

## **Dr. Mildred McClain** **Harambee House (Savannah, GA)**

Community Leader Bio: Dr. Mildred McClain is a teacher by love and choice. She has over 30 years of teaching and organizing experience. She has served as the Executive Director of the Harambee House/Citizens For Environmental Justice for the past 17 years. Dr. McClain is the founder of the Black Youth Leadership Development Institute which will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008.

As an environmental justice organizer, Dr. McClain has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad advocating for environmental justice, neighborhood by neighborhood. She served as an official Community Based Organization delegate of the World Conference Against Racism and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, both held in South Africa. She presented testimony to the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland further introduction the Environmental Justice landscape for inclusion in their environmental and human rights agenda.

Dr. Mildred McClain is a leading activist on issues related to nuclear weapons production, transportation of nuclear waste, non-proliferation and public participation in the decision making processes of military and federal facilities. Dr. McClain served as a co-chair of Congressman James Clyburn's National Environmental Policy Commission for four years. She is also a Bannerman Fellow and received the Keystone Award for Leadership in the Environmental Justice field of work.