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#### **Brothers and Sisters**

2024 has been a year of great challenges and learning for COICA. We faced situations that tested our resilience and capacity for transformation as an institution and that of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin. Thanks to the support, trust and commitment of our donors, partner organizations and governments, we have managed not only to navigate the challenges of 2024, but also to preserve and strengthen COICA's institutional framework. Thanks to those who have contributed with us, we have been able to lead, design and execute initiatives that not only benefit indigenous communities, but also contribute to the conservation of our Amazon.

We invite you to continue working together in 2025, joining forces and visions to prevent the Amazon from reaching a point of no return and the good living of the 511 Amazonian indigenous peoples and nationalities. We renew our commitment to the construction of projects and alliances, based on the inclusion of our processes, ideas and work done during the last years. We invite you to continue strengthening this alliance, to co-create with us and to be spokespersons for the urgency that the Amazon demands.

On behalf of COICA and the national indigenous organizations of the Amazon Basin countries we represent, we express our infinite gratitude for your continued support. Your confidence in our mission is a reminder that together we can make a profound and lasting impact in the defense of the lives and rights of Amazonian indigenous peoples.

Fany Kuiru,
COICA General Coordinator

#### **COICA A BALANCE OF OUR JOURNEY**



Throughout our management we have fulfilled the mission of empowering grassroots peoples and nationalities so that their voice is heard in international advocacy spaces.

In these 18 months of management we have achieved great results. Achievements that have been possible thanks to the union and communication, through a governance of listening and knowledge of the realities of each territory to represent the 511 peoples and nationalities of the Amazon Basin. A governance that obeys our grassroots organizations, in a transparent and participatory manner.

#### WE HAVE PUT IN ORDER THE GREAT MALOCA

We began our management with the mission to make all institutional processes transparent in order to represent the grassroots peoples and nationalities.

With the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), we are working to strengthen COICA and its grassroots organizations.

We have conducted 5 administrative, financial and computer audits. The recommendations and results of these audits are being implemented to make COICA's management more transparent and to optimize institutional processes.

In this way we have established clear processes for transparent accountability to our grassroots organizations.

#### WE HAVE OPENED OUR MALOCA FOR DIALOGUE WITH EVERYONE.

Since the beginning of our administration, we have promoted dialogue with all organizations, listening to the voices of our brothers and sisters who have brought proposals to improve governance.

In the face of differences, we have opened institutional spaces for dialogue such as the COICA Coordinating Council held in Quito on August 2 and 3, 2023, in which voices were united to promote an institution that authentically represents the 511 indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin.

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### THE WORD MUST ALWAYS **DAWN IN ACTION**

During our tenure, we have set out to ensure that COICA's mission is translated into real actions that benefit our peoples and nationalities and our collective struggle.

#### **Climate Week NYC** (Climate Week NYC)

#### International space

From September 30 to October 3, 2024, the III Meeting of Indigenous Women of the Amazon was held in Cieneguilla, Lima - Peru. This event brings together 37 women leaders from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Suriname. Organized Conservation International in partnership with COICA, and with the support of the Estée Lauder Companies Charitable Foundation and the government of France, this event strengthens women's leadership in the Amazon region.

#### **Territorial impact**

As a consequence, Citibank, one of the banks noted in our report, issued a resolution in which it committed to no longer finance projects involving the expansion of the oil and gas frontier in the Amazon.

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#### Cop 28 Dubai

#### **International space**

With the support of the IDB, the US \$10 million **Amazon Fund for Life (FAV)** was launched, which seeks to boost the indigenous economy. A milestone that was sought since the Macapá - Brazil congress (2018), **today is a reality.** 

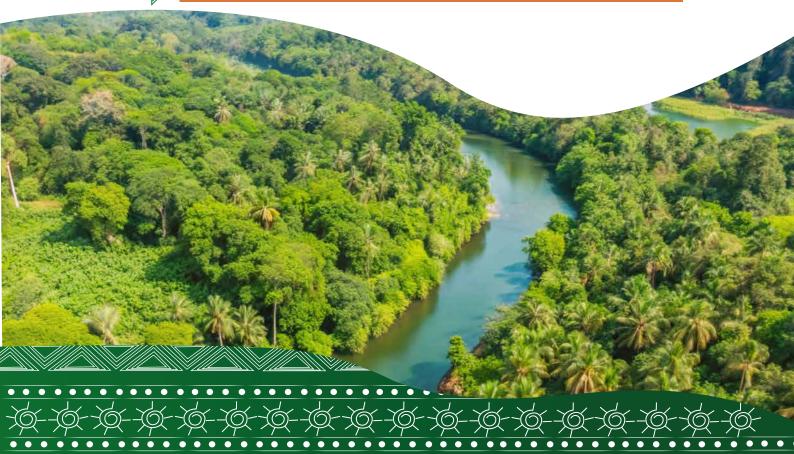
#### **Territorial impact**

This Fund is designed to increase the value of governance and territorial management initiatives, initially focused on bioeconomy and restoration, but it is expanding its scope to cover the fundamental issues for our peoples: health, education, connectivity, safe water, protection of ancestral knowledge and biodiversity.





#### Interested in learning more about FAV?





#### **World Economic Forum**

#### **International space**

In January 2024 the World Economic Forum had for the first time the participation of indigenous peoples and an indigenous woman leading COICA.

One of the milestones for our institution is that our general coordinator, Fany Kuiru, and Hindu Homarou and other indigenous global leaders, are leading the dialogue with the private sector on a global scale, to promote a new economic approach that protects indigenous peoples and their territories.

#### **Territorial impact**

A new economic approach that respects the principles of peoples and nationalities and their territories is the basis of our Regional Indigenous Economy Program, developed in conjunction with our territorial bases, strengthening their areas of indigenous economy and thus promoting initiatives led from our ancestral knowledge systems.





## COP3 in Escazú and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous

#### **International space**

We defended our proposal for the specific inclusion of indigenous peoples in the Defenders Action Plan, making visible their realities and the need for urgent actions to strengthen the protection mechanisms of Amazonian territories.

During the World Economic Forum, Fany Kuiru was appointed as part of the steering committee for the Indigenous Peoples Knowledge and Leadership Network.

#### **Territorial impact**

Advocacy in these spaces has allowed us to carry out actions in the territory, such as linking the Regional Network of Defenders with the Network of Indigenous Communicators of the Amazon Basin.



#### Learn about COICA's proposals for COP3 Escazú





#### **Biodiversity COP16 Cali - Colombia**

#### **International space**

We had an outstanding participation in COP16, thanks to the efforts of our General Coordinator, who participated in decision-making spaces at the governmental level and led initiatives with the sister country of Colombia, to mobilize resources and ensure a fair and equitable exchange of benefits with recognition to indigenous communities.

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#### **Territorial impact**

- The Amazon Fund for Life, advanced as a mechanism for direct access to financing from the indigenous peoples and nationalities of the Amazon basin. Its implementation is progressing in Peru with AIDESEP and in Venezuela with ORPIA.
- We promote our Ancestral Knowledge Safeguards Program, through alliances that allow us to influence public policies in the countries to protect our ancestral knowledge.
- We carry the voices of the territory through the women who lead the protection of our knowledge.
- We were part of the launching of the Pan-Amazon Bioeconomy Network, in which we promoted the new approach of a differentiated economy for the Amazon.
- We launched the first promotion of the international advocacy training program "Evaristo Nungkuag" COP16 edition to promote political advocacy activities in which COICA and its grassroots organizations participate, through their leaders..



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#### **COP29 Azarbaiyan**



#### **International space**

In this conference called the "COP of finance", COICA clearly evidenced the situation of the indigenous peoples and nationalities of the Amazon basin, in a year 2024 plagued by the climate crisis, forest fires, drought of the largest rivers of the Amazon, including the mighty Amazon, with heartbreaking consequences for all indigenous territories and for the world.

#### **Territorial impact**

In this context, COICA has been promoting direct access to funding from indigenous peoples for the protection of the Amazon biome that regulates the planet's climate, the implementation of coherent climate justice policies that will allow us to immediately repair the damage caused.





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THE ACTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SPACES PROMOTE INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED FROM AND FOR THE PEOPLES AND NATIONALITIES OF THE AMAZON BASIN.



#### **Regional Indigenous Economy Program**

For bioeconomic development in the Amazon, indigenous peoples are essential. Our voice and cosmovision must be included in the conversations, approach and execution of each project within the framework of bio-development in the Amazon.

The indigenous economy is based on traditional knowledge, identity and worldview, with collective intellectual property rights, which seeks to preserve that essence without detracting from the innovation and synergy of today's world.





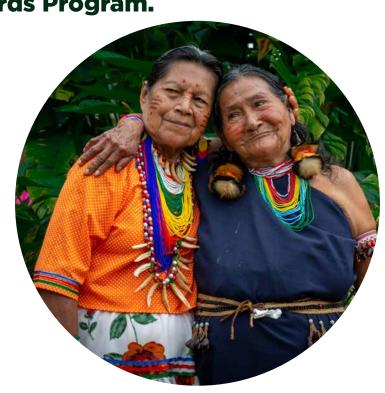
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#### **Climate Change and Biodiversity Observatory**



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Get to know the observatory



#### Network of Women Protectors and Defenders of the Amazon.

This Network was created with the purpose of fulfilling the mandate to unify the voice of the 511 indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin, and to work for gender equity and complementarity that is proper to our laws of origin.



## Regional Communication Strategy

We have a regional communication strategy that was updated with the inputs generated by the V Amazonian Summit of Indigenous Peoples, with the participation of COICA's delegations and grassroots organizations, as well as young community leaders.

This strategy focuses on two action spaces; one international focused on COICA's advocacy actions in global decision-making spaces, and the other in a national space, in which we support the advocacy agendas of our grassroots organizations in their countries.

#### Defender Advocacy Program

This is a regional initiative that reaffirms our struggles in defense of our rights as indigenous defenders in the Amazon Basin.

It seeks to consolidate itself as a good practice from indigenous organizations to monitor, follow up, disseminate and denounce cases of violation of the rights of our Amazonian indigenous defenders who are under threat, violence, criminalization and persecution, in a scenario of violation of their rights and their territories.



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## International Advocacy Training Program "Evaristo Nungkuag"

Its mission is to strengthen the political advocacy activities in which COICA and its grassroots organizations participate, through their leaders, to promote their role in the various networks for the defense of the human and collective rights of indigenous peoples.

To achieve this, it strengthens capacities to know and make use of the processes, mechanisms and instruments of the organizations of the international system, analyze the issues of the international agenda and locate the position of indigenous peoples to establish advocacy strategies, building specific proposals according to each space.

It also monitors the follow-up of the advocacy agenda of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin.

The program has been implemented in three editions: COP3 in Escazu, COP16 in Calil and COP 29 in Azerbaijan.



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#### 80x25 Initiative

This is a call for a global agreement for the permanent protection of 80 percent of the Amazon by 2025, as an urgent measure to stop the point of no return and respond to the planetary crisis with transformative change, led by COICA and supported by allies from environmental, human rights and scientific organizations.

Emergency Motion 129 - Avoiding the point of no return in the Amazon by protecting 80% by 2025, was approved at the World Conservation Congress in September 2021, becoming a historic milestone in the configuration of global politics.

For the first time, indigenous peoples had a voice and a vote in this space, but even more, we presented a viable solution based on science and ancestral knowledge to stop the point of no return in the Amazon and respond to the current climate emergency.



As COICA we walk.
iWith our feet on the ground and our hearts in the struggle!

We invite you to continue walking with us towards a future where the Amazon remains the living heart of the planet.

Fany Kuiru COICA General Coordinator





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