

Network of Afrodescendant Women from Latinamerican Caribbean and Diaspora

We want to share with our English-speaking members this summary information about the activities and processes developed so far this year from the General Coordination and in the different countries where we operate. We continue promoting our Political Platform of Afrodescendant Women leaders with authorities, decision makers and stakeholders as an strategic tool for advocacy and political influence facing the International Decade for people of african descent.



**Working Group
feminist networks**



**Colloquium of
Afrodescendants
in Mexico**

January



**53 Meeting of
Presiding
Officers of
Regional
Conference on
Women in Chile**

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**Construyendo a viva voz
nuestra Historia**



*Asociación Red de Mujeres
Afrolatinoamericanas, Afrocaribeñas
y de la Diáspora*

**Feminist
meeting in
Guatemala**

February



**Campaign for
Afrodescendant
women in
Nicaragua**

February



**Commission on
Status of Women
CSW60 in New
York**

March



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Communication



Working group of Feminist Networks

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Latin America is characterized by being the most uneven region of the world, both in the distribution of wealth and exercising rights. This is emphasized by the strength gained by anti-rights organizations. Even at a political level in some countries of the region, which has implied facing imminent regressions for the rights of women. It is in this context that the **Feminist Work Group (GTF, by its acronym in Spanish)** worked in 2015, at a regional and global level, regarding the consolidation of the **2030 Agenda** and the Cairo's Agenda, carrying out various activities to ensure a coordinated mobilization and a strong political positioning from the feminist movement of our region that will counter conservative progress and especially contributing to improve the conditions of the lives of women.

One of the central contributions of the GTF has been identifying the links between these agendas and other agendas such as the Beijing Platform, where the human rights of women have been a key link and where we have made it clear that development cannot be conceived without thinking about and re-assessing the sexual division of labor.

In order to take our voices to the construction process of the 2030 Agenda and the follow-up process of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Agenda, we have developed the following strategies: Communication campaigns, Participation and mobilization, Creation of technical



supplies, and this year, a Diagnostic document about the support by the members of this Working Group to national advocacy processes in Nicaragua, Bolivia and Mexico, for the construction of the Agenda 2030 and its link with the agenda of the ICPD.

Undoubtedly, the most valuable contribution of Latin America and the Caribbean to the world is the **Montevideo Consensus**, which is the most ambitious regional agenda, even more so than the 2030 Agenda. However, the Consensus would not be possible without the strength and coalition of civil society, powered by the feminist movements of the region and its capabilities to work jointly, mobilizing and putting pressure on governments.

As Afrodescendant Women Network, we are determined to move forward into healthy, free, diverse, egalitarian, fair, inclusive communities and societies with justice, peace and sustainability for life. Therefore, following-up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Montevideo Consensus and its operational guide will be a fundamental task for the work of the Network at a regional level.

Colloquium of Afrodescendants in Mexico



We participate in an International Colloquium of African Descendants held in Mexico City on January 15, among officials, legislators, ambassadors, academics and experts exchanging experiences of action for people of African descent.

Teresa Mojica, ex legislators and member of the Network in Mexico reiterated that authorities must implement public policies in all fields of development for our communities.

This Colloquium was part of the II International Meeting of the Democratic Left "Global challenges to democracy. Representativeness Crisis and Sustainable Development", held from 25 to 29 January at different locations in the neighboring country.

Afro Network in Feminist Meeting

Our Network of Afrodescendant women attended the invitation to participate in the Meeting "Between us-other: Feminists and Feminism today", held from 16 to 18 February in Guatemala City.

Representing the Network Joanna Wetherborn spoke in the conference "Contribution of Afrodescendant women and Black Feminism to feminisms and social movements".

She was also panelist at the discussion table on Feminism and decolonization under the topic "Ethnicity and Diversities".



Feminist from Central America and Europe generated exchange and discussion around keys for feminist agendas issues in different contexts. Throughout the event studies, assessments, contributions and lessons learned were shared from the views of women.

ARMAAD at the 53th meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and Caribbean



This meeting was held from 26 to 28 January in the city of Santiago de Chile to discuss the development Agenda 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals, and its articulation with the regional agenda on gender equality and empowerment of women.

During this event, considering the resolution adopted at the previous meeting of the Presiding Officers, they made a regional consultation for the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. [Final Declaration here](#).

Communication Campaign

"Recognition Justice and Development for women of afriandescent in the South Caribbean Cost of Nicaragua". This campaign seeks to make visible the social and economic situation of black nicaraguan women and promote their Political Platform facing the International Decade for people of African descent 2015-2024.



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Inclusion of Ethnic category in Census 2017

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Education for all afrodescendant women and with quality

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Fund for Afrodescendant women

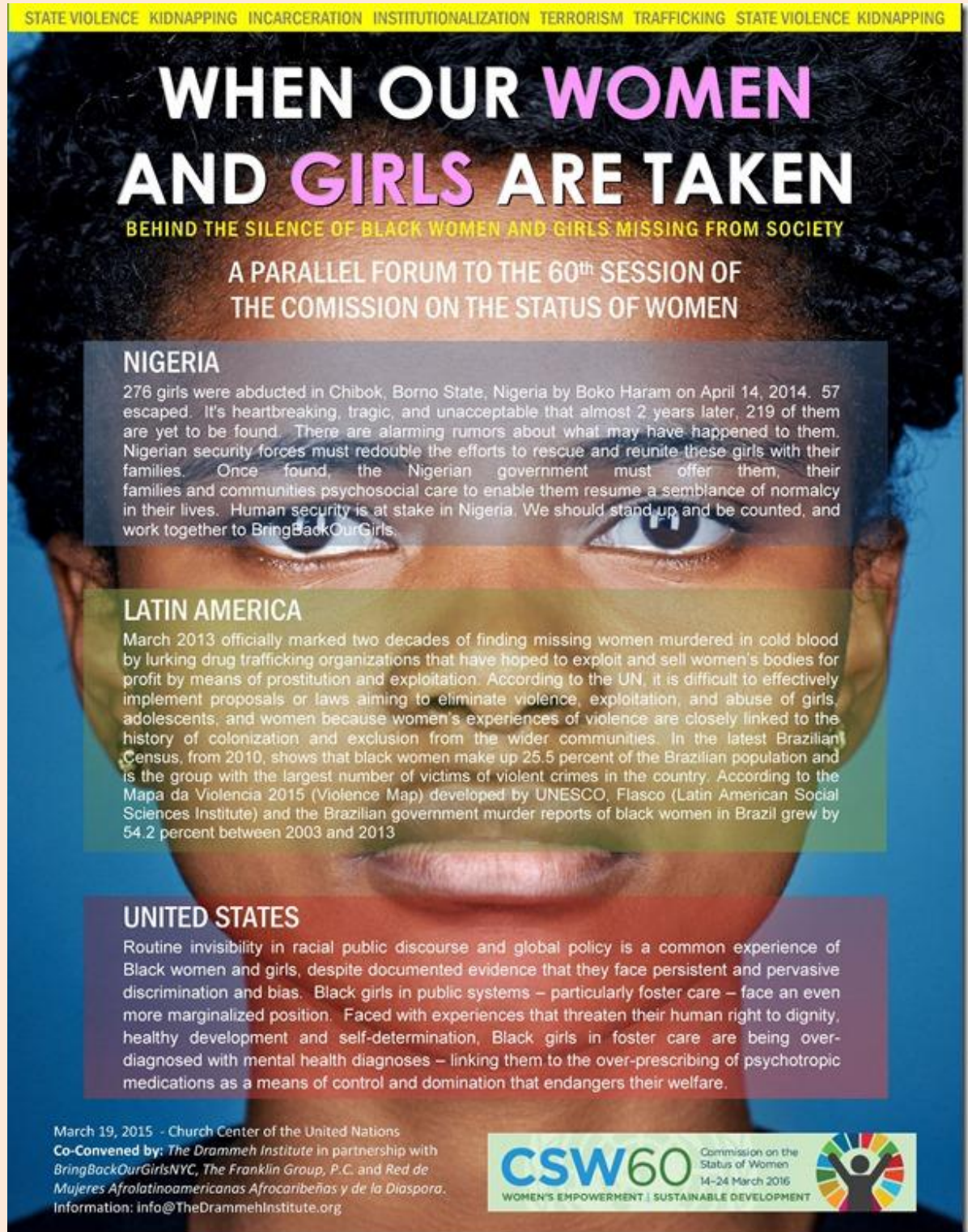
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ARMAAD co-organized parallel event for CSW60 March 2016

As part of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) that took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14 to 24 March, on March 19 was held the parallel Forum "When our women and girls are taken" Behind the silence of black women and girls missing from society.

Yvette Modestin, Coordinator of the Diaspora in the United States of ARMAAD, made a presentation on violence against African

women in Latin America (State Violence, rape, abduction of women and girls, institutionalization, etc.), sharing statistics and revelatory stories. Modestin shared table with other black women from Nigeria and the United States.



STATE VIOLENCE KIDNAPPING INCARCERATION INSTITUTIONALIZATION TERRORISM TRAFFICKING STATE VIOLENCE KIDNAPPING

WHEN OUR WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE TAKEN

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A PARALLEL FORUM TO THE 60th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

NIGERIA

276 girls were abducted in Chibok, Borno State, Nigeria by Boko Haram on April 14, 2014. 57 escaped. It's heartbreaking, tragic, and unacceptable that almost 2 years later, 219 of them are yet to be found. There are alarming rumors about what may have happened to them. Nigerian security forces must redouble the efforts to rescue and reunite these girls with their families. Once found, the Nigerian government must offer them, their families and communities psychosocial care to enable them resume a semblance of normalcy in their lives. Human security is at stake in Nigeria. We should stand up and be counted, and work together to BringBackOurGirls.

LATIN AMERICA

March 2013 officially marked two decades of finding missing women murdered in cold blood by lurking drug trafficking organizations that have hoped to exploit and sell women's bodies for profit by means of prostitution and exploitation. According to the UN, it is difficult to effectively implement proposals or laws aiming to eliminate violence, exploitation, and abuse of girls, adolescents, and women because women's experiences of violence are closely linked to the history of colonization and exclusion from the wider communities. In the latest Brazilian Census, from 2010, shows that black women make up 25.5 percent of the Brazilian population and is the group with the largest number of victims of violent crimes in the country. According to the Mapa da Violência 2015 (Violence Map) developed by UNESCO, Flasco (Latin American Social Sciences Institute) and the Brazilian government murder reports of black women in Brazil grew by 54.2 percent between 2003 and 2013.

UNITED STATES

Routine invisibility in racial public discourse and global policy is a common experience of Black women and girls, despite documented evidence that they face persistent and pervasive discrimination and bias. Black girls in public systems – particularly foster care – face an even more marginalized position. Faced with experiences that threaten their human right to dignity, healthy development and self-determination, Black girls in foster care are being over-diagnosed with mental health diagnoses – linking them to the over-prescribing of psychotropic medications as a means of control and domination that endangers their welfare.

March 19, 2015 - Church Center of the United Nations
Co- Convened by: The Drammeh Institute in partnership with BringBackOurGirlsNYC, The Franklin Group, P.C. and Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas Afrocaribeñas y de la Diaspora.
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