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The Access Initiative (TAI) is the world's largest network of civil society organizations working to ensure that people have the right and ability to influence decisions about the natural resources that sustain their communities. This Newsletter provides updates about partners' work around the world.

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Global Gathering, Uganda (2010)



Riocinha Favela, Brazil (David Berkowitz: 2010)

Are Governments Ready for Rio 2012?

Though the next Earth Summit, Rio+20, will take place next June, few governments have started to seriously assess their progress towards achieving the internationally agreed upon sustainable development goals outlined in the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21, according to a recent survey from the Access Initiative.

Read full story at <http://bit.ly/qplM4H>



Peru/Bolivia border (David Mercado: 2011)

Aymara Protests in the Puno Region

Walter Anduviri is protesting the mine in the Santa Ana community and he is not alone. Over 10,000 demonstrators, most of them indigenous Aymara, are there with him and it is making national waves. Since early May, Anduviri, leader of the Front for the Defense of Natural Resources and his colleagues have claimed that the Canadian Bear Creek Mining Company and the Peruvian National Government have been breaking the law.

Read full story at <http://bit.ly/pqkZyV>



India (Ice Cubes: 2007)

Update on TAI Partner Ramesh Agarwal

TAI partner Ramesh Agarwal's case will be argued before the India Supreme Court next week. Agarwal was denied bail at his second hearing before the Chhattisgarh Court on technical grounds unrelated to the specific charges of criminal defamation and intimidation. At a public hearing in May 2010 Agarwal spoke out against environmental law violations by the Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL). JSPL filed a criminal complaint, and a year later, June 2011 Agarwal was arrested.

Read full story at <http://bit.ly/qLEyp>



Kalia, Congo (Julien Harnois: 2007)

Waiting on US Rules for Revenue Transparency

On July 21st 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which includes a hallmark provision to bring transparency and accountability to the extractive resource industry.

Read full story at <http://bit.ly/pCk1V4>

Upcoming Events

Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Science and Technology Workshop
Mexico
August 4-6, 2011

Global Model UN Conference on Sustainable Development, DPI
Republic of Korea
August 10-14, 2011

International Workshop on the Fragmentation of Global Environmental Governance
Germany
August 28-29, 2011

Regional Preparatory Process for Latin America and the Caribbean
Chile
September 7-9, 2011