Through an approach that promotes community-led development, the Coalition's work in Latin America provides a platform to:

1. amplify community voices
2. support joint campaigns and advocacy
3. share resources, maximize our membership's strengths and leverage their experiences
4. foster synergies that provide added value

In June 2021, we held an online strategic conversation to learn more about the work in progress, reflect on challenges and achievements, and outline collective strategies.

Who participated?
- 34 people, representing
- 24 organizations and communities, from
- 9 countries across the region

The Strategic Conversation was valued as a very useful space. This infographic summarizes the main results and the areas of opportunity that were identified.

### Main trends and threats
- Projects are being imposed without **consultations or participation** of local communities, especially indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples.
- Authoritarianism and **civic space restrictions**.
- Institutional weakness in the area of human rights; legal reforms that enable the dispossession of territories and **criminalization** of human rights defenders.
- Challenge in the effective implementation of **international agreements**, such as the Escazú Agreement.
- Because of frequent emergencies, it is difficult to have long term plans and work on **preventive** and more transformative proposals.
- Human and environmental rights **setbacks**: with the pandemic, communities find themselves even more vulnerable and threatened.
- Challenges and opportunities in the context of the **COVID-19 recovery**.

### Expected results
- Diverse and better **tools for advocacy**.
- **Strengthened capacities**, thanks to new synergies and collective work.
- Stronger **development proposals** based on human rights and the common good.
- **Research and analysis** to push for more long-term changes and proposals aligned with community-led development principles.
- Banks and other institutions are held **accountable** and respect human rights.
- Recognition of the different **responsibilities** of the actors involved in the development finance sector.
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