



**\*\*\*EMBARGOED UNTIL 0001HRS, TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2020\*\*\***

On Tuesday June 23 the UK Supreme Court will hear pollution claims against Shell from two Nigerian communities, the Ogale and Bille. CORE Coalition, the UK's long-standing civil society network on corporate accountability, joined the International Commission of Jurists to act as interveners in the case.

**CORE Coalition Director Mark Dearn said:** *"Today's Supreme Court hearing is yet another case in yet another country where communities from the Niger Delta are trying to secure justice for what they've suffered at the hands of Shell."*

*"We've intervened in this case because we believe Shell in London owes a duty of care to the Ogale and Bille communities affected by its Nigerian subsidiary's actions."*

*"Shell has made billions from its operations in the Niger Delta, causing decades of environmental destruction - as King Okpabi says, this is a last hope for justice for the Ogale and they're 'praying for success'. We hope their prayers are answered."*

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**Notes to Editors:**

Intervention by CORE Coalition UK and International Commission of Jurists: [https://corporate-responsibility.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Okpabi-ICJ-and-CORE-submissions-29-05-2020-for-filing-at-UKSC\\_23322670\\_1.pdf](https://corporate-responsibility.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Okpabi-ICJ-and-CORE-submissions-29-05-2020-for-filing-at-UKSC_23322670_1.pdf)

Leigh Day represents the plaintiffs - press release with case background: <https://www.leighday.co.uk/News/Press-releases-2020/June-2020/Supreme-Court-to-hear-Nigerian-communities-pollut>

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