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When you give to CIEL, your gift helps us...

- **Build global recognition for the links between human rights and the environment.** In March, CIEL and partners celebrated the UN Human Rights Council's creation of the first-ever Independent Expert on Human Rights and the Environment. CIEL continues advocating for a similar mechanism focused on Climate Change and Human Rights.
- **Hold corporations accountable for the long-term health impacts and environmental clean-up of their operations.** In April, the "We Are All Shareholders" campaign mobilized action that spurred Canada's Goldcorp to increase its financial bond for closure costs of the Marlin mine in Guatemala.
- **Help reverse the power imbalance of free trade agreements that favor corporate interests.** In March, CIEL filed a "friend of the court" brief on behalf of Salvadoran anti-mining groups when Canadian mining company Pacific Rim sued El Salvador under the investment chapter of the Central American Free Trade Agreement for upholding its national moratorium on metal mining. The tribunal agreed with CIEL that Pacific Rim's suit under CAFTA was improper.
- **Reform outdated U.S. toxics laws and protect our children from harmful chemicals.** With coalition partners in "Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families," CIEL supported the Safe Chemicals Act to reform U.S. chemical policies. In July, a 21st century version of the Toxic Substances Control Act passed out of a key Senate Committee, building momentum for real reform in the next Congress.
- **Protect forest and people in the Peruvian Amazon in the face of large-scale energy projects in the Amazon.** In April, research co-authored by CIEL brought international attention to the massive ecological impacts of some 151 new hydroelectric dams planned in the Andes-Amazon region.
- **Seek new regulations that protect workers and families against hazardous nanomaterials.** In February, CIEL's study "Just Out of REACH" revealed gaping loopholes in Europe's chemical safety laws that leave the risks of nanotechnology largely unaddressed and proposed workable solutions to fix the problem.
- **Support communities forced to relocate by the effects of climate change.** In September, CIEL organized a workshop in Papua New Guinea with indigenous leaders from communities in Alaska and Papua New Guinea who are relocating on their own initiative due to severe climate impacts. They shared their experiences and strategies to ensure long-term sustainability and cultural resilience.

- **Hold the World Bank accountable when it fails to protect local communities.** In May, CIEL supported a labor union in Kosovo in submitting a complaint about labor rights concerns linked to a new coal mine and coal-fired power plant. Our work prompted the internal watchdog at the International Finance Corporation to launch an audit of IFC's involvement in the plan to privatize Kosovo's electric company and begin these coal projects.
- **Promote freedom of information.** In January, President Obama denied a permit to the controversial Keystone XL pipeline. Last year, a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by CIEL and others unveiled extensive communications between pipeline lobbyists and State Department officials. And in March, CIEL and Earthjustice won an important victory when a federal court ordered the U.S. Trade Representative to disclose a "classified" document related from decade old trade negotiations. When the government appealed, dozens of major media organizations filed a brief in support of our arguments.
- **Fight for global action to protect people and wildlife from permanent damage resulting from exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs).** In September, CIEL and its NGO partners persuaded reluctant countries to take action at the global level on EDCs, chemicals linked to a host of reproductive abnormalities including cancer, obesity, and diabetes.
- **Seek greater protection for threatened environmental defenders in the Americas.** CIEL mobilized international awareness about the repression of peaceful protesters and community leaders who have been threatened or persecuted for defending their environment – like the Ngöbe-Buglé people in Panama, land rights leaders in Guatemala, and anti-mining activists in El Salvador.
- **Protect biodiversity and the rights of communities in REDD+ projects to reduce deforestation and forest degradation.** In October, CIEL helped ensure that guidance issued by the Convention on Biological Diversity included key protections for natural forests, indigenous peoples and local communities. The guidance also links REDD+ monitoring with 20 strategic biodiversity targets, creating an important link between the CBD and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- **Challenge global financing of projects that threaten communities and the environment.** CIEL is developing an early warning system to identify projects at the International Finance Corporation and other development banks that pose a high risk of affecting human rights.
- **Stand up for fragile ecosystems.** In July, CIEL helped a local coalition in Colombia file a complaint against World Bank investment in a proposed gold mine that threatens fragile Colombian wetlands.
- **Develop a more comprehensive, less piece-meal approach to regulating chemicals globally.** A major new analysis by CIEL highlighted important gaps in the international regulatory system for chemicals and outlined the elements of a possible new framework treaty.
- **Empower voices of civil society to be heard when change is needed.** When the World Bank's proposed "Program for Results" approach to lending threatened to undermine environmental and social safeguards, CIEL helped lead a global effort that won important changes in how the Bank will implement the approach.

Your support makes all of this possible, and helps bring our knowledge, expertise, and support to the communities and ecosystems that need us most. We could not do it without you.

Thank you for your gift. We hope it means as much to you as it does to us.

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