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GELEDÉS RECOMMENDATIONS - BLACK WOMEN INSTITUTE FOR THE NEW QUALIFIED COLLECTIVE TARGET ON CLIMATE FINANCE (NCQG)

Geledés - Black Women Institute, a civil society organization that stands for women and the Afro-descendant population because it understands that these two social segments suffer from disadvantages and discrimination in accessing social opportunities due to the prevailing racism and sexism in Brazilian society, presents contributions regarding the situation of climate change in Brazil to be considered as contributions to the New Qualified Collective Target on Climate Finance (NCQG).

When presenting statements, agreements, and documents relevant to the topic, it is essential to mention the [Durban Declaration and Plan of Action](#), resulting from the 3rd World Conference against Racism and Racial Discrimination. This document contains valuable recommendations for the climate agenda and was historically built in consensus with the Afro-descendant civil society. Its incorporation into discussions is an important step in ensuring racial and ethnic equity.

In light of this, recent inclusion of the following paragraph on racial issues in the latest [Political Declaration to be adopted at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#), under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023, is highlighted here:

"We commit to intensify our efforts in the fight against racism, all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stigma and hate speech at all levels, through cooperation, partnership and inclusion, and with respect for diversity."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The racially disparate impacts of environmental degradation and climate injustice demand a fundamental reorientation of political institutions, economic systems, and legal principles to include racial justice and equality priorities;

2. True racial justice entails ending environmental racism and also implies racially just adaptation, transition, mitigation, and loss and damage frameworks that end systemic racism embedded in the global economy, political hierarchies, and legal structures;
3. Reparations require addressing historical climate injustice as well as eradicating contemporary systemic racism, which is a legacy of historical injustice in the context of the global ecological crisis;
4. Institutionalizing meaningful participation and decision-making of the Afro-descendant population in global and national climate governance, including women, people with gender and racial diversity;
5. Just as bringing discussions on climate justice closer to discussions on sustainable development, as exemplified by the HLPF in its 2023 political document, it is necessary to commit and intensify efforts to combat racism, all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stigma and hate speech, through cooperation, partnerships, inclusion, and respect for diversity;
6. Developed countries should continue to take the lead in mobilizing climate finance with a focus on racial and climate justice, drawing from a wide range of sources, instruments, and channels, recognizing the significant role of public funds through various possible actions;
7. It is crucial to consider that the NCQG must urgently apply the need for concrete actions, such as adaptation to climate change and the global goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C. For this, it must have concrete and applicable short- and long-term goals, all based on science and reinforcing the commitment to combating racism and promoting racial equality. These goals need to address the evolving needs and priorities of all developing countries for at least mitigation, adaptation, and response to loss and damage, while being periodically reviewed, flexible, and inclusive of quantitative, qualitative aspects, and fundamentally prioritizing the rights of the Afro-descendant population;
8. Lastly, when presenting statements, agreements, and documents relevant to the topic, it is fundamental to mention the [Durban Declaration and Plan of Action](#), which presents a climate agenda and was historically built in consensus with the Afro-descendant civil society.