

PROTEST CHEVRON, URIBE, AND BACHELET!

DEMAND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE!



On September 23rd, Chevron, Barrick, and Freeport McMoRan, and the Council of the Americas will sponsor a dinner featuring Chilean president Michelle Bachelet. 1 On September 24th, Chevron, Mizuho Bank, Telefonica, Bunge, and Sikorsky will host Colombian President Alvaro Uribe. Many of these companies and presidents have an ugly record of human rights and environmental abuse!



Wednesday, September 23 : Protest Bachelet, Chevron , Barrick Gold, and Freeport McMoRan

6:30PM-9:30PM at AS/COA, 680 Park Avenue (at 68th Street), New York, NY
(6 Train to 68th St./Hunter College)

Thursday, September 24: Protest Uribe, Chevron, Bunge, Sikorsky, and Mizuho Bank



11:30AM-2PM at Essex House Ballroom, 160 Central Park South (between 7th Ave and 6th Ave/Ave of Americas), New York, NY
(Q to 57th Street/7th Ave or F to 57th Street/6th Ave)

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What's wrong with:

Barrick Gold, the world's largest gold mining company, is accused of avoiding responsibility for the destructive environmental legacy of their projects or aligning itself with corrupt politicians, to employing police who violently suppress (and sometimes kill) organizers in the indigenous communities harmed by these projects.



Chevron is responsible for human rights and environmental atrocities around the world:

Ecuador While drilling in the Ecuadorian Amazon from 1964 to 1990, Texaco – which merged with Chevron in 2001 – deliberately dumped more than 18 billion gallons of toxic wastewater, spilled roughly 17 million gallons of crude oil, and left hazardous waste in hundreds of open pits dug out of the forest floor. Contamination of soil, groundwater, and surface streams has caused local indigenous and campesino people to suffer a wave of mouth, stomach and uterine cancer, birth defects, and spontaneous miscarriages.

Burma Chevron has refused to acknowledge both the widespread human rights abuses caused by its Yadana project and the destructive effects that revenue from the project has had in Burma.

Canada Chevron is involved in two separate projects in the tar sands, the Athabasca Oil Sands Project (AOSP) and the Ells River Project. In addition to direct human exposure, oil contamination from these projects in the local watershed has led to arsenic in moose flesh up to 33 times acceptable levels. Drinking water has also been contaminated. The energy intensive process used to produce synthetic crude oil from tar sands generates three to five times more global warming pollution than does conventional oil production.

Nigeria Chevron has been complicit with and benefited from human rights violations committed by security forces against local communities protesting effects of extractive activities. Chevron continues to employ and pay the notoriously brutal Nigerian military to provide it with security services. The military are known to violently repress peaceful protest by villagers from the Delta communities.

Chilean President Michelle Bachelet In Chile and Argentina, there is growing public indignation and opposition to huge, transnational metals mining operations and exploration. Pres. Bachelet, however, is ignoring the growing droughts, shrinking glaciers and threats to ecosystems and lifestyles of indigenous, campesino, farmers and other groups – and she is handing over entire Chilean, Andean, Argentine mountain ranges and river headwaters to multinational metals mining corporations,

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has waged an intense lobbying campaign to pass the Colombia U.S. Free Trade Agreement, a deal that would have devastating impacts on poor and rural communities in Colombia. As indigenous people rise up to protest the government's complicity in the destruction of their lands by extractive industries, they face massacres and targeted assassinations of indigenous leaders and their family members.

Bunge benefits from the global food crisis, the use of slave labor in Brazil, and deforestation of the Amazon rainforest and the adjacent Cerrado. The Brazilian NGO FUNAGUAS, which successfully sued Bunge for using native wood from the Cerrado to power its soy facility. Bunge is the largest exporter of soy from Brazil, where the crop has become the greatest driver of deforestation in the Amazon and the Cerrado.



Deforestation for soy.

Freeport-McMoRan's mine in Indonesia has been criticized for stealing the region's wealth, evicting local people from ancestral lands and polluting the environment. The company has also been criticized for paying Indonesian security forces to guard the mine. In West Papua, Freeport dumped a billion tons of mine into a jungle river in what had been one of the world's last untouched landscapes.

Mizuho Bank is a financier of The Kashagan oil field in the Caspian Sea, one of the largest oil fields discovered in the last few decades. An international Fact Finding Mission in the Northern Caspian region, conducted in September 2007, found evidence of extremely high environmental and social impacts and risks, and violations of international standards, including the Equator Principles and IFC Performance Standards, in the development of Kashagans offshore and onshore operations.



Sikorsky, a major defense contractor, lobbied heavily for US military aid to Colombia and managed to include the sale of at least 18 of its expensive Black Hawk helicopters to the Colombian military as part of the aid package. U.S. helicopters assist in aerial fumigation of fields of coca, devastating the Amazon rainforest and destroying the crops of farmers growing food for local consumption. Activists believe the Colombian military is using the Blackhawk to provide surveillance for paramilitaries before and after massacres

Websites with More Information: <http://protestbarrick.net> * <http://chevrontoxico.org> * <http://tradejustice.net> * <http://freetradekillsanimals.org> * <http://amazonwatch.org>