



Profiles of the prosecutors, spokespersons, experts and witnesses

Co-Prosecutors

Paul Cliche: With studies in anthropology and education at the University of Montreal, he is currently a researcher, teacher, counselor and gives workshops at the University of Montreal and at l'Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI). Paul has been involved in the development field since the 1980s. He has also participated in several research projects. In 2012, he studied the situation of international cooperation organizations of the AQOCI and worked on two research projects on educative ethnography, including one on children from First Nation communities in urban schools in Ecuador. He was also involved at Development and Peace for over 16 years where he held the position of Assistant Director of the International Programs, as well as head of teams and programs in Latin America, Asia and the Middle East until 2012. He has been involved in Latin America for many years, with Development and Peace, but also as a researcher, counselor and manager of the development and popular education program in Ecuador, Colombia and Peru. From 1980 to 1987 he lived in Ecuador where he was counselor at the National institute of training for peasants and coordinated a project on rural development and provided workshops in Andean communities.

Nadja Palomo: Activist and biologist, Nadja Palomo has developed a keen interest, understanding and respect for biodiversity, socio-environmental issues and human rights deriving from these issues. It is primarily through the coordination of habitat restoration projects that she became more sensitive to the social and environmental reality of her country, Mexico. She completed her Masters in Environmental Geography at the University of Montreal in 2011. Her masters' thesis has as subject the understanding and perceptions of natural resources in indigenous communities. She has been involved with the Committee for Human Rights in Latin America (CDHAL) since 2009 and assumes part of the coordination since 2012. In 2010, she attended the meeting with the "People Affected by dams construction and in defense of the rivers in Mexico", in the *Paso de la Reina* community in Oaxaca state.

Co-spokespersons

Claire Doran: Ex-Director of Canada program for Development and Peace, she was the director for the public education program during the major campaign on extractive resources. She is an ex-member of KAIROS board, an organization that works on issues related to extraction and indigenous peoples. She holds a Masters in Human Ecology from McGill. She is currently retired but is still active. She recently facilitated and contributed to various events on the issue of resources*. She is an editorial board member for the socio-political magazine *Relations**.

Symposium: "Looting or sharing: New forms of appropriation of resources and territories," October 2013, UQAM / UdeM; "Our planet in peril," EMI Congress, September 2013; ROJEP Assembly on respect for the land and the concept of "Buen Vivir", March 2013.

Daniel Cayley-Daoust: Daniel Cayley-Daoust is the public education and outreach coordinator at the Polaris Institute. There, he does research, education as well as various collaborative campaigns with other sectors of civil society. He has been interested in the impacts of mining on communities since he began his Bachelor in Environmental Science at the University of Ottawa, a university that also has various types of partnerships with the mining industry. The Polaris Institute is primarily a research organization that supports various social movements and the protection of water. This institute also tackles the abuses, impunity and influence of large corporations in our society. The Polaris Institute is one of the organizations that is part of the coordinating committee of the Permanent People's Tribunal.

Members of affected communities and experts

Latin America

Sergio Campusano (Comunidad Agrícola Diaguita Huasco Altinos, Valle del Huasco, Chile): à venir

Pedro Landa (Centro Hondureño de Promoción al Desarrollo Comunitario – CEHPRODEC, Honduras):

Pedro Landa is the Coordinator of the Human and Environmental Rights program at the Honduran Center for the promotion of communitarian development (Centro Hondureño de Promoción para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CEHPRODEC)). He is also the coordinator of the National Coalition of Environmental Networks, a platform that involves 49 networks of organizations working in the field of human rights in relation to mega-projects in the mining industry, large-scale dam projects and the oil and fuel industry. At an international level, this coalition is part of a group working on the mining industry and human rights in Latin America. With this group, Pedro Landa has worked on documenting 24 cases of human rights violations committed by Canadian mining companies in 10 countries of Latin America. The results were presented at the thematic hearings of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on November 1st 2013. In Honduras an important part of his job is to accompany communities resisting open-pit mining projects, and human rights defenders. He also gives legal advice to leaders that are criminalized due to their activities in defending human rights.

Dante Lopez (Proyecto Derechos Economicos, Sociales y Culturales –ProDESC, Mexique):

Dante Lopez comes from the Ocampo community in the municipality of Atotonilco de Tula in the State of Hidalgo in Mexico. At the age of 17, he moved to Mexico City to continue his professional studies in Sociology at the Political and Social Science Faculty of the *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*. There, he got involved in student groups for the defense of the right to free education and education of quality. Dante Lopez collaborated with the Mexican office of the American Center of International Union Solidarity. Since 2012, he has been collaborating with a project of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the context organized processes as coordinator of the accompaniment of processes of defense of the territory, the land and natural goods in El Ejido La Sierrita and the process of mining workers in the section 309 of the National Mining Worker's Union for the defense of their labor rights.

Oscar Morales (Comité en Defensa de la Vida y la Paz, San Rafael las Flores, Guatemala): Oscar Morales is an agricultural engineer, environmentalist, and human rights activist, and producer of cow's milk and cheese. Since 2010 he has been the coordinator of the Committee in Defense of Life and Peace, in San Rafael Las Flores, and COCODES President (Community Mayor) in downtown San Rafael Las Flores. Oscar Morales has been criminalized for resisting mining and demanding civil rights in his community.

Lina Solano Ortiz (Frente de Mujeres Defensoras de la Pachamama, Cuenca, Équateur) :

Lina Solano Ortiz is a sociologist with a Master's degree in Sociology and Development and is completing another Master's in Health with a focus on ecosystems at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Cuenca. She founded the *Frente de Mujeres Defensoras de la Pachamama* and other organizations that have been resisting to large-scale mining projects in Ecuador. These organizations include the *Coordinadora Campesina Popular* and the *Coordinadora Nacional por la Defensa de la Vida y la Soberanía* (National Coordination for the Defense of Life and Sovereignty). Currently, she is president of the Latinoamerican Women Union and a coordinating member of the International Women's Alliance (IWA). Because of her involvement in the defense of our Mother Earth, she has been victim of criminalization, legal persecutions and other violations of her rights, such as the arbitrary stripping of her right to liberty, physical violence by state forces and disqualification and the elimination of her privileges, from one part by transnational mining companies and from another part by the State of Ecuador and its government.

Nancy Yañez (Observatorio ciudadano; Universidad de Chile):

Nancy Yanez is a lawyer and professor of Legal Anthropology at the Law Faculty of the University of Chile in Santiago. She got her Master's degree in international human rights at the University of Notre-Dame in the

Unites-States. She worked for over a decade on the subject of indigenous rights, participating in governmental institutions as the Special Commissioner for indigenous Peoples and at the ministry of National Goods. Lina Solano has also worked as consultant for investigation institutions, specializing in the rights to land and natural resources for indigenous communities. On this subject, she developed an expertise in international law and comparative law. She collaborated with the Historical Truth and New Deal Commission. Currently, she is co-director of the Chilean Citizen Observatory, a non-governmental organization for the defense, documentation and promotion of human rights. It was created in 2004, in Temuco city as the Observatory for indigenous rights, by a group of citizens from different parts of Chile and from different professional and ethnic background.

Québec / Canada / Europe

Stephen Brown (Université d'Ottawa) : Brown is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Ottawa. His research focuses mainly on the intersection of the policies and practices of Northern countries and other international actors with politics in Southern countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. He has published on democratization, political violence, peacebuilding and transitional justice/rule of law in Angola, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Rwanda, as well as foreign aid, especially Canada's. He is the editor of *Struggling for Effectiveness: CIDA and Canadian Foreign Aid* and is currently co-editing a volume on the securitization of foreign aid and another on rethinking Canadian aid.

Maude Chalvin (Projet Accompagnement Solidarité Colombie) : Maude Chalvin is one of the members that founded the Projet Accompagnement Solidarité Colombie. Through international accompaniment, sharing of information and raising of awareness, the PASC is mobilized since 2003 in order to articulate a solidarity movement of resistance on an internationalist basis and anti-colonial perspective. One of the objectives of the collective is to denounce how Canada is profiting from the dirty war in Colombia. www.pasc.ca

Laurence Guénette (Projet Accompagnement Québec-Guatemala, Montréal) : Laurence Guénette is the coordinator of the Projet Accompagnement Québec-Guatemala. She has been involved in different initiatives and social movements for the defense of human rights since 2006, including in Guatemala and at the US-Mexican border with undocumented migrants. The PAQG began, in 2014, a campaign called the Money Thread, an educative project in order to raise awareness amongst Canadians and Quebecers in Soliarity with Guatemalan populations resisting to Canadian mining projects.

Shin Imai (Justice and Corporate Accountability Project, Osgoode Law School, York University, Toronto) : Associate Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Shin Imai is currently co-director of the Intensive Program in Aboriginal Lands, Resources and Governments and the director of the Justice and Corporate Accountability Project. After he became a lawyer in 1980, Imai practiced at Keewaytinok Native Legal Services in Moosonee and later had his own practice in the areas of human rights, refugee law and indigenous rights. He joined the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General in 1989 to work on the development of Alternative Dispute Resolution programs and to initiate justice project in indigenous communities. Imai's publications include the *Aboriginal Law Handbook* (on Canadian Aboriginal law); "Breaching Indigenous Law: Canadian Mining in Guatemala" with Ladan Mehranvar and Jennifer Sander (on Goldcorp's Marlin Mine); and "Counter-pedagogy for Social Justice" (on clinical teaching).

Meera Karunanathan (Conseil des Canadiens) : Meera Karunanathan is international water campaigner for the [Blue Planet Project](#), a global initiative of the [Council of Canadians](#) aimed at promoting the human right to water and water justice around the world.

Karyn Keenan (Halifax Initiative, Ottawa) : Karyn Keenan works at the Halifax Initiative, a coalition of Canadian civil society organizations. She works to promote government accountability concerning the overseas operations of multinational corporations. Karyn has experience working for environmental and social justice non-governmental organizations both in Canada and abroad. Her work in Peru and Bolivia focused on the social and environmental impacts of mining, oil and gas operations. Karyn was a member of the multi-stakeholder Advisory Group to the 2006/7 National Roundtable process, a major consultation convened by the Government of Canada regarding the overseas extractive sector. Karyn participated in consultations with the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative and the UN Working Group on business and human rights. Karyn led civil society efforts in support of Bill C-300, federal legislation concerning the overseas extractive sector. Karyn is a member of the Steering Committee of the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA) and is a consultant to civil society organizations. She holds degrees in biology, law and environmental studies, and was called to the Bar of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2001.

Marie-Dominik Langlois : Marie-Dominik Langlois got her bachelor's degree in international development with a minor in economy and hispanic studies at McGill University. She spent 8 years as coordinator in different non-governmental organizations involved in the topic of social and environmental justice, human rights, and working on the issues of natural resources exploitation in latin America (Comité pour les droits humains en Amérique latine, Réseau canadien de reddition de comptes des entreprises, Réseau œcuménique justice et paix, Syndicat des Métallos, Projet Accompagnement Québec-Guatemala). She started her Master's Degree at l'UQAM in political Science with a focus on international relations, foreign politics, cooperation and development. Her Masters evaluates the identity issues of the Xinka Community and its strategies in relation to the conflict the Escobal Mine opposing them to the Canadian mining company Tahoe Ressources and the State of Guatemala.

Laura Lopez (Institut de recherche et d'information socio-économique – IRIS) :

Laura Lopez is a researcher at the Research Institute on Socio-Economic information. She has a masters in environmental science from UQAM university and has been working for a few years now on mining related conflicts in Latin America as well as economic and socio-ecological impacts of the mining industry in Quebec.

Jennifer Moore (Mining Watch Canada, Ottawa): Latin America Program Coordinator at Mining Watch Canada, Jennifer Moore works on the Guatemala/Goldcorp campaign and on supporting communities, organizations, and networks struggling with mining issues throughout Latin America. Jennifer is a freelance print and broadcast journalist with twelve years experience in social justice journalism, a third of which she has gained while living and working in Ecuador. While in South America from 2006 to 2010, she researched and wrote popular and academic articles about the struggles of indigenous and non-indigenous communities affected by Canadian-financed mining companies.

Isabel Orellana (Centr'ERE de l'UQAM) : Professor in the department of didactics, research at the centre for research on environmental education and eco-citizenship (Centr'ERE), director of the environmental science masters program at UQAM, and member of DIALOG, a network for research and knowledge related to indigenous peoples. Her main field of work is with environmental education in relation to community ecodevelopment. She is interested in working on social processes that build knowledge related to environmental education and the social relevance, in particular to its contribution to emancipation, building identity, community empowerment and change during situations of socio-environmental critiques.

Pierre-Yves Sérinet (Réseau québécois sur l'intégration continentale – RQIC, Montréal) : As a political scientist specialised in international politics and social movements, Pierre-Yves Serinet has worked with coalitions of social movements here and elsewhere for over 20 year now, be it with the labour and popular movements in Columbia in the middle of the 90's, as a coordinator of *Solidarité Populaire Québec* at the end of the 90's, with Common Frontiers and the Mexican Network for action against Free Trade (RMALC) from 2001 to 2003 as well as with the Secretariat of the Continental Social Alliance (ASC). Since 2004, Pierre-Yves is the coordinator for the Quebec network on continental integration (RQIC), a large multi-sectorial coalition that works against free trade and the excessive powers that this economic model gives to multinationals at the expense of human rights.

Ana Maria Suarez-Franco (FIAN-International/Consortio ETOs, Genève) : Ana Maria is a lawyer at the Javeriana University in Columbia. During her doctoral studies she was a researcher at the Max Plank Institute on comparative constitutional law and international public law. Her main areas of research were law in relation to economic, social and cultural rights, as well as the monitoring of the relations between public policies and the right to food. Eventually she focus her attention on cases brought forth at the UN, extra-territorial obligations of States and specifically the theme of human rights and transnational corporations. She is currently FIAN's Permanent Representative on human rights systems at the UN in Geneva. She is also charged with facilitating the bridge between her work in Rome, Geneva and Washing, and supporting the participation of social movements and representatives of communities in international debates on Human rights systems at the UN.

Nancy Thède (Chaire Nycole-Turmel sur les espaces publics et les innovations politiques, UQAM) : Nancy Thède is an anthropologist and professor at the Department of political sciences at the UQAM. She has a lot of experience working with international cooperation organizations and has lead a few trips in the global south to do field research. She was responsible of the programme on democratic development at the International Centre on Rights and Democracy. Her field of expertise is international development with a particular focus on social movements and democratization in Africa and Latin America. Her recent publications were notably on local democratization, decentralisation and human rights as well as on Canadian international aid policies and democratization. Nancy Thède is the recipient of the Nycole-Turmel Chair on public spaces and political innovations at UQAM.