

**DECLARATION OF INTENT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF WOMEN PARTICIPATING
IN THE 6TH MARCH OF LAS MARGARITAS**

Brasilia - Brazil, 15th of August 2019

We, the women workers of the land, of the forest, of the waters and of the cities representatives of 35 social organizations from 27 countries of the Caribbean, Latin America, African, European and Asian continents, participants of the March of the Margaritas 2019, gathered in Brasilia on August 15, 2019, we reaffirm that together we are stronger in the construction of fair rural and urban territories, with gender equality, without hunger and free from violence against women.

In a day rich in learning and empathy relationships, from the exchange of experiences, debates and solidarity dialogue, we were able to recognize our diversity of cultures, identities and ways of life, as well as the fundamental role assumed by women for the sustainable development of the communities and rural territories. We are the ones who, through our work, both in the production of healthy food, from family, peasant and indigenous farming, as well as in the home and in family care, guarantee life in the territories. At the same time our work is barely recognized or not valued by society, including our own families, communities and organizations.

On the one hand, we were able to recognize our diversity of cultures, realities, colors, identities, languages and specificities, on the other our gaze revealed to us the common challenges that we as women have to face. We need to fight together against many injustices based on the concentration of land and wealth, sexist and racist social relations and on the exploitation of the environment, common goods, our peoples and territories. Thus we have to strengthen alliances for the construction of a world of “good living”, which mainly goes through:

- The democratization of land, overcoming inequalities, ensuring rural people, especially women, better living conditions and food production, for the reduction of hunger and poverty.
- The construction of non-sexist and non-racist social relations, for a life free of all forms of violence against women and for the promotion of gender equality, in different areas of society, from family, community spaces, from work to political participation.
- The strengthening of family, peasant and indigenous farming, with the guarantee of differentiated public policies, of credit, technical assistance, commercialization, that recognize and value the knowledge of people of rural, forest and water areas, and promote economic autonomy and income for women.

Now we take a step forward to build an alliance between organizations. The SDGs have placed gender equality and the empowerment of women as one of the great challenges to move towards sustainable development, women must be the center of all SDGs

In the same way we consider that the United Nations Decade for Family Farming 2019-2028 is a great opportunity to bring the voice of women to international, regional and national political spaces, of our organizations, of our communities and to build articulately public policies and measures to improve the life of women and guarantee their rights.

Throughout the above, common strategies have been identified aimed at contributing to the success of Pillar 3 of the Family Farming Decade “Promoting gender equity in family farming and the leadership role of rural women” and of SDG 5 “Gender Equality”. In this regard, family farming organizations and rural, peasant and indigenous women's organizations that sign below commit themselves to:

- Weave an international alliance of rural women workers, family farmers, peasants and indigenous people who share experiences, advances and strategies in the struggle for women's rights in all continents.
- Foster periodic exchanges and discussion spaces that favor the knowledge, training, empowerment and articulation of women from different continents.
- Bring the voice of rural women to international spaces, making known the great challenges but also the proposals that women have.
- Network to design specific actions around pillar 3 of the United Nations Decade for Family Farming (UNDF) and articulate a group to monitoring and evaluating progress in public rights and policies in the framework of the 2030 Agenda and of the UNDF 2019-2028.

Let's keep fighting together!

Sign this Declaration:

CONTAG/Marcha das Margaridas , Confederación Nacional de trabajadores rurales agricultores y agricultoras familiares	COPROFAM , Confederación de Organizaciones de Productores Familiares del Mercosur Ampliado
WRF , World Rural Forum	REFACOF , African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests
PROPAC , Plateforme Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale	PDRR , Programa de Diálogo Regional Rural, Central América
AFA , Asian Farmers Association	ROPFA , Réseau des organisations paysannes et des producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest
AACARI , Agriculture Alliance of the Caribbean	Landa XXI , Asociación de mujeres Rurales, Euskadi
FADEMUR , Federación de Asociaciones de Mujeres Rurales, España	BABCO , Bahamas Agri-Business Co-operative Society Limited
WARD , Women in Agriculture for Rural Development, St. Vincent and the Grenadines	