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**(Thematic consultations between civil society and social actors, on
the mandates from the Ninth Summit of the Americas)**

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Regarding the follow-up phase for the mandates arising from the consultation phases with the representatives of the governments that participated in the Ninth Summit of the Americas, for South America, we have taken a number of steps to promote dialogue and evaluation exercises for each of the mandates included in the final document.

One of the activities that we have been pursuing is engagement with the mass media, giving an overview of the policies, plans, and activities of the governments of South America, as part of the just transition to clean, sustainable, and renewable energy.

Below are some links to the publications:

- <https://www.lasillavacia.com/historias/historias-silla-llena/que-tanto-esta-comprometido-colombia-en-materia-de-energias-limpias/>
- <https://www.lasillavacia.com/historias/historias-silla-llena/pacto-de-solidaridad-colectivo-o-pacto-de-suicidio-colectivoantonio-guterres/>

We have also been meeting with grassroots environmental organization leaders, who have actively participated in learning about each of the mandates and sharing their perspectives on how each mandate is being executed and on these organizations' active engagement on the ground. These organizations' activities and focal point are geared towards the areas of greatest biodiversity in South America, which themselves enjoy special protection, such as the Amazon, which includes countries such as Peru, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela, and the biogeographic region of Chocó, which encompasses Panama, Colombia, coastal Ecuador, and Peru.

Recommendations:

- ***Clean energy generation projects on the ground:*** Common ground for these organizations with respect to the transition to clean energy is the concern that their governments should involve them as active and engaged stakeholders in the projects being executed on the ground; and that the innovation techniques they are applying in the territory should be used and their voice heard, and that they should be given more active mechanisms to coordinate plans and projects being executed or to be executed in the territory.
- **Democratic participation mechanisms for the just transition to clean energy:** emphasize participation in such mechanisms as the Prior Consultation, that has afforded them a deeper understanding of these plans while also respecting their worldview and life plans in the territory. They draw attention, however, to the search for more effective and dynamic mechanisms to ensure their involvement in the short term.
- Carbon credits as incentives for curbing greenhouse gas emissions: emphasize some communities' involvement in actual exchanges of mechanisms and incentives that are being given in communities in exchange for real biodiversity conservation actions converted into carbon credits, which they spotlight and promote to get other communities to become part of this wonderful initiative.