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The destruction of ecosystems and its impacts on indigenous communities: A role for the ICC?

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SPEAKERS:

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MODERATOR: Charlie Holt, Legal Counsel, Greenpeace International

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We are honoured to welcome **Nina Gualinga** of the Kichwa-speaking community of Sarayaku in the Ecuadorian Amazon, international indigenous rights and environmental defender.

Despite regulations calling for protection of the environment, destructive business practices continue to cause irreversible damage to vital ecosystems and the livelihoods of those who depend on them, heavily impacting indigenous communities.

Global Witness reported 212 murders of land and environmental defenders in 2019 - the highest number yet in a single year.

This panel brings together a group of environmentalists who see the moral and judicial values of the ICC as key to addressing the most serious international crimes. This includes the possible future crime of ecocide, the legal definition of which is now being drafted by an expert panel of international criminal lawyers.

Traditional ecological knowledge and indigenous wisdom are key elements in any legislation aiming to address environmental protection.

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