



**"Addressing Deforestation in Amazonia.  
A Land Rights and Women's Perspective"**

**Brussels, 9 November 2021**

**5.30 – 6.30 CET**

Event hosted by MEP Alessandra Moretti

No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ) is organising a conference on "Addressing Deforestation in Amazonia: A Land Rights and Women's Perspective" on 9 November 2021 at the margins of COP26.

The event was triggered and inspired by the indigenous peoples' marches in Brasilia in August and September 2021, where indigenous peoples from across Brazil gathered to collectively ask authorities to protect the Amazon rainforest and respect their rights. In this event, diverse local organisations, indigenous representatives and individuals working on protecting the forest and its people will discuss and call for action for the general political situation, the practices that lead to deforestation, and the problems that Amazonian indigenous and forest communities face. In addition, indigenous women leaders and activists will share their vision regarding what they experience in protecting their territories and working for the well-being of their communities.

Due to the current COVID-19 emergency, the event will be held online via Zoom. Please [register](#) to receive access credentials to attend.

Interpretation will be available in English, Italian and Portuguese.

## **Agenda**

**17:30 Introduction by the host: Hon. Alessandra Moretti, MEP**

**17:35 Remarks by No Peace Without Justice**

**17:40 Deforestation, land rights and indigenous peoples in the Amazon rainforest: an overview**

**Paulo Celso de Oliveira**, Lawyer, Pankararu People, & **Gersem Dos Santos Luciano**, Anthropologist, Baniwa People – Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos

**Brenda Brito**, Imazon – Seja Legal com a Amazônia Campaign

**Daniel Lopez Faggiano**, Instituto Maíra

**18:05 Indigenous women's perspectives on these issues**

**Puyr Tembé**, Federation of Indigenous Peoples of Pará State (APIB)

**Telma Taurepang**, General Coordinator of the Union of Indigenous Women of the Brazilian Amazon (UMIAB)

**18:25 Conclusions by Hon. Eleonora Evi, MEP**

**18:29 Greetings by Alessandra Moretti, MEP**

## Brief Description of the Organisations & Biographies of the Speakers

**Moderator:** Hon. Alessandra Moretti – Member of the European Parliament.

**Conclusions:** Hon. Eleonora Evi – Member of the European Parliament

**Speakers:**

### I. Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos

Brazil Human Rights Fund's mission is to promote respect for human rights in Brazil, building innovative and sustainable mechanisms to channel resources to strengthen civil society organizations and develop philanthropy for social justice. **Website:** <https://www.fundobrasil.org.br/en/>

- **Speakers:**

**Paulo Celso de Oliveira:** He belongs to the Pankararu peoples. Paulo holds a Law degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Goiás (PUC/GO). In addition, he has postgraduate studies in Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and International Cooperation in the Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain, and a Master's in Social and Environmental Law from the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUC/PR), having carried out studies on indigenous territorial management. Paulo worked as ombudsman of the National Indian Foundation - Funai. He is a partner at Dora & Oliveira, working with indigenous peoples' rights, environmental law and civil society organisations' rights. Since 1995, he has been acting as a lawyer for several indigenous peoples and organisations in Brazil.

**Gersem dos Santos Luciano:** Gersem belongs to the Baniwa people. He graduated in Philosophy from the Federal University of Amazonas – UFAM. Besides, he holds a doctorate and master's degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Brasília (UnB). Gersem is currently a professor at UFAM and a member of Brazil Fund's Advisory Board. In addition, he served as general coordinator of Indigenous Education at the Ministry of Education, director of the Federation of Indigenous Organizations of Rio Negro – FOIRN – and general coordinator of the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon - COIAB.

### II. **O Mundo Que Queremos – Coordinators of the Seja Legal Com a Amazônia Campaign**

The Be Legal with the Amazon campaign is the result of this joint effort by those who see the action of the State and Justice as our greatest chance against the theft and destruction of Brazil's natural heritage. More than 60% of the forests in the Amazon are located on public land. Yet, today, lands that belong to all Brazilians are the target of criminal organizations interested in stealing the nation's natural heritage.

The actions of land grabbers are responsible for a significant part of deforestation in the Amazon, generating an environment of violence and corruption in the region that destroys Brazil's natural wealth and intimidates rural entrepreneurs and producers who would like to invest in legal alternatives. The situation is so urgent that representatives of the private sector, agribusiness and environmentalists decided to unite to demand a response from the government. Imazon is part of the network that support the Seja Legal Com a Amazônia Campaign.

**Website:** <https://sejalegalcomaamazonia.org.br/en/>

- **Speaker:**

**Brenda Brito:** Brenda Brito is an Associate Researcher at Imazon (Amazon Institute of People and the Environment), a non-governmental organisation based in Belem, northern Brazil. The mission of IMAZON is to promote conservation and sustainable development in the Amazon. Brenda Brito holds a master's degree in the Science of Law (JSM'08) and a PhD in the Science of Law (JSD'17) from Stanford Law School. Mrs Brito has worked for 18 years to improve laws and policies for forest conservation and land tenure management in the Brazilian Amazon. She has more than 50 publications on topics related to land tenure and environmental law and policy. Her most recent publication analyses land laws and practices in the Brazilian Amazon that identify perverse incentives for land grabbing and deforestation and crucial measures to increase the compatibility between environmental and land policies to promote forest conservation. The complete study is available [here](#).

### III. Instituto Maíra

Instituto Maíra is a Brazilian non-profit organization that, since 2017, has been operating in national and international territories. Its objective is to contribute to the emancipation of traditional peoples and communities by strengthening the principle of self-determination.

Their projects are conceived from the fight against poverty and the protection of the environment. Its premise is stimulating the discovery of the potential of each people and/or community so that they improve their individual and collective quality of life. Furthermore, their goal is to promote sustainable human development through overcoming the overconsumption paradigm and violence.

**Website:** <https://en.institutomaira.org/>

- **Speaker:**

**Daniel Lopes:** Daniel Lopes Faggiano is an anthropologist specialised in human rights. Throughout his career, he has supported indigenous communities in creating representative bodies and local associations. Moreover, he has worked with the Kayapo indigenous peoples, assisting them in achieving their self-determination while helping them develop strategies for defending their rights. In 2017, he actively participated in conceiving Instituto Maíra, a non-profit civil society organisation that works for human emancipation through knowledge exchange, articulation and strengthening of local voices and the promotion of community-led development. Currently, he is the Executive Director of the Instituto Maíra and a member of the Global Advocacy Team.

#### **IV. Indigenous Women**

**Puyr Tembé:** Amazonian indigenous woman, leader and activist. She belongs to the Alto Rio Guamá Indigenous Land. She is the president of the Federation of Indigenous Peoples of the State of Pará (FEPIPA) and a member of the National Articulation of Indigenous Women Warriors of Ancestry (ANMIGA). In addition, she is treasurer of the Union of Indigenous Women of the Brazilian Amazon (UMIAB) and a powerful voice in the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB). Puyr also acts as manager for the promotion and protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples at the Secretariat of State and Justice and Human Rights of the State of Pará. (Video intervention to be confirmed).

**Telma Taurepang:** Telma Taurepang is the general coordinator of UMIAB (Union of Indigenous Women of the Brazilian Amazon), a local organisation promoting indigenous women's rights. She has served as UMIAB's coordinator since 2016, prior to that, she led an indigenous organisation for six years: the Indigenous Council of Roraima -CIR. Telma lives in the Brazilian state of Roraima, in the Amazonian region of Amajari where her family has been fighting for decades for the demarcation of indigenous territories. She was one of the organizers of the march in Brasilia and of the Amazonian Indigenous Women Summit.