What is the Coordinator of Territorial Women Leaders of Mesoamerica of the AMPB?

We are born from the process of formation of territorial leaders, within the framework of the AMPB agenda. We created a women's structure in order to project and dialogue in the most relevant advocacy spaces of the environmental political agenda on the threats, challenges and particular challenges that indigenous and community women face for the defence of territory, natural resources, the forest and culture; as well as to propose solutions from the inclusion of women in environmental policies related to their territorial rights.

Achievements

The territorial women leaders of Mesoamerica are:

Protecting the last tropical forests in the world.

Leading processes of mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

Creating solutions from nature and ours communities.

We have achieved the participation of women in the political spaces related to our territories and the strengthening of capacities (technical, political, business); influencing public policies related to megaprojects, REDD+, FLEGT, climate change, safeguards, justice, equity, forestry incentives and the implementation of the Mesoamerican Fund for the Strengthening of Business Capacities of Indigenous and Community-based Women (FOMUJER).

Our lines of work

- Strengthening the capacities of indigenous women and local communities in Mesoamerica.
- Make visible the impact of losses and damages on women and their livelihoods, indigenous peoples and local communities in Mesoamerica due to climate change.
- Rescue of the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Member organizations

- Grassroots women from REDMOCAF / Mexico
- Grassroots women from ACOFOP / Guatemala
- Grassroots women of the National Alliance of Community Organizations of Guatemala / Guatemala
- Miskito Women MASTA / Honduras
- Grassroots women from FEPROAH / Honduras
- Territorial Government of Mayangna Women / Nicaragua
- Miskito Women Nicaragua / Nicaragua
- RIBCA / Costa Rica Women's Coordinator
- Association of Embera Indigenous Women Artisans (AMARIE) / Panama
- Kábata Konana Women's Association / Costa Rica
- Guna Bundorgan Women's Association / Panama
- BLIMAT-Miskito Women of Brus Laguna / Honduras
- Utz Che' Community Forestry Network of Guatemala / Guatemala

Challenges

Positioning of the #ResilientWomen, initiative: a proposal linked to the Warsaw Mechanism, to make visible adaptation and mitigation initiatives managed by indigenous women and grassroots communities, to promote dialogue and reflection between actors from different regions of the world on opportunities to address the losses and damages caused by climate change from a comprehensive, inclusive and equitable perspective.
The Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB) is a space of coordination and exchange of territorial authorities that administer or influence the main forest masses of Mesoamerica.

The Coordinator of Territorial Women Leaders of Mesoamerica, the Mesoamerican Territorial Fund and the Mesoamerican School of Leadership are lines of work of the AMPB.

"Our forest is dying and if it dies we lose our identity, we lose our worldview, we lose the house that we must ensure for future generations”.
Sara Omi, President Coordinator of Territorial Women Leaders of Mesoamerica.

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