

Coalition for the
Environmental
Territorial Rights of
Afro-descendant
Peoples of Latin
America and the
Caribbean



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AGENDA



INTERNATIONAL EVENT
SECURING
AFRO-DESCENDANT
PEOPLES' LAND TENURE
RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN:

AN EFFECTIVE PATHWAY TO CONSERVATION
AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

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Securing Afro-descendant Peoples' Land Tenure Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: An Effective Pathway to Conservation and Climate Change Action

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CONTEXT

In Latin America and the Caribbean, Afro-descendant Peoples make up 21% of the region's population. Over centuries, they have forged pathways and developed practices rooted in ancestral knowledge. Their customary territories include tropical forests, wetlands, shrublands, and marine ecosystems which are now recognized as global biodiversity hotspots crucial for achieving the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. Yet, despite the crucial roles and contribution—only 8.1 million hectares has been officially recognized as owned by these communities in six countries.

Convened by the Coalition for the Environmental Territorial Rights of Afro-descendant Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean in alliance with Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI), Proceso de Comunidades Negras (PCN), Coordenação Nacional de Articulação de Comunidades Negras Rurais Quilombolas (CONAQ), and the Vice-Presidency of Colombia, this event brings together Afro-descendant leaders, civil society organizations, NGOs, and government representatives to formulate actionable recommendations aimed at narrowing the intersectional inequality gap Afro-descendant Peoples experience and safeguarding their territorial rights and their representation rights as rightsholders in global decision-making spaces, such as the CBD and the UNFCCC.



OBJECTIVES

1

Gain recognition

Gain recognition of Afro-descendant Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean as rightsholders with their own rights-based agendas, and attain representation rights (Voice and Vote) in the CBD and UNFCCC.

2

Take action

Secure commitments from donors, governments, and international agencies for concrete actions and increased funding to close the gap in the recognition and protection of Afro-descendant Peoples' territorial rights.

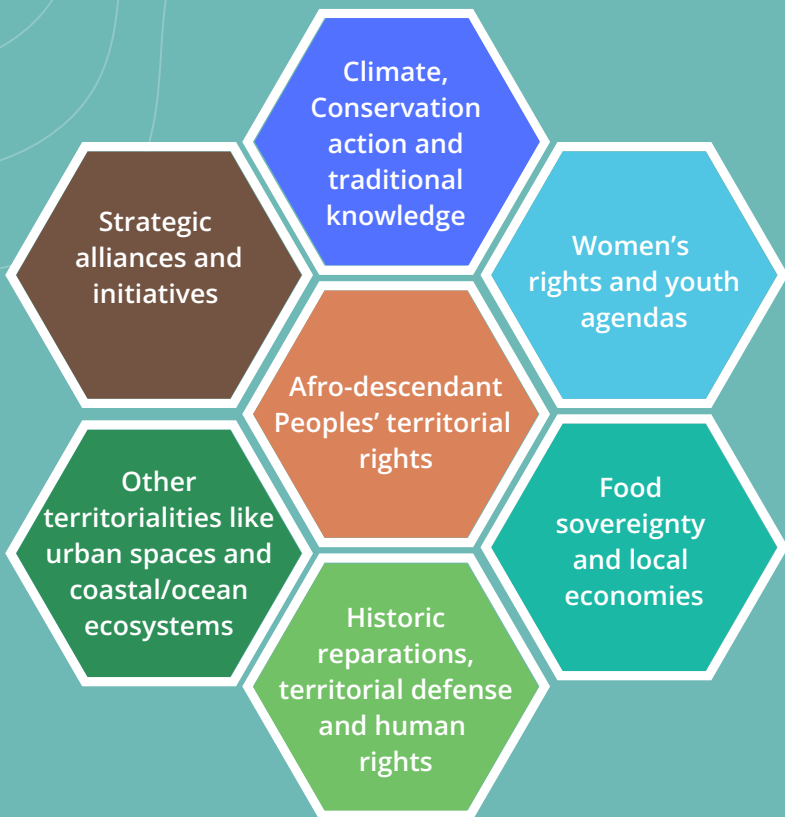
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Share

Make visible through data and storytelling the territoriality of Afro-descendant Peoples and the role they play in mitigating and adapting to climate change and protecting biodiversity in strategic ecosystems.

THEMES

The event's central theme is Afro-descendant Peoples' territorial rights, divided into six sub-themes related to securing Afro-descendant Peoples' land tenure rights as an effective pathway to conservation and climate change action.



CONVENERS

Coalition for the Environmental Territorial Rights of Afro-descendant Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean

The International Coalition for the Defense, Conservation, Protection of Territories, Environment, Land Use, and Climate Change of Afro-descendant Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean is formed by +25 Afro-descendant organizations in the region and was created, in alliance with RRI, to promote coordinated actions to strengthen the processes of defense of Afro-descendant territories and climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Proceso de Comunidades Negras (PCN)

PCN is a Black association that connects grassroots organizations, community councils, and individuals working together to transform the political, social, economic, and territorial reality of Black communities and Afro-descendant Peoples in Colombia.

Coordenação Nacional de Articulação de Comunidades Negras Rurais Quilombolas (CONAQ)

CONAQ fights for the guarantee of collective use of the territory, for the implementation of sustainable development projects, for the realization of public policies taking into account the organization of quilombo communities; for quality education consistent with the way of life in quilombos; the protagonism and autonomy of quilombola women; for youth to remain in the quilombo and above all for the common use of the Territory, natural resources and harmony with the environment.

Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

RRI is a global coalition of 21 partners and more than 150 rightsholder organizations dedicated to advancing the land, forest, territory, and resource rights of Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Peoples, local communities, and the women within these communities.

Vice-Presidency of Colombia

The Vice President of Colombia is the second-highest officer in the executive branch of the national government of Colombia. The Honorable Vice-President of Colombia, Francia Márquez, is the first Colombian Vice President of African heritage and the nation's first Minister of Equality and Equity.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

DAY 1 | MORNING

9:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY

- Greeting by the Master of Ceremony
 - Helmer Quiñones Mendoza
- Convener welcome
 - José Luis Rengifo, PCN and the Afro-descendant coalition (Colombia)
 - Omaira Bolaños, RRI (United States)
- Homage to Mother Earth, Afro-descendant community, PCN

9:35 a.m. WELCOME MESSAGE

- Message from the Honorable Vice-President of Colombia
 - Francia Márquez (Colombia)

10:05 a.m. FRAMEWORK PRESENTATIONS

- Miguel Angel Julio, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Colombia)
- Ronaldo dos Santos, Ministry of Racial Equality (Brazil)
- Carlos Rosero, PCN (Colombia)
- Denildo Rodrigues, CONAQ (Brazil)
- Barbara Reynolds, United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (Guyana)
- Eric Phillips, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (Guyana)
- Solange Bandiaky-Badji, RRI (United States)

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

DAY 1 | AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m.

DIALOGUE 1: ACCESS TO LAND AND
RECOGNITION OF THE TERRITORIAL
RIGHTS OF AFRO-DESCENDANT
PEOPLES IN LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN

- Moderator welcome
 - Johana Herrera, Observatory of Ethnic and Campesino Territories (OTEC), Javeriana University (Colombia)
- Framework presentation
 - Omaira Bolaños, RRI (United States)
- Dialogue
 - José Luis Rengifo, PCN (Colombia)
 - Hugo Jabini, Association of Saamakas Traditional Authorities (Suriname)
 - Katia Penha, CONAQ (Brazil)
 - Davi Pereira, Tenure Facility (Brazil)
 - Astolfo Aramburo, National Land Agency (Colombia)
- Q&A with public
- Concluding remarks
 - Gloria Monique de Mees, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Suriname)

4:15 p.m.

DAY 1 CLOSING REMARKS

- Concluding remarks
 - Cecilia Ballesteros, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Chile)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

DAY 2 | MORNING

8:45 a.m.

DAY 2 WELCOME

- Greeting by the Master of Ceremony
 - Helmer Quiñones Mendoza

9:00 a.m.

DIALOGUE 2: AFRO-DESCENDANT
PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN IN THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY (CBD)

- Moderator welcome
 - Rachael Watson, Campaign for Nature (United States)
- Framework presentation
 - José Absalón Suarez, PCN (Colombia)
- Dialogue
 - Q'apaj Conde Choque, Peoples and Biodiversity Unit, CBD Secretariat (Bolivia)
 - Darío Solano, RedAfros (Dominican Republic)
 - Padu Franco, Bezos Earth Fund (Colombia)
 - Martha Rosero, Conservation International (Colombia)
 - Ronaldo dos Santos, Ministry of Racial Equality (Brazil)
- Q&A with public
- Concluding remarks
 - Alain Frechette, RRI (Canada)

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DAY 2 | MORNING (cont'd)

11:00 a.m.

DIALOGUE 3: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY OF AFRO-DESCENDANT PEOPLES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL ECONOMIES

- Moderator welcome
 - Fran Paula, CONAQ (Brazil)
- Framework presentation
 - Mauricio Mireles, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Chile)
- Dialogue
 - Renan Tadeo, Federación de Comunidades y Organizaciones Negras de Imbabura y Carchi (FECONIC) (Ecuador)
 - Martha Rosero, Conservation International (Colombia)
 - Leidy Johana Bastidas, Asociación de Mujeres Afrodescendientes del Norte del Cauca (ASOM) (Colombia)
- Q&A with public
- Concluding remarks
 - Richard Moreno, National Afro-Colombian Peace Council (Colombia)

1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

DAY 2 | AFTERNOON

3:00 p.m.

DIALOGUE 4: AFRO-DESCENDANT
WOMEN'S LAND TENURE RIGHTS

- Moderator welcome
 - Sonia Viveros, Fundación Azúcar and Red de Mujeres Afrolatino-americanas, Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora (Red MAAD) (Ecuador)
- Framework presentation
 - Caren Paola Yañez, Red MAAD (Bolivia)
- Dialogue
 - Gregoria Jiménez, Organization for Ethnic Community Development (ODECO) (Honduras)
 - Sindis Meza, Ford Foundation (Colombia)
 - Gloria Monique de Mees, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Suriname)
 - Genesis Gutiérrez Morales, Asociación Santa Rita para la Educación y Promoción (FUNSAREP) (Colombia)
 - Estela Aguiar de Sousa, Ministry of Racial Equality (Brazil)
- Q&A with public
- Concluding remarks
 - Epsy Campbell, United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (Costa Rica)

5:00 p.m.

DAY 2 CLOSING REMARKS

- Concluding remarks

Thursday, June 13, 2024

DAY 3 | MORNING

8:45 a.m. DAY 3 WELCOME

- Greeting by the Master of Ceremony
 - Helmer Quiñones Mendoza

9:00 a.m. DIALOGUE 5: OTHER
TERRITORIALITIES: URBAN AND
COASTAL/OCEANIC ECOSYSTEMS

- Moderator welcome
 - Manuel Pérez Martínez, Javeriana University (Colombia)
- Framework presentation
 - Ana Isabel Márquez, National University, San Andrés (Colombia)
- Dialogue
 - Darío Solano, Red Afros (Dominican Republic)
 - Orlando de Ávila Pertuz, University of Cartagena (Colombia)
 - Johana Herrera, Observatory of Ethnic and Campesino Territories (OTEC), Javeriana University (Colombia)
 - Pablo de la Torre, Comarca Afroecuatoriana del Norte de Esmeraldas (CANE) (Ecuador)
 - Cristian Baez, LUMBANGA (Chile)
- Q&A with public
- Concluding remarks
 - John Antón Sánchez, Institute for Higher National Studies (Ecuador)

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DAY 3 | MORNING (cont'd)

11:00 a.m.

DIALOGUE 6: PATHWAYS TO DIGNITY: HISTORICAL REPARATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND TERRITORIAL DEFENSE AS TOOLS FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSFORMATION

- Moderator welcome
 - Margarita Flórez, Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad (Colombia)
- Framework presentation
 - Pastor Murillo, United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (Colombia)
- Dialogue
 - Barbara Reynolds, United Nations Working Group of Experts on Peoples of African Descent (Guyana)
 - Oswaldo Bilbao, Center for Ethnic Development (CEDET) (Peru)
 - Angélica Remolina, International Labor Organization (ILO) (Colombia)
 - Leyla Andrea Arroyo Muñoz, PCN (Colombia)
 - Carlos Rosero, PCN (Colombia)
 - Raquel Pasinato, Instituto Socioambiental (ISA) (Brazil)
 - Eric Phillips, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (Guyana)
- Q&A with public
- Concluding remarks
 - Palmira Ríos Gonzales, University of Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico)

1:15 p.m.

LUNCH

Thursday, June 13, 2024

DAY 3 | AFTERNOON

3:00 p.m.

SESSION: STRATEGIC ALLIANCES
AND INITIATIVES

- Moderator welcome
 - Keith Slack, RRI (United States)

Latin America: Quilombo de las Americas

- Ronaldo Dos Santos, Ministry of Racial Equality (Brazil)
- Maria del Pilar Catacolí Vasquez, Ministry of Equality and Equity (Colombia)

The Women in Global South Alliance (WiGSA)

- Ketty Marcelo, National Organization of Andean and Amazonian Indigenous Women of Peru (ONAMIAP) and WiGSA (Peru)
- Clemencia Carabalí, Asociación de Mujeres Afrodescendientes del Norte del Cauca (ASOM) and WiGSA (Colombia)

Economic autonomy and community funds

- Maria Alaídes, Fundo Babaçu (Brazil)
- Aurélio Vianna, Tenure Facility (Brazil)

- Q&A with public

5:00 p.m.

DAY 3 CLOSING REMARKS

- Concluding remarks

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DAY 4 | MORNING

8:00 a.m.

PRESS CONFERENCE

- Speakers
 - José Luis Rengifo, PCN (Colombia)
 - Oswaldo Bilbao, CEDET (Peru)
 - Katia Penha, CONAQ (Brazil)
 - Sonia Viveros, Red MAAD (Ecuador)
 - Darío Solano, Red Afros (Dominican Republic)
 - John Anton, IAEN (Ecuador)
 - Omaira Bolaños, RRI (United States)

8:30 a.m.

COMMITMENTS AND NEXT STEPS:
PATHWAYS TO CLOSE THE GAP IN
THE RECOGNITION OF
TERRITORIAL RIGHTS

- Greeting by the Master of Ceremony
 - Helmer Quiñones Mendoza
- Session opening speech
 - Francia Márquez, Honorable Vice-President of Colombia
- Moderator
 - Solange Bandiaky-Badji, RRI (United States)
- Presentation of recommendations
 - Katia Penha, CONAQ (Brazil)
 - Eny Cerón, PCN (Colombia)
- Dialogue with government representatives, multilateral organizations, donors, and international organizations to respond to recommendations

Government representatives

- Francia Márquez, Honorable Vice-President of Colombia
- Mauricio Cabrera Leal, Ministry of Environment (Colombia)

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DAY 4 | MORNING (cont'd)

- Astolfo Aramburo, National Land Agency (Colombia)
- Ronaldo dos Santos, Ministry of Racial Equality (Brazil)
- Maria del Pilar Catacoli Vasquez, Ministry of Equality and Equity (Colombia)
- Susana Matute, Ministry of Culture (Peru)

Embassies

- Jens Schüring, Embassy of Germany in Colombia
- Embassy of United Kingdom

Multilateral organizations representatives

- Juanita Bernal Lopez, Inter-American Development Bank (Colombia)

Donors

- Padu Franco, Bezos Earth Fund
- Sindis Meza, Ford Foundation
- Renata Neder, Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA)

International organizations

- June Soomer, United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent
- Angélica Remolina, International Labour Organization
- Mauricio Mireles, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Gloria de Mees, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

11:30 a.m. CLOSING CEREMONY

Acknowledgements: Afro-descendant Coalition and RRI
Traditional music act

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