



# **Regional Strategy for Latin America and the Caribbean**

A democratic region, where civil society has the agency to demand and fulfil their rights, improve their livelihoods, vindicate social, economic, and climate justice while promoting gender equality.

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# What do we want to accomplish?



**Civil Society develops innovative initiatives that respond to their communities needs and are transparent, accountable, and gender inclusive.**

- Promote and strengthen alternative livelihoods of local communities, based on sustainable practices such as agroecology, community forest management, community-based conservation and restoration, among others.
- Support initiatives from organizations working for access, promotion and protection of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), mainly of women, girls, and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.
- Support initiatives to transform discriminatory culture, attitudes, and practices harmful to women, girls and people with diverse gender identities and sexual orientations.
- Encourage citizen oversight mechanisms.
- Strengthen and support marginalized civil society working towards inclusive democracy and fulfilment of human rights.

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Civil society has strong capacities and dynamic experiences exchanges, thus promoting collective action and participation, claiming rights in the region.

- Support the transformation of socio-environmental conflicts through the promotion of dialogue for change, enhancing the guarantee of indigenous people and local communities' rights to land, the sustainable management of their natural environments, and a strong local rights-based governance.
- Promote the transformation of patriarchal masculinities among men and boys to contribute to more equitable gender relations and gender justice.
- Enhance women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people's agency to claim their rights and be change agents.
- Strengthen the agency and participation of women and LGBTIQ+ people.

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**Civil society implements articulated rights-based advocacy initiatives, promoting multi-actor dialogues towards building a stronger democratic multilateral system, accountable to the public interest and committed to a sustainable planet.**

- Defend and promote freedom of press and of expression in the region.
- Advocate for companies' accountability regarding human rights in all their business activities to have opportunities to contribute to positive change, promoting the agency of local communities and strengthening their governance and organizational capacities.
- Promote the protection of social and environmental defenders so that they can keep on their advocacy and activist work, without suffering threats, harm or being criminalized.
- Advocate for the protection and defence of indispensable and highly threatened landscapes in the region, such as the Amazon basin, and the indigenous people and local communities that inhabit them.
- Strengthen and promote the social inclusion of migrant and immigrant populations and those in situations of vulnerability (internally displaced people, immigrants) who are in transit and/or residing permanently in countries in the region.
- Strategically position Regional Office LAC, members, and partners to engage at continental level.



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