



**Conferencia Regional
sobre Desarrollo Social
de América Latina y el Caribe**
Brasilia, 2 a 4 de septiembre de 2025

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen,

We recognize the efforts made in organizing this preparatory conference for the Second World Summit for Social Development. We consider this forum to be essential for contributing proposals for actions and policies that foster a more just, equal, and equitable society.

We also appreciate the support and coordination of the MDS Social Participation and Diversity Advisory Office and ECLAC in facilitating the collective reflection process of hundreds of representatives from civil society organizations and social movements, unions, networks and collectives, councils, forums, as well as activists, researchers, teachers, educators, and students from the region. We are also grateful for the availability of the Participa Brasil and IPPDH platforms, where a first version of the document was made available for public consultation.

As a result, we drafted a powerful statement entitled: **For Social, Economic, and Climate Justice, Participatory Democracy, and Sustainable Development for the People of Latin America and the Caribbean.**

We are pleased to highlight our main proposals and invite everyone to read the full text on the ECLAC website. We will read the first part in Spanish and the second part in Portuguese.

I. For Social and Economic Justice

Overcoming historical and structural inequalities requires strong states, redistributive policies, and universal social protection. The region faces serious challenges of poverty, hunger, discrimination, and unequal access to free public services such as education, health care, social security, and decent work, which demand urgent and structural responses.

Therefore, we demand that States:

- Implement and strengthen universal, integrated, sustainable, and equitable public social protection systems that are free of charge;
- Strengthen the role of the state in the free provision of public goods and services, with inclusive, anti-racist, anti-ableist, and non-sexist education, in addition to guaranteeing full and comprehensive health care, access to housing, transportation, and food security;
- Adopt mechanisms for taxing the super-rich and large corporations based on fiscal justice, which will allow for an increase in the public budget to finance human rights and public services in a comprehensive manner;



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- Support the creation of a binding multilateral mechanism for sovereign debt restructuring and establish a regional pact against tax evasion and avoidance, illicit financial flows, and tax havens.

II. For Participatory Democracy, Inclusive Governance, and Regional Cooperation

Democracies in the region face risks with the rise of authoritarian regimes, hate speech, and the reduction of democratic spaces. To reverse this scenario, it is necessary to strengthen social participation, ensure transparency, and foster solidarity and cooperation in the face of global challenges.

We request that States:

- Garantam o direito à participação ativa e representativa de todos, todas e todes, com criação de espaços plurais, flexíveis e permanentes, como conselhos e conferências e ouvidorias;
- Comprometam-se com a transparência, fortalecendo mecanismos de acesso à informação e a dados desagregados;
- Estabeleçam mecanismos concretos de cooperação internacional solidária e humanitária para populações afetadas por guerras, conflitos armados e violações de direitos humanos, com destaque para a defesa de uma paz justa e o reconhecimento da Palestina como Estado soberano.

III. For Sustainable Development with Climate, Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Justice

The climate crisis and the extractive model widen inequalities and disproportionately affect historically vulnerable people. Building a just future requires transitions, recognition of rights, and valuing local knowledge.

Therefore, we demand:

- Fair transitions, with energy and agricultural sovereignty, as well as the protagonism of social actors in the territories;
- Public investments in socio-bioeconomics, agroecology, care economy, and solidarity economy, with an intersectional approach;
- Implementation of food sovereignty and hunger eradication policies;
- Recognition and historical redress of racial and gender inequalities;



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- Regional adoption of SDG 18 (Ethnic-Racial Equity) and support for the creation of new SDGs;
- Promotion of decent work as a pillar of sustainable development;
- Climate policies specific to children, based on environmental justice and intergenerational equity;
- Promotion of sustainable development with mental health, social justice, and overcoming structural inequalities;
- Adherence to the commitments of UNDRIP and UNDROP, strengthening the knowledge and resistance of the peoples in the territories.

At this VI Seminar, we renew our alliances among the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, and reiterate our expectation that the governments of the countries in the region will make clear, measurable, and binding commitments in preparation for the World Social Summit.

Therefore, we propose:

Treat all historically vulnerable people as priority audiences for social development policies, considering their intersecting markers of gender, race, class, age, disability, ethnicity, origin, and territory.

Establish national goals for civil society and social movements' participation and representation in public policies, with budget allocation, equity, and transparency.

Place all human and nature rights at the center of development, recognizing their indivisibility and interdependence;

Recognize the human right to migration, with reception and integration policies for people displaced by conflicts, climate change and emergencies, or economic crises;

Establish intersectional action plans for the eradication of extreme poverty, including the participation of children, adolescents, and young people in the development of these documents;

Create, institutionalize, and strengthen specific commissions focused on historically vulnerable populations, as mentioned above, including homeless populations, as a way to ensure their effective participation, recognition of their rights, and promotion of equity in decision-making spaces;

Social justice, equity, and sustainability are urgent. Concentrated wealth, racism, patriarchy, and environmental destruction threaten the present and the future. We reaffirm that **without the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, there is no 2030 Agenda.**



We call on States, the United Nations system, and the international community to listen to the cries of the territories and turn promises into concrete action. **We will continue to work together, in solidarity, in resistance, and in hope!**