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A new ELAW report concludes that courts in several countries are poised to pursue climate justice. "Some people are profiting enormously from damaging the climate, while others will bear the costs of that climate damage," says Jennifer Gleason, ELAW Staff Attorney. Jen led a research team of ELAW partners from the United States, India, Ecuador, Brazil, Mexico, and Kenya to identify jurisdictions around the world where strong cases could be filed to hold corporations accountable for damaging the climate. Many thanks to the Wallace Global Fund for making this research possible. Find the report on ELAW's website.

Mining companies have set their sights on Ecuador, where mining threatens communities and ecosystems. ELAW Staff Scientist Meche Lu and former ECOLEX Staff Attorney Gabriela Leon published a handbook to help citizens understand the impacts of mining operations and how communities can make their voices heard: **Environmental and Social Impacts of Open Pit Metal Mining and Ecuador's Regulatory Framework**. Many thanks to the Swift Foundation for making this work possible. Find the handbook on ELAW's website.

Berlin 2014: UfU Hosts ELAW Annual Meeting



More than 70 ELAW partners from 38 countries converged in Berlin by train and plane for the 2014 ELAW Annual International Meeting, September 16 – 19. The Independent Institute for Environmental Concerns (UfU), ELAW, and the Heinrich Böll Foundation co-hosted this year's Meeting and an accompanying conference: "Legal Remedies for Resource Extraction." The rich agenda featured ELAW partners from around the world sharing strategies, building skills, and replicating victories. ELAW partners worked together to meet critical environmental challenges and build the human links that make the ELAW network strong.



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ELAW Digest (edigest.elaw.org)

An Annual Compilation of Important Environmental Law Decisions

Grassroots advocates around the world now have online access to key court decisions to help them build strong cases to protect the rights of local communities. ELAW Staff Attorney Liz Mitchell worked closely with ELAW Web Designer David Pugh to develop ELAW Digest, an annual compilation of precedent-setting environmental and human rights cases that can be easily accessed -- even on mobile devices.

"Courts and tribunals in every part of the world are issuing progressive decisions, but there has been no reliable way for lawyers to learn about these cases," says Liz, who reached out to ELAW partners to identify

the most important environmental law decisions published in the last year. Each year, we will continue to add new decisions to ELAW Digest, building a collection that will benefit advocates who need to know about the latest developments in environmental and human rights law.

Many thanks to the Philip Stoddard Brown and Adele Smith Brown Foundation for enabling us to create this valuable public resource that will help advocates spark new ideas and replicate environmental victories around the world.

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