

Protecting people and the planet

Our work in Latin America on climate justice issues in 2023

In Latin America, we work with communities, defenders and civil society organizations to promote a development model that respects human rights and protects the planet. In this infographic, we present some of the working groups and advocacy spaces where in 2023 we have built relationships, developed shared messages (on topics such as the just energy transition or the protection of the Amazon), and advanced our collective work.

The power of community-led struggles

Across the region, we work with communities that are struggling against extractive projects (e.g.: mining, dams, agribusiness) and supposedly green projects (e.g.: green hydrogen), which damage territories and violate their rights. We facilitate linkages to bring their messages in the advocacy campaigns targeting development banks, we amplify them, and we facilitate learning opportunities to exchange strategies with other communities and civil society groups.



During the COP28 in Dubai, a new global coalition was launched to "change the history of the Amazon, the climate and the Planet", involving groups from Africa and Asia in the campaign already underway in Latin America and with a view to influencing the COP30.

The Amazon Dialogues

In August 2023, just before the Amazon Summit with the 9 presidents of the Amazon region, more than 25,000 people gathered in Belém, Brazil. The "Amazon Dialogues" were a unique opportunity: thousands of peoples joined forces to call on their governments to listen to the voices of local communities and guarantee their participation in decision-making on projects that affect their lives.

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Advocacy work with the IDB

- Advocacy meetings with the IDB President and senior management, pushing the bank to only promote projects that are inclusive, transparent, and that respect the highest environmental and social standards.
- Recommendations for the review of the Access to Information policy and the implementation of IDB safeguards.



Regional Working Group on a Just Energy Transition

- Production of a joint analysis, presenting how a just energy transition from a Global South and feminist perspective should look like.
- Series of meetings to define collective priorities and plan actions for 2024.



Finance in Common Summit

In September, more than 40 Coalition's members and allies (including indigenous and Afro-descendant communities) joined the annual Finance in Common (FIC) Summit in Cartagena, Colombia.

Inside and outside the Summit, activists raised critical questions about who is really benefiting from this type of development, challenged the development banks' mainstream narrative, and shared their experiences to show why we need radical changes.

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