



AMAZON YOURSELF!

REASONS FOR THE X PAN-AMAZONIC SOCIAL FORUM

The X Pan-Amazon Social Forum - FOSPA, will be held from 28 to 31 July 2022 in Belém do Pará, in the Brazilian Amazon. As has been happening for twenty years, it will be a moment of approximation of the struggles that take place over a vast territory, strengthening the ties between the protagonists of resistance in defense of Nature, our territories, cultures, and women's bodies, expanding the knowledge of the experiences developed by every people, every community, every movement or entity. Likewise, it will be a route preceded by Pre-Forums, Action Initiatives, Encounters Without Borders, River and Land Caravans that will head to the city of Belém, capital of the Amazonian resistances.

But, in addition to these permanent motivations, there are three strong circumstantial reasons that highlight the importance of X FOSPA. The first is political advocacy. From the Brazilian territory, the entire pan-Amazon forest is being pushed into a dynamic of environmental destruction, combined with the violation of the rights and territories of indigenous peoples, traditional communities, and women's bodies, on a scale never seen before. The genocide, who occupies the presidency of Brazil, proposes laws to open up indigenous lands to mining, logging, and agribusiness, verbally encourages the invasion of territories, turns a blind eye to violent attacks against communities and murder of popular leaders, dismantles the government bodies of defense of the environment and preaches hatred against forest peoples. The result was recently released: Brazil, last year, beat all deforestation records. The example of the Brazilian government spreads across most countries in the Amazon Basin. With good reason, the president of Brazil is considered an enemy of peoples around the world. Stopping this disastrous trajectory is essential. At X FOSPA we will



have the opportunity to gather thousands of voices, with repercussions across the planet to shout: Out Bolsonaro (Fora Bolsonaro)!

It will be an important contribution to the fight against fascism, authoritarianism, patriarchy, and colonialism on the continent and in the world.

The second reason is the visible growth of struggles in our region. The intransigent defense of our territories, articulated movements against megaprojects, resistance against mining, mining and oil exploration in the jungle, denunciations, and actions against deforestation and agribusiness and gender violence have increased our capacity to articulation, as demonstrated by joint activities carried out by many organizations, such as the jungle scream, World Assembly for the Amazon, Meeting of Amazon Knowledge and Climate Change, International Court for the Rights of Nature and others. X FOSPA gives us the opportunity to go a step further and make the various Amazons: from the forest, the waters, the savannah, the cities, the peasant areas that are already meeting and often, fighting together, will have the opportunity to advance in the debate and in the construction of a common program, capable of facing questions and dilemmas and pointing out a concrete path that serves as a letter of demands to the government and also as a horizon of the Good Living society, which eradicates exploitation and violence against nature and women, promote justice and equality.

The third reason comes from the observation that our fight in defense of the forest and our territories has been winning hearts and minds around the world. Campaigns against burning forests in major European capitals are an example of this. Another, also significant, took place at the recently completed COP-26, where delegations of native peoples from nine countries, with emphasis on indigenous women, organized by the Coordination of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin and the delegation of the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil strongly impacted, with



our demands, the official and unofficial spaces of the conference. The X Pan-Amazon Social Forum will be the natural basis for the development of this movement, allowing for the intertwining of alliances between Amazonian peoples and peoples from the Andes, the Caribbean, the Pacific, and other continents. A moment of affirmation of the truth that says: “Without the Amazon, there is no future for Humanity”. While the realization of these alliances will greatly strengthen our movement, the holding of X FOSPA offers the possibility that around the world claim to defend the Amazon, alter-globalist movements from other regions can reorganize and strengthen the anti-capitalist struggle for four corners of the globe.

In addition, the X FOSPA, as a face-to-face and virtual event, will stage events and launch mobilizing proposals such as the creation of the World Parliamentary Front for the Recognition of Nature as a Subject of Rights and the Earth Assembly, a space to be built for peoples can collectively affirm the measures necessary for the salvation of humanity.

In the midst of struggles against neoliberalism, the extreme right, and the pandemic, the X Pan-Amazon Social Forum is the next station for Amazonian movements and also a haven for revolutionaries, defenders of the planet, combatants against oppression from all over the world.

Come to Belém.

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