

Giving Voice to the Earth

The Environment and its Defenders under Threat:
deforestation, megaprojects and human rights
in Latin America, Africa and Asia



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9am - 7pm

Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, London, SW1H 9NH

Environmental destruction and human rights abuse are inextricably linked. As we face unprecedented global challenges from climate change and loss of biodiversity, the work of environmental human rights defenders is assuming ever greater importance and urgency.

This conference, organised by Peace Brigades International UK, will explore threats to biodiversity presented by deforestation, pollution and mono-crop cultivation and the risks that environmental human rights defenders face. We will identify the links between these threats and the violation of human rights, as well as the role played by European and other international economic interests.

Local environmental human rights defenders will present specific cases of environmental destruction and human rights violations, and their impact on indigenous groups. The cases will include:

- Palm oil and logging in Colombia
- Mining in Guatemala

Members of parliament, Academics and International NGOs working in the fields of human rights and the environment will also contribute to the debate.

Programme, further information and registration forms can be obtained by email from: coordinator@peacebrigades.org.uk