



## **FEIM IN THE THIRD REGIONAL FORUM ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

From April 24 to 26, the Third Regional Forum on the Sustainable Development of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean took place at ECLAC. FEIM attended as an NGO member of the Civil Society group, represented by Mabel Bianco.



### **Meeting for Feminist NGOs**

On Monday April 22, Mabel Bianco, in her capacity as facilitator of the Mayoy Group of Women for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized a consultation of feminist NGOs that was attended by more than 100 people. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the position of the organizations against the model for the Civil Society Participation mechanism that would be considered at the Civil Society Forum and then at the official Forum.

## **Civil Society Forum**

On Tuesday the 23rd the Civil Society Forum was held, prior to the Third Meeting of the Forum, in which the transitory Commission appointed in the Second Forum presented the proceedings. After an overview of what had been achieved, the group received a greeting from the Executive Director of ECLAC, Mrs. Alicia Barcena. Mabel Bianco was responsible for presenting and welcoming her on behalf of all the participants. Bianco informed her succinctly that a working model of the Civil Society Participation Mechanism had already been agreed upon. She also expressed the Civil Society's discomfort with the regional governments' conduct in discussing the missions of the previous Forum's document in the United Nations in NY without informing or sharing it with the Civil Society.

## **Third Regional Forum**

The Third Regional Forum was held from April 24-26 with the participation of representatives of the States, civil society and UN agencies. On Thursday the 25th, in the Multiple Actors Session, Civil Society representatives had a space to present their position. It was read by the representative of persons with disabilities Rosario Galarza, the representative of indigenous peoples Norey Malu Quiroga Izquierdo, and a representative of English-speaking Caribbean NGOs, Kurba Marie Castells, to complement the perspective of each of their groups.

### ***Declaration from the organizations of the Civil Society of Latin America and the Caribbean :***

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On Friday the 26th, the closing day, Civil Society expressed the statement that their fellow partner from Mexico, Monica Jasis, read.

***Final points from the organizations of the Civil Society of Latin America and the Caribbean:*** <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kY4L73luSuD421Dy4NPQWOpql8yKBg8s>



## Civil Society Liaison Committee

Finally, the Integration of the Liaison Committee was completed, as well as mechanisms for Civil Society's participation in the Regional Forum. It was integrated with the 20 focal points of the 4 groups in presentation with the subregions, the 13 thematic groups, and the 3 special groups. Substitute points were also added to each of these groups. At the same time, a facilitator group was formed by Beatriz Jimenez of Equality LAC, Patricia Jaramillo of REPEM, and Mabel Bianco of FEIM.

### *List of focal points and substitutes and results of the negotiation:*

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