



THE TRUE COST OF CHEVRON: AN ALTERNATIVE ANNUAL REPORT, MAY 2010

INTERVIEWEE INFORMATION LIST

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March 25, 2010

6-8 pm

Rice Media Center

Public Forum on Struggle and Success

Speakers

Welcome Intro:

Antonia Juhasz

Global Exchange

www.GlobalExchange.org/chevron

Lead author & editor, *The True Cost of Chevron: An Alternative Annual Report*, 2010 and 2009 editions. Chevron Corporate Basics; Alternative Energy Investments; and Lobbying/Political Profile, Overview of all issues.

Juan Parras

Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (TEJAS)

Houston, TX

www.tejasbarrios.org

Issue: Chevron in Houston, Chevron Phillips Chemical facility spews toxic waste harming communities; Chevron offshore operations threaten Gulf.

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Maria Ramos

Rainforest Action Network

San Francisco, CA

www.changechevron.com

Ecuadorian indigenous leaders who are plaintiffs in the lawsuit against Chevron will be in Houston and available for interviews in Spanish or with English translation. Issue: World's largest oil spill in the Ecuadorian Amazon from Texaco's operations. Chevron has been fighting Ecuadorians in court since acquiring Texaco in 2001. Facing largest potential liability against any corporation in world history - \$27 billion in damages for environmental and public health devastation.

INTERNATIONAL

Angola

Elias Mateus Isaac

Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa

Luanda, Angola

<http://www.osisa.org/>

Issue: Support of brutal dictatorship engaged in gross human rights abuse; environmental & public health devastation; economic abuse.

Australia

Neil McKenzie (Indigenous Traditional Owner - Aborigines)

Joshua Coates

The Wilderness Society of Western Australia

West Perth, Australia

www.experiencewild.org

Issue: Proposed enormous new LNG facility to destroy indigenous land; environment; economy; native species habitat, including endangered whales.

Burma

Paul Donowitz & Naing Htoo

EarthRights International

Washington, DC and Thailand

www.earthrights.org

Issue: Chevron's Burma operations. With Total, Chevron is the single largest financial contributor to the Burmese Junta and the only major U.S. Corporation still operating in Burma.

Canada

Ryan Derange (aka Gitz Crazyboy) (First Nation)

Alberta, Canada www.ran.org

Issue: Chevron expanding already extensive operations in Alberta tarsands harming indigenous communities, environment, climate, livelihoods, health.

Colombia/Venezuela

Debora Barros Fince (Indigenous Wayuu)

Organizacion Wayuu Munsurat

La Guajira, Colombia

www.organizacionwayuumunsurat.blogspot.com

Issue: Chevron former coal production and current natural gas production and pipeline harm environment and economic survivability of indigenous Wayuu of Colombia & Venezuela.

Language: Spanish

Ecuador

Mariana Jimenez & Guillermo Grefa

Ecuador

Mitchell Anderson & Han Shan

Amazon Watch

San Francisco, CA

www.amazonwatch.org

Languages: English, Spanish

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Iraq

Thomas J. Buonomo

Former U.S. Army Intelligence Officer

Member, Iraq Veterans Against the War

San Francisco, CA

<http://ivaw.org>

Issue: Chevron's pursuit of Iraqi oil through U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Kazakhstan/Turkmenistan

Michelle Kinman & Sergey Solyanik

Crude Accountability

Alexandria, VA and Kazakhstan

www.crudeaccountability.org

Languages: English, Russian

Issues: Chevron in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan, massive environmental and public health disasters, displacement.

Nigeria

Emem Okon & Laura Livoti

Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre, Nigeria

Justice In Nigeria Now, San Francisco, CA

www.justiceinnigerianow.org

Issue: gross human rights abuse, environmental, public health, and livelihood devastation, flaring.

Philippines

Aileen Suzara

Filipino-American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity

San Francisco, CA

www.facessolidarity.org

Issue: Oil depot in the heart of Manila, security, environmental, & public health threat.

Issue: Chevron oil depot in the Philippines, environmental public health danger to community.

Languages: English, Tagalog/Filipino

REFINERIES

Jessica Tovar

Communities for a Better Environment

Oakland, CA

www.cbecal.org

Languages: English, Spanish

Issue: Chevron Richmond Refinery, largest Green House Gas Emitter in State of California; in serious non-compliance for air standards; public health, environmental, and economic abuse of community. Recent major victory by local community against Chevron blocking it from refining heavier more polluting crude after years of struggle.
Mississippi

Miranda Vandermeulen

Gulf Coast Sierra Club

Gautier, MS

www.sierraclub.org

Issue: Pascagoula Refinery, health and environmental danger to community.

OFFSHORE PRODUCTION

Alaska

Tom Evans (Native Alaskan)

CookInlet Keepers

Homer, AK

www.inletkeeper.org

Issue: Chevron's heavily polluting offshore oilrigs.

INTERVIEWEE FULL BIOGRAPHIES

Antonia Juhasz is the director of The Chevron Program at Global Exchange. She is the lead author and editor of both the 2010 and 2009 editions of "The True Cost of Chevron: An Alternative Annual Report." She is author of *The Tyranny of Oil: the World's Most Powerful Industry—And What We Must Do To Stop It* (HarperCollins, 2008) and *The Bush Agenda: Invading the World, One Economy at a Time* (HarperCollins 2006). She is on the National Advisory Board of Iraq Veterans Against the War and is a Senior Policy Analyst with Foreign Policy in Focus. A former Legislative Assistant to two U.S. Members of Congress, Juhasz holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, *London Observer*, and *Los Angeles Times*, among many other outlets. She was featured in the CNBC documentary, "The Hunt for Black Gold," and has appeared on programs including, CNBC's *Kudlow & Company*, Fox's *Hannity & Colmes*, *Fresh Air* with Terry Gross, and *Democracy Now!* with Amy Goodman.

Miranda Vandermeulen and Ryan Vandermeulen have spent many days hiking in the woodlands, swamps, and beaches of Mississippi and wish to protect them. From volunteering with the National Park Service and working with stranded marine life to raising awareness of natural resource protection, they have been environmental advocates working to defend the MS Gulf Coast from industrialized over-development in an opposing political atmosphere.

The Mississippi Chapter of Sierra Club, Gulf Coast Group, has been strong advocate for environmental protection in an area with many challenges due to heavy industry developments such as the largest Chevron refinery in the country located in Pascagoula, and one of the top dioxin polluters in the country, DuPont DeLisle. With an energy lobbyist as governor the state has faced many challenges. Within the last year, the Coast Group successfully prevented gas drilling near the

Gulf Islands National Seashore, successfully prevented the construction of a dam on the Leaf River in the breeding grounds for the Gulf sturgeon, and opposed a tremendously destructive proposal to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve into salt domes in Richton. That project, which would have had major negative environmental consequences for the Pascagoula River, recently was removed from the DOE budget.

Juan Parras. T.E.J.A.S. is dedicated to providing community members with the tools necessary to create sustainable, environmentally healthy communities by educating individuals on health concerns and implications arising from environmental pollution, empowering individuals with an understanding of applicable environmental laws and regulations and promoting their enforcement, and offering community building skills and resources for effective community action and greater public participation. Our goal is to promote environmental protection through education, policy development, community awareness, and legal action. Our guiding principle is that everyone, regardless of race or income, is entitled to live in a clean environment.

Elias Isaac has served as the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) Programme Country Manager in charge of providing managerial and programmatic leadership for all activities since 2005. Currently supervises an office with thirteen member staff and coordinates over a USD 2.5 million programme per year. The programmes range from human rights, democracy building (mostly elections and parliamentary building) education, economic justice, media, HIV/Aids, gender, ICTs and National languages. Also served as the senior advisor and resource person for the USAID/Angola democracy and governance portfolio, in the areas of rule of law, elections and political parties building, transparency and accountability, media and civil society development. Experience includes more than 10 years of work for religious and social organizations, multilateral donor agencies, international and regional non-governmental organizations in the areas of humanitarian assistance and community development, promotion of democracy and good governance, development of civil society and advocacy activities, local government capacity building, human rights, gender development and enhancement of women's participation in social and political process, social and political reintegration of internal displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and ex-combatants and projects to establish conflict mitigation and prevention. Experience working in countries in conflict and post conflict.

Naing Htoo is a Program Coordinator EarthRights International (ERI). He is Karen (ethnic group from Burma) man and graduate from the EarthRights School. He has worked with ERI since 1998, coordinating ERI's documentation on forced labor, particularly surrounding development projects in Burma. Naing Htoo also conducts advocacy with international financial institutions on Burma. His research and fact-finding have reached key policymakers at the International Labour Organization, the United Nations, and various governments around the world. Naing Htoo speaks Skaw Karen, Thai, Burmese and English.

Paul Donowitz is the Campaigns Director with the international NGO, EarthRights International (ERI), based in Washington, DC. Paul formerly worked as a Senior Policy Analyst at the trade union, the Service Employees International Union, organizing workers in the public sector. He has served as national coordinator for an international human rights organization. Other experience includes work for Social Accountability International, a labor standard setting and accreditation organization, and experience conducting research and training in India with the human rights

groups. Paul holds an undergraduate degree in South Asian Studies and Sociology from University of Wisconsin-Madison and a law degree from Columbia University School of Law.

Debora Barros Fince - Director of Wayuumsurat, “Mujeres Tejiendo Paz.” Debora is “a young Wayúu lawyer and leader of the Organización Wayúu Munsurat.” Debora is quoted as stating of the Chevron pipeline “[w]hen the company came here, it was all bad intentions.” She said “[t]hey came here promising all sorts of opportunities and benefits for the communities, something that has not been true.” Debora has a law degree with “a diploma in Civil Procedural Law and an emphasis on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.” She “conducts trainings and provides legal support for individuals, communities and indigenous Wayuu people in Human and Women’s Rights.

Han Shan, Clean Up Ecuador Coordinator, Amazon Watch – Based in New York City, Han is a long-time human rights and environmental activist. As Program Director of The Ruckus Society, Han trained thousands of grassroots activists in effective nonviolent action, and played a key role in the historic 1999 demonstrations against the World Trade Organization in Seattle. Han also serves on the board of Students for a Free Tibet and is proud to have been banned from China for his outspoken activism. Han is also a photographer and producer for Rikshaw Films, an independent production company that creates award-winning documentary films and issue-driven content for television and the web

Mitchell Anderson, Corporate Campaigns Director, Amazon Watch -- Prior to joining Amazon Watch, Mitch coordinated a regional human rights investigation in Chiapas, Mexico, documenting and exposing the effects of militarization on indigenous communities. He has spearheaded multiple international fundraising campaigns to support indigenous resistance and autonomy around the world. Mitch also worked as a freelance investigative journalist and as a certified Spanish-English interpreter.

Maria Lya Ramos is the director of Rainforest Action Network’s Change Chevron program. She has worked alongside Indigenous and rural communities across Latin America and has engaged the top echelons of major banks and corporations. She has served as a consultant to the Center for International Environmental Law and the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala on strategies to curtail through metal mining in the Guatemalan highlands. Previously she served as the Southern Amazon Program Coordinator at Amazon Watch, where she led advocacy efforts to protect Indigenous peoples and their territories from harmful extractive industry projects in the Peruvian Amazon. As Greenpeace’s National Field Organizer, she trained and mobilized community members and students across the country on grassroots environmental campaigns. Prior to this position, Maria headed the Washington Peace Center, a clearinghouse and resource center for nonviolent social change. She has worked with the National Coalition for Peace & Justice on national mobilizations in response to the curtailment of civil liberties and expansion of the war in the Middle East. She is a native Spanish speaker. Maria holds a Master’s degree in international development from The George Washington University and a political science degree from the University of Florida.

Sergey Solyanik is a consultant for Crude Accountability. Sergey has been an active participant in Kazakhstan’s environmental movement since 1990. For nearly twenty years he worked at the

Ecological Society “Green Salvation,” one of the oldest and most respected public environmental organizations in the country. Sergey has a degree in electrical engineering and a Masters in Environmental Politics from Keele University in the UK, which he earned under a Chevening Scholarship granted by the UK’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In 2001, Sergey participated in the US government sponsored “Contemporary Issues Program,” through which he conducted research on the interactions between American non-governmental organizations and transnational corporations. Sergey’s interests include protecting the human right to a healthy environment, and monitoring and influencing the activities of transnational corporations and international financial institutions operating in Kazakhstan and throughout Central Asia. Sergey speaks Russian and English.

Michelle Kinman is co-founder and Deputy Director of Crude Accountability. As such, Michelle is closely involved in both the programmatic and organizational development of the organization. In Crude Accountability’s first few years, Michelle led the international campaign to ensure greater public participation in the decision-making process surrounding the *Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea*, and conducted extensive research on oil spill prevention and response measures to be adapted to the Caspian region. More recently, Michelle has turned her attention to shedding light on the need for greater corporate responsibility by the petroleum industry, researching and writing about oil and gas companies active in Turkmenistan and about Chevron’s activities in Kazakhstan. She is also the lead web and communications officer for Crude Accountability. Michelle was formerly Caspian and Natural Resources Program Officer at ISAR, where she worked on programs from 1997-2003. Michelle has a BA in Russian Language and Literature and International Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, and currently is pursuing a graduate certificate in Environmental Policy and Management from the University of Denver.

Emem Okon - Founder and Executive Director of Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre. Ms. Okon is a women's rights activist and advocate from the Niger Delta’s oil impacted region of Nigeria. She is a campaigner against all forms of violence including that directed at women and the environment. Women’s rights are inextricable with environmental health, because environmental damage harms the survival and livelihood of women farmers and fisher folks. The destruction of self sufficient lifestyles can lead women to seek wages through sex work, which has resulted in increasing rates of HIV & AIDS.

Through her work, Ms. Okon organizes women for civic engagement. Ms. Okon works to give marginalized rural women in oil impacted communities a voice. By building skills and knowledge among women, Ms. Okon facilitates the participation of rural women in decisionmaking in their communities.

Ms. Okon was a leader of the powerful women’s protests of Chevron Corporation for its environmental and human rights abuses in Nigeria which garnered international media attention when a group of women took over an oil installation and threatened to take off their clothes if the company did not negotiate with them. She has coordinated several women’s networks and coalitions in the Niger Delta region, including Civil Society on HIV & AIDS, Gender and Constitution Reform Network, International Network on Women and Environment, and National Coalition on Affirmative Action, to mention a few.

Laura Livoti serves as Senior Program Officer at FACT for a portfolio of grassroots organizations in California and the South. Laura designed and manages FACT's program on building strong organizations. Previously she was Director of the National Radio Project. Laura's Board/Steering Committee responsibilities have included the Funders Network on Trade and Globalization, the Funders Network on Civic Participation, the Center for Economic Justice, Media Alliance, the International Media Project, the League of Young Voters and the 50 Years is Enough Network. She has been an active member of the Social Justice Infrastructure Funders and the Women's Action Coalition. Laura was a founder of several organizations including the Committee in Support of the People of Nigeria, Economic Justice for Africa Now, West African Girls Empowerment (WAGE) and Justice in Nigeria Now (JINN). She also helped start the West African Rainforest Network (WARN).

Aileen Suzara is a second generation Filipina, educator, and environmental justice advocate with the Filipino/American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity (FACES). In '05 and '08, Aileen co- led FACES delegation to Pandacan, Manila and witnessed the struggles of residents living fenceline to a hazardous Chevron depot. Compelled to take action, she now works with FACES' Chevron Campaign and aims to bridge the stories from the Philippine fenceline with the global movement for accountability.

T.J. Buonomo is a Chevron Program Associate at Global Exchange. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and former Military Intelligence Officer, U.S. Army. In 2007 he was discharged from the Army after criticizing the Bush administration's efforts to open the Iraqi oil industry to U.S. multinational corporations. Since leaving the military, T.J. has also worked as a Field Organizer for Iraq Veterans Against the War and a National Programs Associate for Veterans Green Jobs, where he developed a resource conflict and energy policy education curriculum focused on the Middle East and Central Asia.

Jessica Tovar is originally from Boyle Heights in East Los Angeles. The housing projects which she grew up in are directly across the street from an industrial city known as the City of Vernon. In early 2002 Jessica's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. She knew it had to do with the pollution in the community where her family lived and worked. She believes in the prevention of cancer and other illnesses is more effective than to spend money on a cure that will only be available to the privileged. This is why she chose to work for environmental justice and seek alternatives to polluting industry.

Jessica currently works for Communities for a Better Environment and has spent four years fighting the Chevron Refinery expansion in Richmond, California. This is an unprecedented campaign victory where community groups have fought and won big oil for violating their "right to know" under the California Environmental Quality Act for not disclosing the grades of crude oil to be refined nor providing data and mitigation measures on greenhouse gas emissions.

Mariana Jimenez, a 70-year old grandmother (of 27, no less) who's had a backyard view of Chevron's massive oil contamination in the Ecuador rainforest. Born in 1939 in the southern Ecuadorian province of Loja, Mariana Jimenez has twenty-seven grandchildren from her seven children. Seeking to escape a devastating multi-year drought in Loja and hoping for a better fortune, Mariana and her family moved in 1971 to 'Nueva Loja', an emerging boom-town in Ecuador's northern Amazon region.

Guillermo Grefa is from the Kichwa tribe, and is a leader from a community called Rumipamba in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest. Born in 1970, today he is a father of seven, and serves as the community coordinator and director of its school system. Grefa has long been a staunch advocate for the Kichwa people and the thousands of other indigenous peoples that have been severely affected by Chevron's former operations.

Josh Coates is the Kimberley Campaigner with The Wilderness Society in Western Australia.

The Wilderness Society (TWS) is a national, community-based, environmental advocacy organization whose purpose is to protect, promote and restore wilderness and natural processes across Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on Earth. Established in 1976, TWS is a not-for-profit, non-government organization. The vast majority of funding is obtained from membership dues, donations, public fundraising. TWS works through the avenues of public education and empowerment, advocacy and negotiation, and desk and field research. TWS is politically unaligned, but uses democratic processes to maximize wise conservation decisions.

Josh has been involved with TWS for around 5 years and in the current role for over 2 years. Josh draws on his love for wilderness, experience in the non-government environmental organization sector, background in marine science and extensive experience working with Indigenous people in the North of Australia to advocate for landscape scale conservation action to protect the Kimberley region.

Neil McKenzie - Yawuru Traditional Owner and Law Boss – Cultural Custodian of Yawuru and Jabirr Jabirr country including James Price Point.

Born in the native hospital in Derby in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia, Neil grew up with his grandparents and was taught traditional values and cultural practices by his elders. He was taught from a very early age that if you look after and respect country, it will always provide.

Neil remains an environmentalist, conservationist and aboriginal activist - looking after and preserving country and culture. He has worked as a cultural tour guide for 25 years. In 2003 he helped set up the Helping Young People Engage (HYPE) project in Broome after overwhelming community concern over antisocial and offending behaviours in areas where young people were gathering. 10-15 youth workers now patrol the trouble-spots of Broome by foot, typically on a Friday and Saturday night to support young people with issues of homelessness, domestic violence and substance abuse.