 February of our very dear Comrade Dot Keet. Dot has been an indefatigable warrior -- against apartheid, for the liberation of Africa and the integration of the continent, for equity and justice in the world. A great scholar, activist and teacher, Dot has lived and fought in many an African country outside South Africa – including Angola, Mozambique, Ghana. She brought that rich and diverse experience to the struggles against globalisation. As a founder- member of the ATN, Dot strove to unite the interests and struggles of the masses of ordinary people and their movements with the rigour of policy analysis in the network's many campaigns, against the WTO, the EPA, structural adjustment. Not only was she at the forefront in many seminal moments in the global campaign – from Singapore to Seattle, Cancun and Bamako -- she also inspired and helped build regional networks such as the Southern African Peoples Solidarity Network (SAPSN), which brought global and continent-wide struggles closer home and gave them stronger local roots.

Above it all, Dot was modest, warm and generous, giving of her time and knowledge to many activists, young and not so young. We shall miss her dearly. Our deepest condolences to her family and comrades.

AFRICA TRADE NETWORK



Dear all:  
Received the sad news that Dot Keet, our comrade from South in the historic anti-globalization, anti-WTO, and anti-free trade struggles of the 1990's and 2000's, has passed on. She was both a great activist and analyst. She will be missed, greatly.

Walden Bello

How terribly sad. Dot was a great woman warrior

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Thanks ATN for that beautiful tribute to Dot Keet. We, at IATP, also send our condolences to you all and to Dot's family. She was indeed a fighter. The first time I met her was at the meeting in Geneva in early 2001, when we organized a big strategy meeting to stop the Doha Round. It was at that meeting that we renamed the global network from "Shrink or Sink" to "Our World is Not for Sale" and I believe she was the one who advocated passionately for that name, if I'm not mistaken. I was young and new to the global trade scene then and Tetteh was there comforting me when she scolded me at the meeting for something I did that she didn't think was right.

She was yet one more warrior in our long struggle for justice and may she rest in peace.

Shefali Sharma

Yes indeed, I echo what all have said, about Dot. One of the few original thinkers and scholars who understood in depth the great adverse consequences of WTO and FTAs of the imbalanced kind that developed through the EPAs etc, and helped pioneer the CSO and social movements in Africa, the South and the world. Her work was so invaluable and continues to have a major impact. May she rest in peace. She will be much missed.....

Martin Khor

Sending love and solidarity to all of Dot's friends and family. She was an inspiring activist and thinker, a fierce champion of justice but also someone who was very generous with her time and support. Rest in Power Dot!

Asad Rehman

A great great activist, scholar and woman has gone. She is and will remain one of the most enlightened person from Southern African region, who contributed to our understanding post-apartheid South Africa, Post liberation Southern Africa and the Post Berlin Wall era of global capitalism.

Having personally known her in various regional platforms, AIDC, SAPSN, ATN, Our World is not for Sale, I can say that she had not only a brilliant mind but also caring heart and giant courage, for still to be in the struggle in her last years.



We in Mauritius owe much to her, for what we are today. Her wisdom will always be with us.

Deep solidarity to her daughter and comrades in Southern Africa and all around the world.

Ashok  
Mauritius

In TNI, it is indeed with deep sorrow that we share the news of Dot's passing - we are indeed privileged to have worked closely with her. Dot was a TNI Fellow and Planning Board member from 2001 to 2011, and Associate ever since. And as many of you attest - she was an indefatigable activist, scholar-analyst and internationalist. We are inspired by the many moving tributes you have already shared on the list. TNI has opened a Tribute page for Dot which is also accessible to her daughter and family

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