



7th. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETING  
OF AFROMEXICAN AND AFRO-DESCENDANT WOMEN

"From cultural resistance to the political participation of Afro-Mexican women"  
July 22 and 23, 2023  
Tamiahua, Veracruz, Mexico

In commemoration of July 25, the International Day of Afro-descendant Women and within the framework of the International Decade for Afro-descendants, the civil organizations Afrotamiahua A.C., AMCO A.C., Colectiva Naa Tundá A.C., México Negro A.C., in collaboration with the community of Tamiahua, Veracruz, the National Program for Research on Afro-descendants and Cultural Diversity of the National Coordination of Anthropology of the INAH. After two intense days of work, they reached the following agreements, pronouncements and conclusions emanating from the work groups, which, constituted in assembly, were approved by all the present

**Agreements:**

Table 1. The exercise of political-electoral rights and political representation of Afro-Mexican women

- 1.- Political training and awareness campaigns for Afro-Mexican and Afro-descendant women for their political participation.
2. Meeting of 500 Afro-Mexican/Afro-descendant women from all states to present the agenda of demands with the Chamber of Deputies, Political Parties and Ople.
3. Request from the Permanent Forum of Afro-descendants a global caucus of Afro-descendant Women, to make visible the violence that black women experience and survive in the world, contributing proposals for peace based on their realities, as well as a second International Decade for People of African Descent to achieve reparative justice.
4. Real and tangible political representation of Afro-descendant youth
5. Follow up on complaints of usurpation of Afro-Mexican identities of candidates for popularly elected positions, before the corresponding institutions.
6. The full exercise of the political-electoral rights of Afro-Mexican women in equality and free of racism.

Table 2. Prevention of gender violence for the empowerment, resilience and human rights of Afro-Mexican women.

1. We request that the CNDH and CONAPRED commit to designing and executing a permanent campaign to disseminate the human rights of Afro-descendant women in the mass media.
2. Request that the institutions and personnel in charge of caring for women be trained with a gender perspective, focus ethnic and humanistic.
3. We request that public institutions have sanctions for cases in which officials commit acts of racism or discrimination towards Afro-Mexican and Afro-descendant women or when they are revictimized.
4. We agree to create networks and safe spaces for Afro-descendant women.
5. We agree to demand from the municipalities a budget for gender councils and municipal bodies for women.



6. We demand the creation of Justice Centers and Shelters for Afro-Mexican women in the States of the country.
7. We request the design and execution of concrete policies for the prevention and eradication of violence against Afro-Mexican and Afro-descendant women.

Table 3: combat systemic racism and for reparations

1. We demand the fight against racism in schools, observing an identity and anti-racist perspective, as well as the creation protocol for attention to racism in educational institutions.
2. We ask the SEP to reinforce study plans and programs for self-recognition, historical visibility and Identity of Afro-Mexican people.
3. We ask health institutions to promote awareness programs with a gender perspective and intersectionality, for better care for people of African descent.
4. We ask the secretariat of foreign relations and especially the migration offices to train all their personnel with an anti-racist approach from an intersectional, intercultural and humanistic vision.
5. We request a permanent training program with an anti-racist perspective and inclusive of basic, middle and higher level teachers to eradicate racism and discrimination against people of African descent.
6. We ask CONAPRED for a protocol that guarantees and requires public and private institutions to be certified on issues of racism and discrimination, in order to gradually eradicate these practices.
  7. We agree to demand modifying racist discourse and narratives in public policy and in the media
  8. Visibility of the diverse Afro-Mexican cultures in Mexico, through national campaigns in the media, free of stereotypes, jokes and racist comments.

Table 4: exercise of human rights

1. We demand a permanent national, state and regional awareness campaign in migration institutions about the human rights of Afro-descendants, in order to be treated humanely.
2. We request to exercise the human rights to memory and call on families to share their stories, creation, rescue and family tree research.
3. The strengthening of the Afro-descendant identity in the media through the photography of people Afro-descendants with a language free of racism, jokes and discriminatory comments.
4. We request interactive museums with playful activities with the purpose that the people of the community participate actively in these spaces and that they preserve the memory to see ourselves in the past, look at ourselves in the present and save our history for the future.
5. Implementation of public policies focused on Afro-Mexican women for their empowerment in all spheres.
6. Special attention to Afro-Mexican women with disabilities for the exercise of their sexual and reproductive rights and emotional, intellectual and economic empowerment.

Pronouncements:

- We demand justice for Afro-Mexican women victims of political violence (cases: Carmen Parral, acting municipal president of the municipality of San José Estancia Grande, Oax., murdered in 2019, Guadalupe Ávila Salinas, candidate for the municipal presidency of the same municipality, murdered in 2004.
  - Justice for Frida, a young Afro-Mexican victim of femicide.



- We request disaggregated data on Afro-Mexican women victims of femicides that remain in the under-registries. We
- denounce the acts of corruption that the Afro-Mexican compañeras had to go through on the way to their transfer from the coasts of Oaxaca and Guerrero to Tamiagua, Ver., when the vehicle was stopped and retained arguing that the driver did not have a travel log, a situation that in any case deserves a sanction and not an extortion by the national guard, this situation caused torture to the coordinators of the 7th. Encounter upon learning that the compañeras were detained in the community of San Juan de los Llanos, Gue., a place where there was no signal and there was no way to communicate with the compañeras, which put them in a state of vulnerability.

Conclusions:

1. We agree to continue fighting and denouncing systemic racism, structural discrimination, likewise, to demand that the Mexican State comply with article 2, section C of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States and the international instruments that guarantee the rights of women Afro-Mexicans and Afro-Mexican peoples and communities 2. We demand that the Chamber of Deputies approve the 50 initiatives focused on Afro-Mexicans that guarantee a better quality of life for Afro-Mexican peoples, communities and people

Sincerely

"The daughters of existence and resistance"

Afro-Mexican and Afro-descendant women participating in the 7th. National and International Meeting

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