

---

## [NO to REDD! Declaration of the Amazon meeting on carbon projects](#)

### **DECLARATION OF REJECTION OF REDD IN TERRITORIES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, AND PEASANT, TRADITIONAL AND AFRO-DESCENDENT COMMUNITIES OF LATIN AMERICA**

#### **Alto Turiaçu – July 2024**

This July 9-11, in Alto Turiaçu-Aldeia Ararorenda – the indigenous territory of the Ka'apor people in the state of Maranhão, Brazil – we held our first gathering as indigenous, peasant, traditional and Afro-descendent peoples, and indigenous rights defense organizations from different countries of the Pan-Amazon region and Central America where REDD+ projects have been implemented (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation). Hereinafter we will refer to this as REDD, and in this reference include other projects that were created following the same logic as REDD (for example, forest carbon projects, nature-based solutions projects, jurisdictional REDD programs implemented by state or national governments, and others).

After three days of sharing experiences and analyzing what REDD+ really means for our peoples and territories, we concluded that we are facing two projects, where one is the project of death that oil, mining, hydroelectric, agribusiness, and large infrastructure companies are promoting, along with States and now offset projects like REDD, and the other one is a project of life that we the peoples and communities are promoting through the respect and care for our territories.

In light of this, we issue the following declaration, so that our brothers and sisters of different peoples and communities do not fall into the trap of REDD:

#### **THE REDD DEATH PROJECT**

1. Breaks the unity and harmony of our peoples and engenders conflicts, even within our own families and cultures.
2. Threatens the lives of women, children and the elderly – by depriving us of the means we have in our forests to feed ourselves and access water.
3. Criminalizes the ways of life of our peoples and communities.
4. Manipulates our leaders into signing contracts without the consent of our peoples.
5. Seeks greater economic benefit for its business and incentivizes deforestation, because more deforestation means more business for companies that sell carbon credits.
6. Appropriates our territories and robs us of our autonomy.
7. Is a greenwash. Like other false solutions to the climate catastrophe, such as “unconventional oil exploration,” “biofuels,” “responsible mining or green gold,” or “energy transition,” REDD allows companies to continue with their business whilst polluting.

Furthermore:

8. Offset mechanisms like REDD allow companies to continue polluting, and these mechanisms do not reduce emissions from said pollution.

---

9. REDD drives the creation of new protected areas – which even have new modalities to include private areas – dispossessing and exiling us from our territories.

10. We reject the 30x30 goals that seek to meet conservation targets by affecting our territories, all while protecting the interests of large companies.

11. Governments are violating their constitutions and changing laws that protect our territories, in order to facilitate and give priority to extractive companies and REDD-type projects. REDD projects are death projects, because instead of protecting, they are destroying nature and our peoples.

## OUR LIFE PROJECT

1. We defend our territories, our rivers, our forests, our sacred sites, the spirits with whom we have a relationship (so that both they and we can live), our ancestral knowledge and culture, our medicinal plants, the materials for our homes and for the handicrafts that provide us with sustenance, and our food.

2. We demand and fight for the recognition of our territories through titling.

3. We recognize and respect the rights of nature in harmony with the peoples.

4. We reclaim the self-governance, self-determination and autonomy of peoples.

5. We defend and respect our ways of life, which are what guarantee the defense and care of our territories.

6. We demand that the fundamental right to free, prior and informed consent – including the right to veto – is effectuated, taking into account ILO Convention 169 and various agreements and declarations of international law.

7. We recognize and respect traditional knowledge as a fundamental condition for life.

8. We respect and fight for health and education that is differentiated in our languages and for our cultures.

9. We fight for peaceful territories, free of companies and government policies that pollute and destroy.

10. We work to create opportunities for our youth, based on our knowledge and wisdom.

11. Our territories have no economic value. They are financially invaluable.

12. We highlight the central role of women in the defense of our territories.

13. We urge human rights organizations to speak out and take actions to guarantee that the territorial rights of our peoples are respected.

They have been killing us since colonization. Currently, it is oil, mining, and agribusiness companies; dams and other infrastructure projects; carbon offset projects like REDD; and State policies which continue with the ethnocide of our peoples – killing our cultures, languages, identities, knowledge and wisdom.

## **ENOUGH is ENOUGH! We say NO to REDD!**

### **Signatories:**

- Coordinadora Nacional de Defensa de Territorios Indígenas Originarios Campesinos y Áreas Protegidas CONTIOCAP - Bolivia

- JUMU'EHA RENDA KERUHU - Centro de Formação Saberes Ka'apor, Brazil

- TUXA TA PAME - Conselho de Gestão Ka'apor, Brazil

- Associação das Mulheres Munduruku Wakoborun, Brazil

- Movimento Munduruku Ipereg Ayu, Brazil

- Movimento dos Pequenos Agricultores -MPA, Brazil

- Rede intercomunitaria Almeirim em Ação – RICA, Brazil

- 
- Associação Comunitária dos Trabalhadores Rurais, Extrativistas, Hortifrutigranjeiros da Comunidade Morada Nova do Jarí – APROMOVA, Brazil
  - Associação dos Mines e Pequenos Produtores Rurais e Extrativistas da Comunidade de Repartimento dos Piloos-ASMIPPS, Brazil
  - Proceso de comunidades negras de Colombia PCN, Colombia
  - CORPORACIÓN CLARETIANA NORMAN PEREZ BELLO, Colombia
  - TEJIDO UNUMA DE LA ORINOQUIA, Colombia
  - Frente Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas -FRENAPI, Costa Rica
  - Talamanca por la vida y por la tierra, Costa Rica
  - FECONAFROPU, Loreto, Peru
  - FEPIKECHA (Federación de Pueblos Indígenas Kechwa), Peru
  - Colectivo Ambiental del Resguardo del gran Cumbal, Pueblo de los Pastos - Colombia

**Signatures in solidarity:**

350 Vermont, United States

Acción Ecológica, Ecuador

Agroecological coaching education and advocacy, United States

Agua Yala y Observatorio del Agua - Universidad Nacional de Patagonia, Argentina

AITSP – Associação Indígena de Serra do Padeiro, Brazil

Amazonia Collective, Brazil

APDDH-Assistance, Droit de l'Homme, Cameroon

Articulação Agro é Fogo, Brazil

Articulação de Mulheres Brasileiras, Brazil

Asociación Amigos de los Parques Nacionales, Argentina

Asociación de Sobrevivientes de la Unión Patriótica Huila Sur ASUP, Colombia

Asociacion Ecologica del Oriente, Bolivia

Asociación Panameña de Lectura, Panama

ASOQUIMBO, Colombia

Associação da'uk, povo munduruku, Brazil

Associação Guapé, Brazil

Associação Indígena Tembé do Vale do Acará, Brazil

Associação quilombola Terra da Liberdade, Brazil

Biofuelwatch, United Kingdom

Brighter Green, Colombia

Cáritas, Brazil

Cáritas Brasileira Regional Norte II, Brazil

Censat Agua Viva, Colombia

Centre for strategic litigation, Tanzania

Centre tricontinental – CETRI, Belgium

Centro de Desarrollo Ambiental y Humano, Panama

Centro Flora Tristán, Peru

Centro integral de educación ambiental, Colombia

Cepasp, Brazil

CIMI, Brazil

CIMI MT, Brazil

CINEP, Centro de Investigacion y Educacion Popular, Colombia

Coalizão Pelo Clima, Brazil

Codeate, Colombia

Colectivo Runapacha, Colombia

Coletivo Amazônia MA, Brazil

---

Coletivo Casa Ilharga; Brazil  
Coletivo estudante indígena munduruku alto e médio tapajós-muraycoko, Brazil  
Collectif pour la défense des terres malgaches – TANY, Madagascar and France  
Comité Nacional para defensa de Los Chimalapas, Mexico  
Comunidade quilombola Rio Tauera-Açú , Brazil  
Cooperation Vermont, United States  
COPINH, Honduras  
Ecor.Network, Italy  
ERA/FoE Nigeria, Nigeria  
Escola Dendê da Serra, Brazil  
Federación regional de mujeres indígenas de Ayacucho - FEREMIA , Peru  
FETAGRI Regional Marajó, Brazil  
FIAN Indonesia, Indonesia  
Forests and Finance, Internacional  
Fórum de Mulheres da Amazônia Paraense -FMAP, Brazil  
Forum Ökologie & Papier, Germany  
Frente Ambientalista do Vale do Paraíba SP, Brazil  
Frente cívico tonalteco, Mexico  
Frente de Lucha Ambiental Delia Villalba, Uruguay  
Fundación Otway; Chile  
Fundación Solidaridad, Bolivia  
Gbolekekro Women Empowerment And Development Organization (GWEDO), Nigeria  
Global Forest Coalition, International  
Global Justice Ecology Project, United States  
Green Element, United Kingdom  
Grow More, Waste Less, United States  
Grupo de Trabalho de Educação Escolar Indígena do Maranhão (GTEEI-MA), Brazil  
Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Nigeria  
Icra international, France  
Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, India  
Informationsstelle Peru e.V., Germany  
Initiative Pour Le Developpement Local, DRC  
Instituto Estudios Ecologistas TM, Ecuador  
Instituto Teko Porã, Brazil  
JA!Justica Ambiental, Mozambique  
Jakinmina, Colombia  
KruHA, Indonesia  
La Voix Des Fermiers, DRC  
Land Care Cooperative, United States  
LandWEB, United States  
Maderas del pueblo del sureste, AC, Mexico  
MARBE SA, Costa Rica  
MayuFilmes, Brazil  
Met(t)areach, United Kingdom  
Missão Tabita, Mozambique  
MNU - Movimento Negro unificado, Brazil  
Montes Nativos, Colombia  
Movimento Leste Maranhense-Cerrado, Brazil  
Movimento Xingu Vivo; Brazil  
Movimiento Ciudadano Por la Defensa del Territorio, Colombia

---

Muyissi Environnement, Gabon  
Nheeporã, Brazil  
No REDD in Africa Network, Nigeria  
NOFA-VT, United States  
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, United States  
OAB/Pará, Brazil  
Observatorio de Conflictos Ambientales (OCA). Universidad Nacional, Colombia  
OFRANEH, Honduras  
Oilwatch Africa, Nigeria  
Oilwatch Latinoamerica, Brazil  
Organização dos Educadores Indígenas Munduruku-Arikico, Brazil  
Otros Mundos Chiapas/Amigos de la Tierra México, Mexico  
Ottauquechee Water Protectors Association, United States  
Partner Suedmexikos e.V., Germany  
Pensamiento y Accion Social-PAS, Colombia  
PLANT (Partners for the Land and Agricultural Needs of traditional Peoples), Ireland  
PPL- Pastoral Popular Luterana, Brazil  
Probios.org, Suriname  
Proyecto Gran Simio (GAP/PGS- España), Spain  
Proyecto Lemu Asoc. Lihuen-Antu, Brazil  
PTC, Colombia  
Puanifesto, Indonesia  
RADD, Cameroon  
Rainforest Action Network – RAN, United States  
Red de Acción sobre plaguicidas y Alternativas en México (RAPAM), Mexico  
Red de Mujeres, Colombia  
Red de Vigías y Defensorxs del Bosque de Galilea (Tolima), Colombia  
Red Solidaria Colmena RSC, Colombia  
Rede De Mulheres Das Marés E Das Águas, Brazil  
Reentramados para la vida, defendiendo territorios. Chiapas, Mexico  
Regeneration Corps, United States  
Rettet den Regenwald e.V. Germany  
Rural Vermont, United States  
Sahabat Alam Malaysia (Friends of the Earth Malaysia), Malaysia  
Salva la Selva, Spain  
SDE, Indonesia  
Struggle to Economize Future Environment (SEFE), Cameroon  
SYNAPARCAM, Cameroon  
The Corner House, United Kingdom  
The Grassroots Center, United States  
Tienda De Artesanías, Defensores Voluntarios Tudaray Ixiamas, Bolivia  
Tremembé aldeia engenho 8, Brazil  
tsijilba bij, Mexico  
União de Mulheres de SP, Brazil  
Veeduría a la gestión pública y ambiental del Bosque de Galilea, Colombia  
Veeduría Ambiental Huila Macizo, Colombia  
Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition, United States  
Waman Wasi, Peru  
White River Natural Resources Conservation District, United States  
Windrose Fund, United States

---

---

Winter Center for Indigenous Traditions, United States  
Women's Leadership and Training Programme (WLTP), South Africa  
World Rainforest Movement (WRM), International