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Cordially invite you to a side event to the 23rd Human Rights Council session:

Access to justice and corporate complicity in human rights abuses

Friday, 31 May 2013, 4.00 – 6.00 pm, Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVII

This event will mark the fifth anniversary of the Human Rights Council adoption of the Framework "Protect, Respect and Remedy", and the publication of the ICJ Report on "Corporate complicity in international crimes". It will highlight the fact that the business and human rights agenda in the Human Rights Council remains unfinished, especially in the critical areas of access to justice and accountability, as well as the need for bold Council action to provide States and other actors with the necessary tools to ensure remedy and justice to victims of serious human rights abuses committed by or with the complicity of corporations in home and host countries.

Speakers:

- Humberto Piaguaje Lucitante and Pablo Fajardo Mendoza, representatives of the Lago Agrio (Ecuador) communities affected by Texaco/Chevron's oil spill in the Amazonian jungle.
- Peter Kayiira Baleke, representative of Mubende (Uganda) community who claim their lands were forcefully taken by the Uganda Army and given to Kaweri Coffee Plantation Inc, subsidiary of the German company Neumann Kaffee Gruppe.
- Muwafaq Khatib, Chairman of Hizma Village Council (in the Jerusalem Governorate), who provided a victim's testimony in a complaint filed against Riwal, subsidiary of Dutch company Lima Holding B.V., for complicity in the commission of war crimes and crimes against humanity through its construction of the settlements built on the village's confiscated land.

Chair/moderator: Carlos Lopez, head of the Business & Human Rights Programme at the ICJ.

Refreshments will be provided 5 minutes before the event