

OSCAR ROMERO HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDEE

"They have made other worlds believe that our [indigenous] nations are ignorant. But the ancestral wisdom that we have in our communities is so deep that I believe it's the opposite, that those other nations are the ones incapable of understanding our wisdom."



AURA LOLITA CHÁVEZ IXCAQUIC

Aura Lolita Chávez Ixcaquic is a feminist leader of the Council of Ki'che' Peoples (CPK) for the "defense of life, mother nature, land and territory" in Guatemala. She and the CPK work with 87 communities in the El Quiché region to preserve indigenous lands against corporate and government exploitation. As a result of her front-line advocacy work, Lolita has faced persecution and has lived in exile since 2017.

Her story brings awareness to the role of indigenous women in the fight for environmental justice and the continuing violence against human rights defenders.



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