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**ATALC MEMBERS' ACTIVITY REVIEW**



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Movimiento Madre Tierra / Friends of the Earth Honduras accompanies the Guapinol community in the struggle to protect their river  
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The year 2020 was challenging for all. Members of Friends of the Earth Latin America and the Caribbean (ATALC, for its acronym in Spanish) consistently stressed that the coronavirus pandemic exposed the systemic crisis that we have denounced for years. The political responses in different countries to manage the pandemic demonstrated that the priorities of neoliberal governments lie in the commodification of life and the financialization of nature, and not in the construction of public policies in the health, food, and economic sectors that ensure peoples' rights and involve peasant, labor, and feminist movements towards developing an economy of care.

Beyond the governments' decisions, social movements and organizations re-formulated strategies to continue building together, from below, peoples' emancipatory initiatives for system change. This entailed not only addressing the economic and health crisis; throughout the continent during the pandemic, there was an increase in criminalization and persecution of defenders of territories and peoples' and human rights.

We put our trust in the power of convergence in order to achieve environmental, social, economic, and gender justice. We had to adapt our plans for the year, and we highlight in this newsletter some of the main activities organized by the national groups that make up ATALC – putting creativity to the test, facing the consequences of neoliberalism and the health crisis that it created, and overcoming difficulties to meet physically or online.

These encounters would not have been possible without the participation, complicity, and strength of our allies. In addition to ATALC members' most relevant activities, we therefore report on joint activities organized as part of the responses that social movements gave to the pandemic, with an emphasis on defending democracy. ATALC co-organized these activities with allied movements that are also a part of the Continental Platform for Democracy and Against Neoliberalism, among them the [Latin American Coordination of Peasant Organizations](#) (CLOC – La Vía Campesina for its acronym in Spanish), the [World March of Women \(WMW\)](#), and the [Trade Union Confederation of the Americas \(TUCA\)](#).





## OUR ACTIONS

“Make every struggle our struggle. The alternative to this pandemic is to mobilize the conscience, prevent paralysis, have no fear, and disseminate our anti-colonial ideas, strengthening our political and philosophical values that are interwoven with the wisdom of peoples.”

*Juan Almendarez (ATALC).*

## NEOLIBERALISM’S PANDEMICS



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Two months after the pandemic began circulating through the Americas, ATALC organized the exchange “Neoliberalism’s Pandemics: Peoples’ responses to the global crisis”, which was transmitted live on [Real World Radio’s Spanish-language Facebook page](#).

Participants included: Tica Moreno from the World March of Women (WMW), Jordania Ureña from the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA), Fausto Torres from the Latin American Coordination of Peasant Organizations (CLOC – La Vía Campesina), and Juan Almendares from Movimiento Madre Tierra/ Friends of the Earth Honduras in representation of ATALC. Danilo Urrea, ATALC regional facilitator, moderated the exchange and made closing remarks.

Several points for ways out of the crisis were articulated during the inter-organizational and multi-disciplinary dialogue.

A summary of the main ideas exchanged during the dialogue can be found in this Real World Radio article (Spanish only):

<https://rmr.fm/multimedia/pandemias-del-neoliberalismo-debate-atalc/>

The full video of the exchange can be found here (Spanish only): <https://www.facebook.com/RMR.FM/videos/276944697023451/>

## COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT



Community members of the Guaraní Peasant Federation in Corrientes doing community-based management of the Palmar savannah.

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Friends of the Earth Argentina's [Forests and Biodiversity program](#) promoted the strengthening of community management of the Palmar savannah. The project is located within the territories of communities linked to the Guaraní peasant federation in the province of Corrientes. The proposal emphasizes non-timber uses by Indigenous and peasant communities of the palm groves, and their importance for bio-cultural heritage.

Community management of palm groves based on traditional and ancestral knowledge is essential for protecting palm trees and associated biodiversity, as well as for strengthening communities that confront corporations destroying their lands.

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## ACCOMPANIMENT TO WOMEN'S CO-OPERATIVES



Friends of the Earth Argentina accompanies women's co-operatives.

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Friends of the Earth Argentina brings a perspective of social, environmental, and gender justice to promote fair trade and consumption of sovereign and healthy foods. To this end, the organization conducted training workshops and created spaces to explore gender dynamics and strengthen the social and organizational fabric by offering market spaces that foster a social and solidarity economy among women from vulnerable neighborhoods.

These workshops are part of a series of employment proposals based on co-operativism, Food Sovereignty, and restoring the value of ancestral knowledge regarding food. Many of the participating women come from Indigenous communities and they restore the value of their knowledge by using their recipes.

These processes of building and accompanying women's co-operatives created spaces for knowledge dialogues and exchanges of experiences, which enabled participants to seek common solutions to the patriarchal problems that challenge us all.

## BRAZIL STRUGGLES FOR PEOPLES' RIGHTS, IN DEFENSE OF BIODIVERSITY, AND AGAINST BOLSONARO'S FASCIST GOVERNMENT



Family farmers donated eight tons of onions that were distributed to quilombola (afro-Brazilian), indigenous and vulnerable communities.

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In 2020, indigenous and *quilombola* (afro-descendent) communities were forcefully attacked, and communities in the urban periphery were displaced – even during a pandemic that exposed the Brazilian State's abandonment of the most vulnerable populations.

The health crisis and – above all – the actions of the Federal Government led to the strengthening of big business in the territories and exposed workers to the risk of infection, as evidenced by the explosion of COVID-19 cases in several municipalities located on the fence-lines of corporations. This was especially acute in the tree monoculture, agribusiness, oil, and mining sectors in Brazil, which did not stop their activities during the pandemic.

As part of an emergency support network with several social movements, Friends of the Earth Brazil built bridges between the city and the countryside to support vulnerable populations, contributing to the donation of food, sanitary items, and cleaning products to families in need.

The organization also deepened the construction of Food Sovereignty in Porto Alegre's quilombola territories. The initiative is framed within a plan to strengthen autonomy in the territories in the face of a new crisis. If this complex situation shows us anything, is that the way out of this crisis will be found collectively.

**For more information (Portuguese only), see:**

[Caminhos da solidariedade: Organizações sociais estão em luta contra a fome aprofundada pela crise do Covid-19](#) (Solidarity pathways: Social organizations in struggle against hunger made worse by the COVID-19 crisis)

[Aldeias Guarani do RS recebem 320 cestas de insumos que respeitam sua cultura](#) (Guarani villages in Rio Grande do Sul receive 320 baskets with products that respect their culture)



At the same time, faced with the advance of militaristic and development policies for Amazonia that threaten the biome and local populations, FOE Brazil organized several support and solidarity activities to raise awareness about what is happening in these territories, as reported in the [October 2020 ATALC Newsletter](#).



Artisanal fisherfolk at risk of proposed port projects. © Carol Ferraz / Friends of the Earth Brazil

**For more information (Portuguese only), see:**

[Revisitando o passado: após a ditadura, segunda onda de militarização da Amazônia se intensifica](#) (*Revisiting the past: After the dictatorship, a second wave of militarization intensifies in Amazonia*)

[A história do cerco à Amazônia ¿Qué pasa realmente en la Amazonía?](#) (*The siege of Amazonia: What is really happening in the Amazon?*)

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## CODEFF / FRIENDS OF THE EARTH CHILE

### SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING



Biobío volunteers participate in cleanup of the Rocuant Adalién wetland. © CODEFF / Friends of the Earth Chile.

Among its main areas of work, the Comité Nacional pro Defensa de la Fauna y la Flora (CODEFF) / FOE Chile conducted socio-environmental training through the Strengthening Environmental Volunteers and Members project.

Volunteers from the Biobío, Maule, and Metropolitan regions participated in the trainings.

One of the actions in the project was the cleanup of the Rocuant Adalién wetland, which involved installing signs in the area, collecting garbage, environmental education, and birdwatching. Other actions included the bioconstruction of an environmental education dome in CODEFF's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in San Jose de Maipo, and eco-challenges like the Colorado River waterfront cleanup day.

**For more information (in Spanish) about the socio-environmental volunteers project, see:**

<https://voluntariado-socioambiental.codeff.cl/#inicio>



In addition to mobilizing [FOEI's Internationalist Solidarity System](#) throughout the year to denounce the increase in threats, assassinations, and massacres against defenders of territories in Colombia, CENSAT Agua Viva conducted numerous activities to accompany peoples in their struggle for an environment for peace.

Among other activities, CENSAT Agua Viva launched the podcast **“Convites para la Vida”** (*Gatherings for Life*). This series of programs presents a range of life experiences and alternatives in relation to the climate and energy crisis, and was created with the participation of Fundaexpresión, the Santander Peasant Reserves Collective, and SETAA Communities (*Sembradoras de Territorios, Aguas y Autonomías – Sowers of Territory, Water, and Autonomy*). The entire series (in Spanish) can be streamed here: <https://transiciones.info/secciones/podcast/convites-para-la-vida>

Additionally, the [transiciones.info](https://transiciones.info) website presents information about the many activities organized throughout the year in relation to actions and reflections that promote a just energy transition in Colombia. The CENSAT Agua Viva team conducted a **mapping of experiences and convened an online exhibition of community proposals for a Just Energy Transition, by the peoples and for the peoples of Latin America**. Both proposals can be viewed here (in Spanish): <https://transiciones.info/convocatorias/exhibicion-virtual-transicion-energetica-justa>

The exhibition sought to promote responsible energy consumption, energy-use moderation, and the establishment of public policies for the sector, as well as to highlight and strengthen the practical proposals implemented by social groups and organizations in the region. *¡Agua y energía para nuestra soberanía!* – Water and energy for our sovereignty!



## A PATH FOR A JUST RECOVERY



*Illustration by Raquel Mora Vega made during the Environmental Congress: 30 years of thought and action (2019), reproduced in the publication “Ruta de recuperación justa: reflexiones del movimiento ecologista en Costa Rica” (Path for a Just Recovery: Reflections from the Costa Rican environmental movement).*

The environmental movement in Latin America faced serious challenges in 2020, and Costa Rica was no exception. The health measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic forced people to stay at home, thereby limiting opportunities to gather and continue building and strengthening the struggle for environmental, gender, social, and economic justice. Meanwhile, the political and corporate sectors took advantage of the pandemic to push forward extractive projects like re-opening gold mining, trawl fishing, and even oil exploitation. Additionally, on economic issues, the government wants to negotiate a multi-million loan with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that would once again affect working class peoples, through the sale of public assets and tax privileges for export and import sectors, among other measures.

One of the activities conducted by COECO Ceiba was the Online Dialogues on the Environment, to collectively develop a path for a just recovery that is reflected in the publication “Ruta de recuperación justa: reflexiones del movimiento ecologista en Costa Rica” (*Path for a Just Recovery: Reflections from the Costa Rican environmental movement*). This living document is in constant development through collaborations with all organizations and social collectives that work for real and effective change.

**The publication “Ruta de recuperación justa: reflexiones del movimiento ecologista en Costa Rica” can be downloaded (in Spanish) free of charge here:**

<http://www.coecoceiba.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/RUTA-TRANSICION-FECON-COECO.pdf>

## CESTA'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY



CESTA team celebrates 40th anniversary. © CESTA / Friends of the Earth El Salvador.

CESTA celebrated 40 years of struggle in August 2020. The event was an opportunity to analyze and re-affirm the commitment to continue consciousness-raising and seeking alliances to build peoples' power in defense of life and territory.

Promoting and exchanging peasants' knowledge and experiences in agroecology is a key strategy to achieve Food Sovereignty in the country.

Here is a news article (in Spanish) that covers the celebration and the organization's achievements:

<https://www.diariocolatino.com/el-cesta-cumple-40-anos-de-lucha-social-y-ecologica>

## NAHUIZALCO FREE FROM TOXIC AGROCHEMICALS

Nahuizalco, in the Sonsonate Department, is the first municipality in El Salvador to declare itself "free from toxic agrochemicals". A process to promote agroecology will be developed there.

The objective of declaration is to achieve communities' Food Sovereignty by rejecting hybrid seeds, which are part of the "technological package" pushed by agribusiness corporations. This package creates high dependency on production, in addition to the impacts of toxic agrochemicals on soil fertility, aquifers, and on human and animal health.

The declaration was made on Indigenous Resistance Day, and involved coordinated work between communities, the Movement of Victims and People Affected by Climate Change and Corporations (MOVIAC, for its acronym in Spanish), CESTA, and the Nahuizalco Mayor's Office.

See CESTA's audio-visual documentation of the event (in Spanish) here: <https://youtu.be/FjqmAZXHJ8>



Celebration of Indigenous Resistance Day in El Salvador.  
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## THE PEOPLES DEMAND JUSTICE CAMPAIGN



Mural painting in the entrance to Guapinol. © Movimiento Madre Tierra /Friends of the Earth Honduras

As part of the campaign “Los Pueblos Exigimos Justicia” (the peoples demand justice), Madre Tierra has denounced “the colossal corruption and grave human rights violations that organized crime and the ‘narco-dictatorship’ of the National Party led by Juan Orlando Hernandez have committed over the last years, which has gotten worse in 2020 during the COVID-19 humanitarian crisis.”

State-imposed restrictions began in April with the pretext of “fighting COVID-19”. The peoples of Honduras directly suffered from these measures, which made access to basic food and resources for survival even more precarious, given the government’s terrible management and corruption. This crisis was made even more severe with [the impact of a hurricane and a tropical storm that devastated entire communities](#) (for more information about the impacts of hurricanes Eta and Iota, see: <https://www.alainet.org/en/articulo/210336?language=en>). Faced with this huge crisis created by corruption and the effects of climate change, peoples self-convened and self-organized to help those most in need, making the slogan “only the people can save the people” go viral.

The audio-visual materials developed as part of the campaign shine a spotlight on the resistance of the Honduran peoples – indigenous, Garifuna, and peasant communities that in the midst of an unprecedented crisis showed the humanity and solidarity of Hondurans.

**The Peoples Demand Justice Campaign materials can be found on this website (in Spanish):**

[https://madretierra.conroa.org/?page\\_id=4386](https://madretierra.conroa.org/?page_id=4386)

**And on this YouTube channel:**

<https://youtu.be/w63IEHTp2oA>

<https://youtu.be/gosDMf8St3s>



Madre Tierra denounces, “The regime, and organized crime groups that are part of it, used the pandemic as a tool to promote, implement, and protect violations of the human rights of communities struggling for their territories and the commons. They have assassinated social and environmental defenders, [disappeared four community leaders from Triunfo de la Cruz](#), and leveraged the Supreme Court of Justice to further criminalize political prisoners, as in the case of the 8 environmental leaders from the Guapinol community, who are still detained without any valid legal argument.”

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## GUAPINOL RESISTS



Movimiento Madre Tierra / Friends of the Earth Honduras accompanies the Guapinol community in the struggle to protect their river.  
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The Guapinol community is in Colón, one of the departments with the highest military presence in the country. In 2013, the National Congress decreed a reduction in the area covered by the Mountain Botaderos Carlos Escaleras National Park, facilitating licenses and concessions to the Inversiones Pinares corporation. However, the Directorate General for Environmental Control and Evaluation declared the project “unviable” and recommended its cancelation. Yet to this day, the project is still active. As a result of this affront, in 2018, the peoples began to protest against the pollution and lack of water in the Guapinol River, a waterway on which at least 13 communities depend. Political persecution was activated as a way to stop the struggle, with the prosecution of 12 defenders, eight of whom are still in custody.

In September 2020, Madre Tierra organized a tour to accompany the Guapinol community in the Tocoa municipality. Among the accompaniment activities, the organization painted a mural at the entrance of Guapinol depicting the struggle taking place, along with the families of the 8 political prisoners from Guapinol and members of the Comité Municipal de Defensa de los Bienes Comunes y Públicos (Municipal Committee in Defense of the Commons).

Through smiles, painting, and a willingness to raise our voices, “we took over the space to resist in the symbolic sphere,” say participants from Friends of the Earth Honduras. A few days after the activity, supporters of the mining company tarnished the collective work, in a small but evident sign of the threat under which Guapinol residents live, showing that the quarantine does not stop extractivism in the territories.

## STATEMENT FROM FRIENDS OF THE EARTH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ATALC) / 20 JULY 2020

ATALC condemns and voices deep concern over the wave of assassinations, violence, and criminalization against defenders of peoples' and human rights in Honduras. Read the full statement (in Spanish) here:

<https://atalc.org/2020/07/20/urgente-solidaridad-internacionalista-con-el-pueblo-hondureno-y-sus-organizaciones-y-movimientos/>

The ATALC statement informed a follow-up statement issued in August 2020 by Friends of the Earth International to stand in [internationalist solidarity with the Garifuna community in Honduras](#)

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### OTROS MUNDOS CHIAPAS / FRIENDS OF THE EARTH MEXICO

## DEFENDING TERRITORIES ON VIDEO



Poster of the video series "Nosotras". © Otros Mundos Chiapas / Friends of the Earth Mexico

In a year marked by the COVID-19 crisis, which brought confinement, illnesses, and death, as well as social and economic crisis throughout Mexico, the team at Otros Mundos continued to work.

Otros Mundos' full activity report for 2020 can be found (in English) here: <https://ia801507.us.archive.org/31/items/global-report-2020-final-ingles/Global%20Report2020%20-Final-ingles.pdf>

For this newsletter, we highlight two audio-visual productions:

***Nosotras, defensores y defensoras de la tierra y el territorio*** (Us, Defenders of the Land and Territory) is a set of videos about the psychosocial accompaniment conducted by the organization with defenders from Indigenous and peasant organizations in Chiapas and Oaxaca. The materials show their work in defense of land and territory, the threats they face, and the collective power they wield to create a more just world and to build stronger solidarity. The series can be seen (in Spanish) here: <https://materiales.otrosmundoschiapas.org/serie-de-videos-nosotras-defensores-y-defensoras-de-la-tierra-y-el-territorio/>

*Autosuficiencia energética desde los pueblos para los pueblos* (Energy self-sufficiency by and for the peoples) invites viewers to reflect on the current energy model, and alternatives that emerge in the quest for a new model based on self-sufficiency. The first chapter brings the voices of participants in a workshop series on building a biodigester conducted by Otros Mundos. It can be seen (in Spanish) here: <https://otrosmundoschiapas.org/autosuficiencia-energetica-desde-los-pueblos-para-los-pueblos-que-significa-energia/>

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**REDES / FRIENDS OF THE EARTH URUGUAY**

## **PROMOTING LOCAL PUBLIC POLICIES ALONGSIDE THE AGROECOLOGICAL MOVEMENT**



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In addition to living through the first year of the pandemic, which coincided with the first year of a center-right government after 15 years of progressive governments, Uruguay held elections in September to change representatives to departmental governments. In this context, and faced with the dramatic situation created by the pandemic –which goes far beyond the health dimension— it is crucial to understand at the local and departmental level the origin of the systemic crises that affect our societies and the environment. This is important in order to develop and implement public policies, regulations, and/or measures that contribute to addressing the causes, and not only the effects, of the crises.

The pandemic added to the intensification of other problems present in every department of Uruguay affecting ecological systems and cycles that make life possible, and therefore, the conditions in which our peoples live. We know that water, food, and our health directly depend on ecological systems and their functions, but it is essential that there be a real and substantive commitment to environmental justice translated into public policies not only at the national level but also at the departmental level.

To this end, REDES and the National Native and Local Seeds Network organized an online forum to share and analyze experiences in departmental public policies that promote Food Sovereignty and agroecology in our country.

Moderated by Karin Nansen (coordinator of REDES and chair of Friends of the Earth International), the debate included as participants Isabel Andreoni (director of the Rural Montevideo Unit in the Montevideo Municipal Government) and Matías Carámbula (former general director of the Agency for Rural Development in the Canelones Municipal Government). Both have been at the forefront of designing and implementing public policies that stimulate family farm production in these departments under the left-wing Frente Amplio



Administration. They highlighted the importance of coordinating joint strategies with organizations like the Seeds Network.

Graciela González, member of the Seeds Network's national coordination, also participated in the forum and emphasized that, by transmitting ancestral knowledge of seed conservation, production, and reproduction, women "are the ones who conserve healthy food, we are the protagonists of food production."

Many of the left-wing environmental proposals shared in the forum, along with reflections from the organization, were systematized in the publication ***"Políticas públicas departamentales para la justicia ambiental, social, económica y de género"*** (Departmental public policies for environmental, social, economic, and gender justice), which can be downloaded (in Spanish) at: <https://www.redes.org.uy/2020/09/04/propuesta-redes-politicas-ambientales-departamentales-uruguay-2020/>

The document presents proposals to build departmental public policies that were developed in joint coordination with social movements and that bring a leftist peoples' environmental perspective.



# OUR ALLIES

“The true solutions can only come from peoples’ organizations, from social movements, that have advanced from adding up the various demands from each sector to synthesizing them into the programmatic agenda that has been achieved up to now, which needs to be developed further.”

*Tica Moreno (World March of Women).*



## CLOC'S FIFTH CONTINENTAL COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL

In the middle of a year with huge challenges and the imposition of new forms of organizing and communications, the Fifth Continental Communications School of the Latin American Coordination of Peasant Organizations (CLOC – La Vía Campesina) was convened between 14 August and 13 November, 2020. The School was organized online with weekly sessions every Friday. The goal was for activists from peasant organizations to delve deeper into the revolutionary line of thought and political action through anti-capitalist popular communications.

“The Fifth School was a space that allowed participants to study the current context of dispute in communications – on one hand, as a tool for manipulation used by imperialism against progressive countries and peoples’ movements, and on the other hand, as a popular tool in the hands of peoples to build and strengthen our movement,” explain representatives from CLOC – La Vía Campesina.

Real World Radio and members of other peasant organizations that are close to ATALC also participated in the Fifth School. The space enabled the exchange of knowledge among peasant, indigenous, afro-descendent, and women’s organizations from 21 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

More details about CLOC’s Fifth Continental Communications School can be found (in Spanish) here:

<https://cloc-viacampesina.net/la-v-escuela-continental-de-comunicacion-de-la-cloc-via-campesina-articulo-y-fortalecio-el-trabajo-de-comunicadoras-y-comunicadores-en-sus-organizaciones/>



## “SOVEREIGN PEOPLES, PEOPLES IN SOLIDARITY” CAMPAIGN

This is a continent-wide solidarity campaign in response to imperialism’s aggressions against Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua. It is an initiative of the Continental Coordination of Social Movements towards ALBA, CLOC - La Vía Campesina, and other organizations to extend solidarity to countries that suffer attacks by the United States government.

The “Sovereign Peoples, Peoples in Solidarity” campaign will continue throughout 2021, with special attention to the political situation in the countries mentioned above and in relation to the presidential elections that will take place in Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

The campaign’s launch and updates can be found (in Spanish) here: <https://cloc-viacampesina.net/se-lanzo-la-campana-pueblos-soberanos-pueblos-solidarios/>





## WEBINAR: "COORDINATED RESPONSES TO THE PANDEMIC IN LATIN AMERICA"



The webinar "Coordinated Responses to the Pandemic in Latin America" took place on 3 December and was organized by the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA) and Friends of the Earth Latin America and the Caribbean (ATALC), with the aim of disseminating responses from social movements to the pandemic. The speakers emphasized defense of democracy as a key factor that holds together the regional strategy for struggle.

The panel was moderated by Leticia Paranhos (ATALC) and facilitated by Iván González (TUCA), and it created a space for assessing the current political context in the Americas, progress made and challenges faced in the region – during a year marked by the health emergency, authoritarian responses, and the resistances and responses from peoples struggling to build democracy.

Bárbara Figueroa – TUCA's Secretary for Economic Policy and Sustainable Development and President of Chile's Central Unitaria de Trabajadores (the national trade unions federation) – spoke at the opening of the webinar, followed by representatives of organizations that are part of the Continental Platform for Democracy and Against Neoliberalism.

Natalia Carrau, member of REDES / Friends of the Earth Uruguay and ATALC, expounded on the situation that led to the pandemic and the responses that came from social movements. Other speakers were Kitzia Esteva from Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJ) and World March of Women (WMW) from the United States; Francisco Rocaél from the Movement of Peoples Affected by Dams in Latin America and the Caribbean (MAR, for its acronym in Spanish) from Guatemala; and Gonzalo Armúa on behalf of ALBA Movimientos from Argentina.

The video recording of the webinar and a summary of the points discussed can be viewed on the Real World Radio website (in Spanish): <https://rmr.fm/noticias/jornada-continental-destaco-respuestas-articuladas-a-la-pandemia-en-latinoamerica/>

## CAPIRE: FEMINIST VOICES TO CHANGE THE WORLD



Women at farmers' tractor parade on India's Republic Day, 26 January 2021. © Capire.

To start the year with inspiring stories and a renewed spirit, the World March of Women launched the feminist news site **Capire** on 6 January 2021.

In dialogue with women who are part of La Vía Campesina, Friends of the Earth International, and organizations that participate in the “Strengthening Popular Feminisms” project, Capire brings news, interviews, and audio-visual productions developed in every country where the World March of Women is present.

The contents are organized around the themes of autonomy, demilitarization, feminist economy, environmental justice, movements, and Food Sovereignty.

The website is available in Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French: <https://capiremov.org/en/>

Capire already includes articles from ATALC, such as the one from Natalia Salvático of Friends of the Earth Argentina: [Women Water Defenders in the Mountains of Argentina](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM REAL WORLD RADIO

### PODCAST: "TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: CRISIS WITHOUT BORDERS"



How do transnational corporations operate? How can we denounce them if they are everywhere and nowhere? Friends of the Earth Latin America and the Caribbean (ATALC) conducted a mapping of the presence and impacts of transnational corporations in several countries in the region. Through the podcast "Transnational Corporations: Crisis without borders", Real World Radio shares the main results and conclusions of the mapping.

Each episode takes up emblematic cases by sector (mining, agribusiness, forestry, hydroelectric mega-dams, and services) to describe corporate violations of peoples' collective rights. Testimonies from human rights defenders who confront the advance of corporations over territories shed light on the conflicts in territories and peoples' responses.

The complete series can be streamed in all podcast apps (Anchor, Spotify, Google podcast, Apple podcast).

We invite you to share episodes from the Real World Radio Spanish-language website with other alternative and community-based media. The series can be downloaded free of charge at: <https://rmr.fm/tag/empresas-transnacionales-crisis-sin-fronteras>

Real World Radio created the podcast for ATALC, with support from Diakonia. Produced and hosted by: Azul Cordo. Editing: Edgardo Mattioli. Design: Nicolás Medina.





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