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## *The Amazon and Climate Change- Civil Society's role at the COP 20*

**Lima, Peru, August 6 and 7**

*In the Amazon we must face up to the challenges of deforestation, climate change and the construction of sustainability by means of more intense articulation and collaboration of civil society, the private sector and the various spheres of government.*

*"Together, we can go so much farther"*

### Objectives

- Promote a broad, shared vision of the Pan-Amazon and strengthen the region's role as a protagonist in the negotiations and agreements at the COP 20.
- Define a priority agenda and a collaborative work pathway for addressing the themes of deforestation, climate change and Amazon sustainability at the COP 20.
- Expand global actors' knowledge of, and support for Amazonian indigenous peoples' human rights, contributions and their mitigation and adaptation proposals for the climate crisis.
- Reinforce the articulation of the more important Pan-Amazonian networks with a view to fostering more effective and pro-positive action on climate change issues.
- Generate connections among governments, civil society networks and the private sector with a view to establishing multi-sector governance spheres for the construction and implementation of sustainability policies and plans in the Amazon region.

### Principal Contents

- Pan-Amazonian cooperation to combat deforestation, address climate change and head the region towards sustainability.
- An Amazonian perspective on Energy, Health and Nutritional Security.
- Articulation of organized civil society's performance at the COP 20.

*All contents will be addressed in the light of existing threats and the construction of proposals designed to amplify the protagonist role of Pan-Amazonian society.*

### Partnerships and Participation

The idea of the 3rd Pan-Amazon Meeting is to aggregate the participation of various civil social networks such as: RAISG; COICA; RAMA; ALER; the Living Amazon Initiative /WWF; The Ethos Institute for Corporate Responsibility, the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Change Platform the Building Bridges Movement, the Peru COP 20 group and the 350.org, among others.

In addition to the alliance with the Peruvian Ministry for the Environment, partnerships and alliances are being established and reinforced with both new and traditional ARA partners such as the Fundación Avina, Fundo Vale, CDKN, the CIAM, SDSN Amazonia,

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ICAA, Fundo CASA, and the IUCN. All civil society organizations, indigenous associations, private companies, public sector entities, communication media and academic institutions that have interests or activities associated to the key themes are invited to attend.

### Expected Results

Segments of Amazonian society better informed and with a shared vision of the prospects and challenges associated to climate change in the region.

A well-articulated Amazonian networks strategy and a well defined work pathway among the various countries with a view to conducting advocacy on climate change issues at the COP 20 and to fostering joint participation with other networks and initiatives.

A measure of the success of the meeting in the form of a set of articulated actions among the different actors to construct a Pan-Amazonian sustainability agenda.

*Apart from their nature as events in their own right, the Pan-Amazonian Meetings are part of a process of articulating and reinforcing society carried out through collaborative actions and initiatives.*

### Organisation

**[Amazonian Regional Articulation \(ARA\) www.araamazonia.org](http://www.araamazonia.org)**

ARA is a network of civil society organisations in those countries that have parts of their territory in the Amazon basin. It was set up in 2007 with the mission of articulating the efforts of the various entities endeavouring to reduce deforestation and promote sustainable development in the region. It also aims to facilitate connections among social actors and foster exchanges of solutions directed at the construction of regional sustainability.

It currently has 54 member organisations including non-profit NGOs, universities and research centres. In a bid to establish a regional platform, national ARAs have been set up with the member organisations of the respective countries, namely: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela, and these last function in a coordinated manner but independently, according to the characteristics of each country.

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