

#### BUILDING THE METHODOLOGY OF THE IX FOSPA NOV 2020

#### CALL FOR CALLS

We are here to stop the ethnocide and ecocide of viral pandemics, extractive, racist, patriarchal, colonialist and neo-dictatorial that threaten the lives of peoples and the Amazon territories

Faced with the urgent call of an Amazon region beset by pandemics that the ambition of the capital system has deployed on its vitalities, taking advantage of the health emergency that has centralized decisions and locked up the citizens, the various social organizations and collectives that promote processes of articulation around the FOSPA propose to reconvene virtually the IX International Meeting, initially planned for March this year in Mocoa, Colombia.

We are living in a rather complex historical moment, in which the expansion of covid 19 has highlighted the structural problems of the prevailing social order, and its inability to respond to the global threats that are looming over humanity and the planet. We have experienced this with the current health crisis, which gives us the certainty that it would also happen with a worsening of the climate crisis, with even more fatal consequences. Capital is not going to stop its machinery of accumulation of wealth, its reason for being, and in the face of the collapse of its economy with the pandemic that paralyzed the labor force, on the contrary, it will come up with a more voracious and aggressive attitude to tear out the entrails of the Amazon and enslave the peoples.

This reality is an extraordinary challenge and demands from us prompt and deeply rooted answers. It is urgent then that we advance in the qualification of the multiple proposals for the defense and the integral care of the Amazon, with a programmatic vision of change around: the Amazonian identity, the ways of life and the own government, weaving communities and societies for the Good Living. That we encourage our wills, with the exchange of alternative experiences materialized in our territories. And that we strengthen the social articulations around the Initiatives of Action, to strengthen the transformative capacities of each organization and the process as a whole.

Consequently, we call on all communities, processes, organizations and persons who have registered for the different activities of the IX FOSPA MOCOA-2020, and all those who have put their concerns in the Amazon during this time, to restart this path towards the IX International Meeting, to be held from November 12 to 15 and 27 to 28, now in virtual conditions.

PAN-AMAZONIAN SOCIAL FORUM INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE -FOSPA

| GENERAL PROGRAM IX INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOSPA NOV 2020 |  |  |                           |   |   |                  |
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| Horá<br>rio   | Thursday 12                                      | Friday 13th                                    | Saturday 14th             | Sunday 15th                             | Friday<br>27th  | Saturday<br>28th |
| 09 a<br>10H   | Apertura   | MALOKA 2:<br>AMAZONIAN<br>IDENTITY             | MEETINGS OF               | The Malokas:<br>The Amazon we<br>want   | FAIR OF ORGANIZATION AL EXPERIENCES Self-generated activities |                  |
| 10 a<br>11H   | FOSPA<br>Methodology                             | Presentation  Working Groups                   | THE INITIATIVES (5 TEAMS) | The IDÉIAS: Weaving the Amazon for Good |   |                  |
|   | What happens to the Amazon?                      | Cultural activity                              | Cultural activity         | Living                                  |   |                  |
| 11 a<br>12H   |  | Plenary  | Plenary                   | Letter from<br>Mocoa                    |   |                  |
| 12 a<br>14H   |  |  |                           | Ceremony                                |   |                  |
| 14 a<br>15H   | MALOKA 1:<br>TERRITORIES<br>AND PATHS OF<br>LIFE | MALOKA 3:<br>GOVERNO<br>PRÓPRIO E<br>AUTONOMIA | MEETINGS OF<br>THE        |   | FAI   | IR OF            |
|   | Presentation                                     | Presentation                                   | INITIATIVES               |   |   | IZATION          |
| 15 a<br>16H   | Working Groups                                   | Working Groups                                 | (5 TEAMS)                 |   | AL EXPERIENCES Self-generated activities                      |                  |
| 16 a<br>17H   | Cultural activity                                | Cultural activity                              | Atividade cultural        |   |   |                  |
|   | Plenary  | Plenary  | Plenary                   |   |   |                  |

## 1. GENERAL METHODOLOGICAL CRITERIA

We have conceived the 9th FOSPA Meeting as a harmonious unity of diversity where all the activities are interrelated, in a methodological process aimed at motivating the broadest willingness of the participating organizations to assume FOSPA as a process of articulation of the multiple initiatives, for the defense and integral care of the Amazon in the construction of communities and societies for Good Living.

For the IX International Meeting we specifically propose two objectives:

- a. To produce programmatic and methodological advances referred to the alternatives to the extractive development of capital that is currently imposed on the Amazon.
- b. To strengthen FOSPA organizationally, around the different Territorial Committees and the Action Initiatives (IDEAS), as dynamics of Amazon articulation.

The IX virtual/presential FOSPA will maintain the methodological principles we set out for Mocoa 2020: coherence, sense of belonging, participation, transformation, ancestry, spirituality, gender equity and action without harm. (See document on the FOSPA website). Simple communication pieces will be prepared to explain the FOSPA methodology in an agile way.

Due to the experience we have had in previous events, the possibilities of guaranteeing participation/attendance in a virtual meeting, implies that the days have a maximum limit of two days per day, of three hours each and with varied activities, as little as possible simultaneously. This means that we have limited times.

For this reason, depending on the objectives and the nature of the proposals, the programmatic debates and the articulations for strategic action are prioritized. The presentation of the practices of the organizations in the bands that we call "self-managed activities", conceived for the presential Meeting, we propose to project them as part of the IX FOSPA in an agenda following the Forum.

We will seek to make pre-recordings of all the exhibitions with defined themes and which can also be distributed beforehand. With this we guarantee better levels of convocation, participation and use of the limited time that we will have.

It is necessary to make a new inscription for the participation in the IX FOSPA. This is because virtual participation requires other access conditions. For this reason a new form will be made, based on the previous one and the new methodological programming that is being designed.

For the event in Mocoa, several pre-Forums had been held in most countries. Some Committees have proposed that they will hold new preparatory meetings for this new opportunity, with the aim of adjusting the analyses and proposals according to the current context, determined by the social and political dynamics created in the framework of the covid 19 pandemic. Initially, then, it was proposed to systematize the elements that would motivate and guide the dialogues at the 9th FOSPA, but finally what we will do is summarize the topics discussed at each event and publish them in bulletins, with the same intentions.

We are going to include in the framework of the programming some meetings of the International Committee that will follow up the Forum and facilitate the elaboration of the Mocoa Charter and the designation of the country where the X International Meeting of FOSPA will be held. The face-to-face meeting of the International Committee is planned for March next year in the city of Mocoa.

#### 2. FIRST DAY: OPENING

Installation. It will consist of two moments: a ceremony of the spirituality of the people and some opening words

Greetings: It is agreed to give a space for a pre-recorded video max 2 minutes to greet COICA, REPAM, WORLD ASSEMBLY, WSF and COP26 Coalition (some additional greetings must be placed in other moments of the agenda)

FOSPA methodology. Explanation by the Colombian FOSPA Committee, who energized the process in this 9th stage and the construction of the methodology. Technical guidelines for participation will also be given. - Time line of the Fospa process is exposed

What happens in the Amazon? It consists of a panel that will characterize the main problems experienced by the biome and its peoples, its trends in the coming years and the challenges for social movements. We will speak, for example, about: the climate and environmental crisis, the extractive development of capital, restricted democracy, the militarization of territories, the situation of native peoples, violence against women's leadership (verdict of the Women's Tribunal),... It has been proposed that the Conflict Mapping IDEA present an overview of some of these issues. The panel will be led by FOSPA's National Committees in the different countries.

#### 3. MALOKAS OF THE PROGRAMMATIC AXES

In each Maloka, the activity begins with the presentation of the programmatic axis, its general approach, the conflicts and alternatives it deals with and the work methodology. Then they will be divided into groups according to the central aspects developed by each axis, around three aspects: characterization of the conflict, character of the alternatives and the construction strategies.

Then we would make a cultural activity in which we would make representations of the diversity of artistic expressions of the peoples of the Amazon, their rural and urban territories, their youth and their women. In the meantime, the ideas that were developed in the groups are organized, identifying the main points of encounter and the debates that will move the FOSPA in its tenth stage. This report will be presented in plenary after the cultural activity.

The working groups that would develop the Programmatic Axes in each Maloka are

## PEOPLES AND CULTURES IN AMAZONIAN IDENTITY

- Group 1: Amazonian identities (indigenous, rural, black, urban) includes ancestral knowledge and spiritualities
- Group 2: Community and intercultural education historical memory
- Group 3: Amazon Cities for Good Living
- Group 4: Health in the Panamazonia- Natural, ancestral and traditional medicines

#### TERRITORIES AND PATHS OF LIFE

- Group 1: Energy transition
- Group 2: Food sovereignty, security and agroecology
- Group 3: Water justice: Defense of basins, rivers, moors, community aqueducts
- Group 4: Climate crisis and community management of the forest
- Group 5: Transformative economies

## **AUTONOMIES AND COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT**

- Group 1: Rights of peoples and nature
- Group 2: Building local power: Community organization, self-government and autonomy
- Group 3: Life plans and social and environmental planning of the territory
- Group 4: Guarantees for social participation and leadership

Each working group will have a guide of questions to guide the discussion and take into consideration the integrative principles that we pointed out in point 1.

#### 4. MEETINGS OF ACTION INITIATIVES – IDEAS

During this period, 12 IDEAS have been structured with different levels of development. The idea is for each one to hold its meeting on the third day, organized by its promoting groups, six in the morning and six in the afternoon simultaneously. The objectives of the IDEAS Meetings are: to strengthen each of the proposals, to elaborate a mobilization agenda and to articulate new organizations to them

At each Meeting, the promoting group initially presents the general approach of IDEA, its programmatic commitments, its specific objectives, the lines of work it promotes, its organizational dynamics (what it has done and how it does it) and proposals for action days for the agenda of the new stage of FOSPA.

In a second moment, a dialogue will take place in which the organizations participating in the Meeting of interest can express their general or specific views in relation to IDEA, the proposals that improve its approach and actions, but also those that can express the will to be articulated in it.

There will subsequently be a place for cultural activities, which the reporting teams of each Meeting can take advantage of in order to put the main conclusions in order. Here each IDEA can also invite the activities that it will present at the Fair of organizational experiences, on November 27th and 28th. And finally, there will be a plenary session in which these conclusions will be shared and a dialogue will take place to identify common points, especially in the work agendas.

Similarly, the Meetings will be held in the morning and in the afternoon.

## 5. FINAL PLENARY: Promises, articulations and actions for the X FOSPA

The Amazon we want. It is about sharing the visions of the Amazon that were projected in each Maloka, from the transformations of the current conflicts, identifying the common elements and those that we must continue clarifying in this journey

set. After each exhibition there will be room for complements by those who consider that some important aspects worked on at the Maloka were not collected.

Weaving the Amazon for Good Living Here each IDEA is presented in two key aspects: the main days of action and the organizations that are articulated. The common agenda is also presented as a result of the complementarity of activities between the IDEAs.

Letter from Mocoa. In it we will seek to interpret as faithfully as possible the common feelings and thoughts of those of us who have come together for this 9th Meeting: how we interpret the current conflicts in the Amazon, the promises to transform them towards the construction of communities and societies for Good Living and the mobilisations that we are committed to developing as an expression of our capacity for articulation, not only as FOSPA but also with Latin American and world processes.

Ceremony to celebrate the path of the X FOSPA. An invocation to the spiritual forces of all the territories and peoples of the Amazon, to strengthen our will to walk together and together this new and challenging stage of FOSPA, affirming the steps towards Good Living.

# 6. COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE FAIR - Self-managed activities

Activities proposed by communities, organizations and social processes of the Amazon and the world, to share knowledge and demonstrative practices of the integral care of the territories, as alternatives of survival and coexistence in front of the model of development of the capital. They are a continuity of the dialogues and proposals that FOSPA will put forward in the first part of the IX Meeting, particularly as developments of the IDEAS. The agenda of FOSPA in movement towards the X Meeting will include new programs of Fairs of community experiences.

The activities are presented in various formats and are self-managed by those who propose them. FOSPA's communications system will be available for their convocation and diffusion. The programming will be based on the registration of the activities. These will take place on November 27th and 28th, also in three-hour strips, morning and afternoon. It is necessary to register in advance to organize the specific programming of these activities.

#### 7. POINTS OF COLLECTIVE PARTICIPATION

According to the conditions of the levels of affectation of the covid 19 and the relaxation of the isolation, we are going to try that a presential participation is carried out through small groups in the different territories of the Amazon, rural and urban, around a coffee, a tulpa, a collective pot, etc. The idea is that the local committees of FOSPA can promote these mingas and create the necessary logistical conditions for their development (connectivity, transmission, space, food). The fundamental aspect is connectivity, so it is suggested that support be sought from educational and cultural institutions or other entities.

There will be a form for each Committee to register information about the organization of these points of collective participation, so that we can have a map of all of them and their connectivity conditions, especially. In addition to the dialogue around the themes of the IX FORUM, the CFPs can be used to generate other ceremonial and cultural activities.

In general, we will seek technological support to ensure the connectivity of communities with fewer opportunities to access virtual media. It is important that local organizations contact the community radio stations in their territories for live or deferred transmission of the activities of the meeting each day. The most important aspects of the activities of the IX FOSPA Meeting will also be recorded so that they can be replicated later by the organizations in their territories.