

**Human Rights Meets the Environment in the Amazon Basin:
Learning As We Go in the Belo Monte Dam Case**

Monday, June 6, 2011

2:00 – 3:00 pm EDT

Speakers:

- [Brent Millikan](#), Amazon Program Director, International Rivers, provided an update on the status of the Belo Monte project and discussed civil society and local responses to this and other “megaprojects” around the globe.
- [Astrid Puentes](#), Co-Director, Inter-American Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA), is one of the lead lawyers on the Belo Monte case at the Inter-American Commission. She discussed the legal strategies, using international human rights law and other approaches.
- Maria Amalia Souza, Executive Director, Centro de Apoio Socioambiental (CASA), shared CASA's strategy of using small grants to connect local groups with advocacy networks and national decision-makers.

Description:

This funder briefing focused on issues that grantmakers face working at the nexus of human rights and environment. The briefing examined how funders can respond to the impact of major infrastructural projects, looking specifically at the case example of the Belo Monte hydroelectric power complex in Brazil.

No notes available for this [session](#).