

The Chevron Case in Ecuador: Maria Aguinda's Fight to Bring a Major Corporation to Justice



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In 1962 [Texaco](#), an American oil company, signed an agreement with the Ecuadorian state to do oil explorations in different parts of Ecuador's Amazonian territories. For 30 years [Texaco](#) operated in these territories, including Maria Aguinda's home town of Arajuno.

[Texaco's](#) operations resulted in one of the major cases of environmental damage in modern history. This is the story of Maria Aguinda, who leads the lawsuit against the oil giant [Chevron](#) (current owner of [Texaco](#)), for the environmental damages its operations have caused in her native lands of Arajuno, Ecuador. Despite the odds, Maria Aguinda and her supporters have stood strong and continue the legal battle that they hope, will bring restitution.

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