

Not one step back: Women take the lead for peace and security in Colombia

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Sandra Solano
Confluencia de Mujeres

She is the **National Coordinator for the Confluence of Women**, a popular feminist, teacher, magister in education and culture of peace. She is a **defender of the territory**, and a weaver of words. The Confluence of Women for public action is a **national movement of women and feminists** that has a presence in eight departments of Colombia. Among its main areas of work is the **work for the elimination of all violence against women**, the feminist economy and women's work, the defense of nature and territory, the **defense of revolutionary bodies and sexualities**, and the construction and organization from popular feminisms.



Nancy Sánchez
Tejedoras de Vida

Alianza de Mujeres Tejedoras de Vida del Putumayo works with local women in many ways in one of the departments most affected by the conflict in Colombia: Putumayo. They are a **platform of 65 grassroots organisations** that are mostly composed of rural women who have been **working on human rights, social inclusion and environmental advocacy** for over 20 years. Women involved are empowered and train each other to become local human rights defenders and peace builders. They work to **build the resilience of local women at all levels**.



María Ciro
Cisca

Peasant born in Ituango, Antioquia, **engaged in social struggles since she was in college**. She participated in the founding of the **CISCA** 16 years ago, a **peasant-based organization, whose principles are the integration of life and territory**. María promotes the struggle of peasant women, who are anchored in poverty in rural areas. Peasant women who have an **eternal willingness to help**, to share, who continue to smile despite prolonged adversity, who have a love for plants and animals that they plant and raise like their own children.



María Ortiz
Asvipad

The Association of Victims for Peace and Development, ASVIPAD, is a non-confessional, partisan and non-profit organization that was established in August 2014. ASVIPAD seeks to **promote the human rights of women victims who have experienced multiple forms of violence**, especially the rights to truth, justice, comprehensive reparation and the recovery of historical memory in order to **contribute to peace and reconciliation in Colombia**.

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Luz Romero
Asocolemad

General Coordinator (COLEMAD). Feminist by decision, **human rights defender by vocation, lawyer, Master in Human Rights, specialist in training in human rights and social and legal investigation processes. Co-author of publications on land issues, agrarian reform, and rural women's rights.** Participant and speaker in consultations and debates at the international level on the rights of women in contexts of armed conflict and post-conflict.



Julia Figueroa
Ccalcp

Woman **human rights defender** who joined Luis Carlos Pérez Lawyers Collective Corporation - CICALCP since 2001. **Ccalcp** has led on behalf of the **victims, peasant communities, indigenous peoples, popular, and social organizations** in departments (regions) where the population has historically resisted and survived armed conflicts, State abandonment, corruption, and violations of all their human rights. Julia focuses on **comprehensive litigation actions and applies a true gender approach** through the participation and governance of women in all their life roles.

Moderator:



Claudia Mejía

She has worked for more than **forty-six years for the promotion and defence of women's rights in Colombia.** She is a specialist in Human Rights at the Escuela Superior de Administración Pública, and holds a diploma in "Human Rights and Women: Theory and Practice" and a master's degree in "Peace and Development Studies". **Member of the movement Defend Peace and of the National Network of Women,** an initiative that contributes to the effective enjoyment of their rights. **She was working for 22 years with the Corporación Sisma Mujer,** an organisation that has been contributing to the construction of a Colombia without violence against women for more than two decades.

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