

# “MAPPING THE NETWORKS OF SOUTH-SOUTH INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY AND ADVOCACY”

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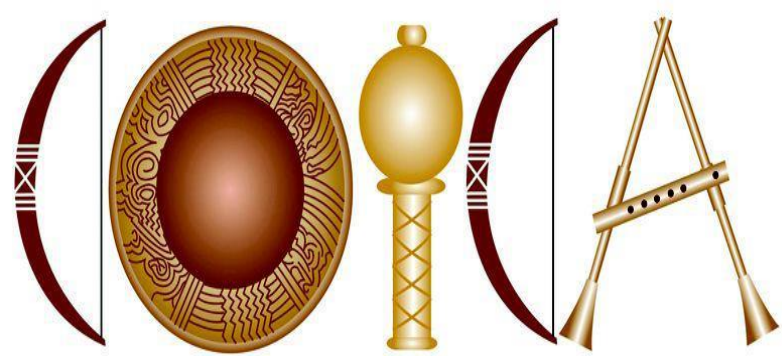
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## Overview:

This project required background reading and online research regarding indigenous alliances and resistance. Analysis of my findings highlighted the strong relations between grassroots, regional and international actors. To help locate and map the indigenous movement, a multidisciplinary approach was adopted, predominantly looking at legal and political activism.



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## Methodology:

To establish background knowledge, I read Anna’s previous work on the global dimensions of Brazil’s indigenous movement in the 1980s. Continuing further, I studied Latin American organisation websites such as AIDSESP (Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Rainforest). Having acquired a strong foundation of information and recognising the south-south solidarity, I visited online archives such as the UNFCC. Whilst archival research was challenging, my foundation information and supervisors’ guidance meant I could navigate them with more ease. These archives were valuable for finding invitations of indigenous people to conferences and thus helped recognise solidarity bodies, such as the LCIP.



Encourage dialogue between governments and indigenous communities as seen in 1989 when the Brazilian Government ceased its building of a dam

Successfully shine light on indigenous views and potentially attracting global attention

Protesting and lobbying governments

Objectively places blame on wrongdoers with binding repercussions. For instance, FCUNAE established achieved justice for 27,000 Ecuadorian indigenous people in 2021 following an oil spill, establishing the legal precedent that indigenous people can achieve environmental justice

**Forms of Advocacy and Solidarity**

Legal resistance:

Ensures accountability

Attract attention for the indigenous struggle

Protests often follow bodies failing to meet the demands agreed in previous protests. Therefore, indicating that protests can have limited political impact. Instead, the ‘change’ induced by protests tend to be based on promises and is not binding

Local communities often lack the potential to legally challenge state decisions or defend themselves. But indigenous, regional and international organisations are in increasingly able to provide legal support, funds and create programs to mitigate this challenge

Can acquit the wrongly convicted. For instance, Climate Alliance recognised this and successfully acquitted innocent indigenous representatives that were sued by mining corporations

## Influence:

Influence refers to the impact solidarity has upon contributing to developing and diversification of resistance against indigenous oppression. Consequently, by understanding who, when and where advocacy happened, I went beyond analysing success of organisations and located solidarity.

### Local organisations achieved this unity through:

- Distribution of newsletters online advocacy is wide-reaching and accessible. Significantly, these resources often mentioned key laws, documents, events, prompting further research
- Firsthand experiences demonstrate the direct impact of indigenous oppression and the positive impacts solidarity/advocacy can have
- Publications make international organisations aware of the indigenous struggles, creating the potential for global responses to this violence

### On a more global scale, international organisations have progressed mobilisation through:

- Recognising the importance of indigenous individuals' involvement in decision-making processes
- They have an international reputation and strong political status
- Large funds ensure that advocacy is large scale, maintainable, and allows greater solidarity opportunities such as the ability to take legal action. Therefore, they and have greater ability to consolidate regional solidarity within Latin America

## Impact:

- I have contributed to the mobilisation of the indigenous movement by recognising and raising awareness regarding the indigenous plight and those challenging the oppression
- Helps visualise indigenous advocacy
- My project can act as a pedagogical tool and will stimulate future research