

12TH PAN-AMAZONIAN SOCIAL FORUM
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MANIFESTO OF THE YOUTH OF THE PANAMAZON REGION



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General Proposals

Proposal 1: An active, participatory, and collaborative youth network from different territories in defense of living territories

Proposal 2: The current Youth Camp should be renamed the Autonomous Youth Space for Life and Territory, maintaining its character and objectives, but recognizing itself as a space for coordination and advocacy by young people regarding the thematic areas of the FOSPA Houses.

Our Mandate by Thematic Houses

House 1: Territories Free from Extractivism for an Amazon with Rights

This thematic area brings together young people's voices on the protection of our territories against extractivism. Here we address the threats facing our territories and those of us who inhabit them—oil and mining expansion and other forms of extractivism, river and soil pollution, illegal economies, and the climate crisis—as well as the rights of nature and the protection of young people who defend life. Our demands and proposals aim to halt the advance of devastation and strengthen our capacity to care for and defend our territory.

Our Proposals

- Declare our territories to be living territories and subjects of rights.
- Effective and immediate compliance with court rulings, consultations, and popular mandates regarding nature and territories—including the decision on the Yasuní-ITT.
- Real guarantees of protection for young territorial defenders, and an end to the judicialization, criminalization, and stigmatization of protest.
- Comprehensive remediation of contaminated territories, rivers, and soils, with the full and effective participation of affected and neighboring communities in coordination with the relevant authorities.

Our Actions

- Maintain an early warning and information-sharing network among young people in the territories, strengthening decision-making—through our own messaging groups and social media—to promptly alert others and disseminate information about any threats, environmental damage, or need for support, as well as technical and useful information for others.
- Organize meetings and exchanges among young people from different territories to share knowledge on defense and concrete strategies to counter criminalization and build alliances.

- Maintain an ongoing social media campaign for fossil-fuel-free territories, featuring photos, videos, and testimonies produced by us ourselves—not by those who claim to represent us without knowing us.

House 2 on the Sovereignty and Self-Determination of Indigenous Peoples and Nationalities

Our Proposals

- National and international committees must create and ensure the necessary conditions for youth participation in FOSPA, including the necessary logistical, technical, and operational support, as well as in virtual meetings.
- Organize permanent and binding spaces for youth within the structures of indigenous organizations, as well as in all forums where decisions are made regarding our territories and our future.
- Strengthen intercultural bilingual education and/or our own systems of government, justice, and health care as a prerequisite for our continuity as young people, along with psychological support and follow-up.
- Guarantee concrete resources to sustain our ancestral knowledge, systems of knowledge, and living languages with effective protection.

Our Actions

- Organize intergenerational gatherings with the elders and wise people of the territories to keep the mandate alive,
- Bilingual social media campaigns as part of the youth camp's communication efforts to ensure the effective participation of young people from the Pan-Amazon region.

House 3: Economies for Life and Climate Justice

Our Proposals

- Direct, unconditional, and accessible climate finance for territorial youth organizations within the framework of a just transition that does not repeat the extractive model.
- Explicit recognition of historical climate debt and effective reparations by the countries and companies that pollute our territories.

Our Actions

- Create a shared, intercultural directory of existing youth initiatives and projects in the territories, so we can get to know one another, learn from each other, and exchange ideas.
- Organize fairs, barter events, and exchanges of products, seeds, and knowledge among communities and delegations of the Pan-Amazonian Youth.
- Promote community-based tourism and the sale of products through our own narrative, using free social media platforms.
- Build a network to share our experiences with other young people who want to get started with alternative economic models.
- Direct administration by youth leadership.

House 4 of the Women's and Diversity Resistance

Our Proposals

- Territories and spaces that are truly free from gender-based violence, with prevention, response, and enforcement measures that are actually implemented—not just on paper—within FOSPA's organizations and spaces.
- Equal participation with real decision-making power—not just token representation—for young women and people of diverse backgrounds in all processes.
- Recognition and redistribution of the care work that sustains life in our territories, and which today falls disproportionately on us.

Our Actions

- Promote ongoing and sustained processes—not isolated events—of training on equality, gender and intersectionality, violence prevention, and sexual and reproductive rights, aimed at young people in the communities, organizations, and collectives that make up the Pan-Amazonian region.
- Strengthen existing protocols, safe reporting channels, and pathways for care and support in response to gender-based violence and community violence, ensuring effective access to justice for women, girls, and people in the affected communities.
- Build networks of support and accompaniment among young women and people of diverse identities, with contact groups to sustain and care for one another—"Llama-Ama."
- Strengthen the participation, organization, leadership, and political agency of women, youth, children, and/or individuals and collectives in vulnerable situations, through an intersectional approach that recognizes the diversity of experiences, territories, and forms of resistance.
- To amplify on social media the voices, stories, collective memories, and leadership of young women and people of diverse backgrounds in the Amazon.

Permanent Regional Working Groups

To ensure that this Mandate does not fade away once the Forum ends, we, the youth, have agreed to create permanent regional working groups—one for each priority area—along with a shared communication platform. This is not a symbolic gesture: it is a concrete commitment to keep this message alive between one Forum and the next. These groups bring together young people from the nine countries of the basin, ensure continuity for the demands and proposals gathered here, and prepare our participation in the next Pan-American Social Forum. Declarations, mandates, statements, resolutions, and demands of the 12th FOSPA>

For life, for the territories, for the peoples, and for the Amazon that we are:

Here we are, and here we will remain. The

Amazon—One Territory