DECLARATION OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDS NETWORK FOR THE AUTONOMY OF AMAZONIAN PEOPLES

In the face of environmental crisis and the known importance of the Amazon for climate balance on a global scale, the original peoples and traditional communities that play a fundamental role in caring for forests and their territories do not have direct access to climate financing for their communities. Community Funds are the best financial instruments for funding actions that guarantee the autonomy of forest peoples and their territories.

We representatives of Community Funds of the Brazilian Amazon, gathered at the 3erd Meeting, in the city of Belém, during the Amazon Summit (Cúpula da Amazônia) have decided to consolidate and strengthen the Community Funds Network of the Amazon and affirm the following:

- Climate funding should prioritize direct financing to forest peoples through our organizations and financial mechanisms;
- Governments, international cooperation and philanthropy should guarantee support for Community Funds, respecting their procedures;
- The administrative and financial procedures of donors should adapt to the reality of the peoples and communities;
- The financial costs of organizations and their mechanisms should be considered an investment, not an expense;
- Financial support for communities should occur independently of regulation of their territories.

Lastly, we call for other Funds of the same nature to join us in our struggle for resistance and care towards MOTHER EARTH.

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Signed by:

The Community Funds Network for the Autonomy of Amazonian peoples



























