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FOR NÚCLEO No. 2
Cartagena del Chairá, Caquetá, Colombia

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Cartagena del Chairá is a Colombian municipality with enormous environmental wealth. It is considered to be the gateway to the vast, exuberant, and biodiverse Amazonian region. However, it has great social needs. The natural heritage in this municipality is threatened by the high rates of deforestation which, as calculated by IDEAM for the period 2015-2016, have resulted in a loss of 26,544 hectares of natural forest.

Far from being an obstacle, the adverse conditions the population has gone through, especially in Bajo Caguán, associated with more than half a century of armed conflict, state neglect, and a lack of work and productive opportunities, have been a stimulus for the population to fight to survive, overcome adversities and start a journey towards rural sustainable development, coexistence, and reconciliation.

Since 2015, and with the support of the Paisajes Conectados program, operated by Fondo Acción, the community leaders of Núcleo No. 2 in Bajo Caguán have overseen a process of territorial peace building whose main orientation is explained in this Community Agenda, an agenda that is constantly being updated and receiving feedback. Today, the peasant farmers in the region, who are pioneers of the territorial peace building that will allow them to build their life projects in harmony with the natural environment, aspire to restore and rehabilitate many of the deforested hectares through initiatives included in the thematic environmental line of this agenda.

For the peasant farmer communities in the 20 villages, community action boards, social and producers' organizations, and Núcleo No. 2 leaders, this updated version of the Community Agenda represents a guide that collects and addresses the territory's main and most sensitive challenges. It has

become an expression of the local hope and a contribution to sustainable rural development in Bajo Caguán. This update is the result of a participatory exercise done in June 2017, within the framework of the new post-conflict environment, which seeks to amplify the voices of peasant farmers and leaders, and transform the stigma associated with the culture of illegality, drugs, and insecurity, while encouraging the conservation of strategic ecosystems and improvement of the living conditions of the inhabitants in this region.

This Community Agenda will be promoted mainly by the committee and following the eight steps created for this purpose. This concerted outcome is supported by:

- Three transversal axes: 1) citizen participation, 2) the gender perspective (highlighting the strategic role women play, especially peasant farmer women) and 3) the conservation, restoration, and use of natural resources.
- Five basic principles that create conditions and guide peasant farmers' life projects, including their relationship with the environment and natural resources.
- Four thematic lines, corresponding to the urgent areas of development that Núcleo No. 2 projects going forward: 1) Socio-environmental Conservation, 2) Sustainable Rural Development, 3) Governance and Peace and 4) Socio-cultural Promotion. These lines and their corresponding subtopics should be understood as priorities and outlines. Therefore, they can be used as a guide for the creation and execution of different initiatives, programs, and projects that can be implemented in the communities, the municipality, the department, and with public entities at a national level, among others.

THEMATIC PRINCIPLES OF THE AGENDA



Territorial peace building.



Social and community solidarity and cooperation.



Social and community participation in decision making to achieve rural population and peasant farmers' life projects.



Defense of land and territory.



Conservation, rehabilitation, and sustainability of the strategic ecosystems, and local and regional development.

THEMATIC LINES

SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

- Sustainable use of the Amazonian forest.
- Recovery and conservation of water sources.
- Training and education on environmental issues.
- Creation of payment strategies for environmental services that recognize the forest's value and importance as a source of income and which can help reduce climate change.
- Recovery of degraded soils and forests in the territory.
- Ecological restoration of degraded forest ecosystems.
- Closing the agricultural border and the spread of colonization in areas of special environmental and ecological importance.
- Use of solid and liquid waste from production activities to make organic fertilizers, liquid fertilizers, etc.

RURAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Promotion of land access, use, and tenure programs and the implementation of programs for formalization of land ownership and subtraction of the area from the forest reserve in highly intervened areas within the territory.
- Strengthening of food sovereignty and security.
- Establishment of sustainable agricultural, aquaculture, and forestry production systems.
- Promotion of productive reconversion processes that are environmentally friendly, prioritizing the following activities and productive systems: agroecological, silvopastoral, agroforestry and nature tourism.
- Use of wood and non-wood resources from the forest to develop the communities' capacity for artisanal creation and production.
- Promotion of the region's social and solidarity economy through the following mechanisms:
 - Access to markets and commercialization of products based on the criteria of fair and equitable trade, seeking conditions for the establishment of value chains and marketing at regional, national, and international levels.
 - Support for peasant farming and family economy and agriculture.
 - Promotion of comprehensive household gardens.
- Promotion of Amazonian fruits.
- Creation of a farmers market in Remolino del Caguán.
- Carry out product exchange activities and activities to facilitate bartering among peasant farmers.
- Promotion of credit for peasant farmers with low interest rates and long terms.
- Use and production of native seeds for the production of foods adapted to the climate and the recovery of traditional species.
- Construction of public goods associated with rural development programs with a territorial focus with regards to road and river infrastructure, telecommunications, internet, health and education infrastructure, water supply, production, and basic sanitation infrastructure. As well as programs for improvement of rural housing, the improvement, access, and quality of health services, and the establishment of alternate energies.

GOVERNANCE AND PEACE

- Construction of local and citizen agreements that contribute to the establishment of pacific relationships of coexistence, using the community manuals of citizen coexistence as a reference.
- Comprehensive presence of all public institutions.
- Recognition of peasant farmers and rural women as social and political subjects of rights, as well as the social, political, cultural, environmental, and productive role they play in their territories and rural societies.
- Promotion of a culture of peace and the resolution of socio-environmental, territorial, and community conflicts through dialogue.
- Support for social, political, and productive inclusion for those who have decided to lay down their arms as a result of the political agreement between the government and the FARC-EP guerrillas.
- Recognition and valuation of the victims of violence.
- Conditions and strategies to elevate Remolino del Caguán to a township of the Cartagena del Chairá municipality.

RURAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Advancement of education and training processes for communities and social and producers' organizations on issues related to public policies, environmental conservation, agro-ecology, productive reconversion to sustainable systems, treatment and transformation of conflicts, leadership, and project formulation.
- Incorporation of gender strategies through the active participation of women in influencing public policies.
- Promotion of spaces of inclusion and capacity building to make the role of women as an agent for development visible within social organizations.
- Education for peasant farmer, community, social and producers' organizations on issues related to management, organization, negotiation, and dialogue with public and private institutions and international cooperation agencies.
- Creation of strategies for the participation of children, adolescents, youth, and elderly adults in development initiatives and local organizational processes.
- Creation of educational initiatives to allow children, adolescents, youth, and their families to find educational and productive opportunities.
- Formulation of strategies to prevent teenage pregnancies.
- Design policies and pedagogy on the rights of elderly adults with a territorial focus.
- Creation of activities and safe and protective spaces to decrease the vulnerability of children, adolescents, youth, and elderly adults.
- Development of prevention and treatment programs for problems related to alcoholism, drug addiction, and early pregnancy in teenagers.
- Development of strategies and programs to recover peasant farmer culture, their practices, traditions, uses, and customs, as well as encourage sporting activities for the rural population.
- Development of strategies to compile the region's historical memory



COMMUNITY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PATHWAY

The management pathway for this community agenda includes:

1. Advancing the dissemination, awareness, and socialization of the Community Agenda among the 20 villages in Núcleo No. 2 as well as Nuclei 1 and 3 in Remolino del Caguán. (Use community and university radio for support).
2. Contact the Association of Councils (Asociación de Juntas) in Cartagena del Chairá (ASOJUNTAS), the Solidarity Economy Association (Asociación de Economía Solidaria) in Bajo Caguán (ASOES), the Committee of Cacao Growers (Comité de Cacaoteros) in Suncillas and Bajo Caguán (CHOCAGUÁN) and Núcleo No. 2's Solidarity Economy Fund (Fondo de Economía Solidaria FES).
3. Tell different municipal, departmental, and national authorities about the Agenda, including the Ministry of

Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the High Presidential Council for the Post-conflict, Corpoamazonia, National Natural Parks, Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi (IGAC) and other agencies and/or administrative departments of government.

4. Spread information about the Agenda to NGOs that are relevant to the thematic lines.
5. Contact embassies and international cooperation agencies so they can join future projects resulting from this Agenda.
6. Identify financing sources that can make this Agenda's content a reality.
7. Follow up on calls for government programs, cooperating partners, and projects financed mainly by the general royalty system.
8. Self-management.



To move forward with the activities mentioned above, a committee of five members of Núcleo No. 2 is elected.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEVELOP THE MANAGEMENT PATHWAY

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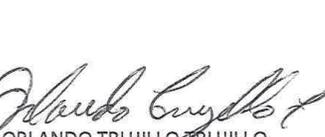
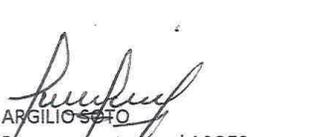
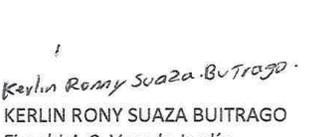
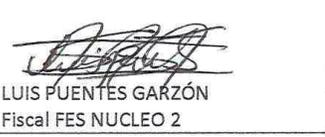
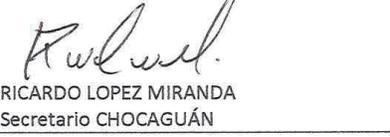
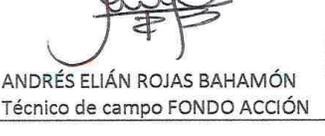
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“Peace begins with **the dignification of the countryside.** It is the right to land with guaranteed stability.”

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