A DANGEROUS BUSINESS:
THE HUMAN COST OF ADVOCATING AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND LAND RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Indigenous and traditional farming communities pay a high price for taking a stand against large-scale extractive, agribusiness, and development projects threatening their land. Repressive tactics by state and non-state actors work to silence dissent and allow profitable business ventures to proceed.

Despite international mechanisms designed to protect these communities, they continue to suffer land rights violations and environmental degradation, and their advocates continue to be threatened and attacked. What more can governments, business, international institutions, and civil society do to make these protection mechanisms more effective?

Panelists include:
- James Anaya, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Michael Mansfield QC, Leading UK civil rights lawyer
- Nick Matthieson, Investigative journalist, author of the report “Piping Profits”
- Lucy Claridge, Minority Rights Group
- Fiona Darroch, Protimos
- Tricia Feeney, RAID
- Peter Frankental, Amnesty International
- Sheldon Leader, Essex University
- Shanta Martin, Leigh & Day
- Father Wilfrido Mayrín Pulpe, Mexican human rights defender
- Jorge Molano, Colombian human rights lawyer
- Lisa Nandy MP, APPG for Corporate Social Responsibility
- Anglo American
- Business and Human Rights Resource Centre
- Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- London Mining Network

With an exhibition of photographs by Charlotte Kesl (www.charlottekesl.com) depicting community life in rural Colombia.

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