

Defend the Defenders Coalition: Protection, Deterrence, Resilience



ELAW has helped launch a global Defend the Defenders Coalition (DDC) in partnership with nearly 40 organizations that are working to support land and environmental defenders. The DDC met in Mexico City in October to coordinate advocacy strategies and share skills for protecting defenders. In addition to murders and physical violence, land and environmental defenders are falsely charged with crimes, imprisoned, sued, defamed, and threatened every day. The DDC is working to amplify the work being done by each of its members to stem the tide of attacks.

ELAW works to support the safety of ELAW partners, so they can protect themselves and their clients and allies.

Protection

ELAW trains partners to assess risks and improve their personal, organizational, and digital security.

Deterrence

ELAW helps partners become less attractive targets by raising their profiles through domestic and international media, and engaging domestic, regional, and international human rights protection mechanisms.

Resilience

ELAW works with partners to build robust organizations and support community allies, so they can stay strong in the face of sustained pressure.