



## Voices of Latin America

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020

**TIME:** 4:00 PM EDT (New York, USA) | 20:00 UTC (optional support group after)

**REGISTER:** [Register here](#) for Zoom forum

**LANGUAGES:** In Spanish and English

### ONLINE FORUM

**CLIMATE WEEK NYC**

In Latin America we face many challenges. For example, industries that extract minerals and fossil fuels receive large land concessions. Also, industries that consume natural resources get permits that allow them to pursue a violent, voracious, and non-sustainable business model. The results are environmental degradation, deteriorating health for the population, and thousands of displaced people. When activists and communities peacefully protest, they face jail, threats, and assassinations.

In this forum, people from Latin America will speak from their personal experiences about (1) the impact of climate change on their countries and communities and (2) their organizing to end the climate emergency.

Join us to listen to and learn from frontline people!

Participants will also have a chance to share with each other in paired listening exchanges. Sharing experiences is a powerful tool that can strengthen our activism.



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## The Work of SAL and UER



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It is possible to limit the effects of human-caused climate change and restore the environment—and some big changes are needed if this is to happen. Sustaining All Life (SAL) and United to End Racism (UER) believe the environmental crisis cannot be resolved without ending racism, genocide of Indigenous peoples, classism, sexism, and other oppressions. The impact of environmental destruction and climate change falls most heavily on the groups targeted by these oppressions, and on other vulnerable populations (including populations of people who are elderly, disabled and very young).

To build a movement powerful enough to resolve the climate crisis, SAL and UER believe that the following barriers must be overcome: (1) longstanding divisions between nations and between groups of people caused by oppression (especially by racism, genocide of Indigenous people, and classism), (2) widespread feelings of discouragement and powerlessness, (3) a too-slow response to the escalating damage to the earth's climate, (4) difficulties in effectively addressing the connections between the environmental crisis and the failures of our economic system.

We have found that these barriers are most quickly overcome as people heal from the mental and emotional harm caused by oppression. SAL and UER events provide opportunities for people to take turns listening to each other while encouraging emotional release. We become better able to think, speak out, organize, unite, and lead others in building a sustainable world.

SAL and UER are projects of and use the tools of Re-evaluation Counseling, which currently exists in 95 countries.

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