



1. ***Because communities have a right to say “no” to mining.*** In El Salvador, Guatemala, and throughout Latin America, communities are fighting back against mining practices that ruin their lands and poison their waters. CIEL is bringing its brilliant legal strategies to help build a region-wide movement to end destructive mining.
2. ***Because the World Bank should count the true cost of coal.*** In 2011, CIEL documented how the World Bank failed to fully consider the social and environmental costs of the massive Medupi coal project in South Africa. CIEL is working to end public financing of coal projects as part of the transition to low carbon economies while responding to the legitimate energy needs of the poor.
3. ***Because you may not want nanomaterials in your food, cosmetics or underwear.*** CIEL is working with partners in Europe and around the world to create a precautionary approach to nanotechnology, including labeling, registration, and sensible restrictions on current uses.
4. ***Because coastal and other vulnerable peoples should have a say in whether they leave their homes.*** CIEL is working with these communities to address the human rights implications of their displacement and relocation due to climate change. In 2012, we plan to bring indigenous communities from Alaska and Papua New Guinea together to develop shared principles for engaging communities in relocation decisions.
5. ***Because forest peoples deserve a say in how their land is used.*** In 2012, we will continue our work to safeguard the rights of indigenous peoples and other local communities in the implementation of projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation (REDD).
6. ***Because mercury doesn't stop at Customs.*** For years, CIEL has worked to build a more positive and constructive policy on international chemicals issues. From our early experience defending the emerging EU REACH and campaigning for U.S. leadership on POPs through our ongoing efforts to strengthen international chemicals management, address endocrine disruptors and help craft a global mercury treaty, CIEL is leading the way.
7. ***Because the Amazon still needs protecting.*** CIEL is launching a new initiative with local partners to build the information, public participation and governance tools necessary to ensure development in the Peruvian Amazon safeguards the environment and respects the rights of indigenous and local communities.
8. ***Because you don't deserve second-rate protection from toxics.*** While the U.S. Congress struggles to fix the fatal flaws in the federal chemicals law, CIEL is directly engaging policy makers and companies to create a system that ensures the safety of workers, consumers and communities and rewards innovation that is good for people and the environment.
9. ***Because democracy is not just for corporations.*** CIEL believes that people everywhere have the right to live in a healthy environment and to participate in decisions that impact their lives and livelihoods. From climate change to mining to international investment, CIEL works to increase transparency, accountability and public participation in environmental decision-making.
10. ***Because you have the right to a healthy planet.***



And someone has to defend it.