

Does The Hague Deliver Justice? Justice for Whom? 25<sup>th</sup> of

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Time: 17:00

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We invite NGOs, lawyers, trade unions, students, researchers, activists, and everyone who is interested.

On 30 August 2018 the Hague Court of Arbitration under its "investment state dispute settlement mechanism" has ordered the State of Ecuador not to execute the 2011 verdict on Chevron in the Amazon oil pollution case. That means that the judges of the Court of Arbitration expect Ecuador to violate its own Constitution and even pay a penalty.

We would like to discuss the working of The Hague Court of Arbitration. How does it operate? Who are the judges? Who benefits? Does it put Trade and Investment Agreements above international and state laws – including Human Right Legislation? Is this what "The Hague the City of Justice" is all about? What can we do about this?

Justino Piaguaje, Indigenous leader of the UDAPT - the Union of Affected People by Texaco's/Chevron Oil Pollution in the Ecuatorian Amazon and Pablo Fajardo, UDAPT's Chief Attorney will be part of the discussion.

A detailed agenda is forthcoming with the names of the other panelists and more information on the event.



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