Social inclusion for all

The Inter-American Foundation is committed to fund organizations dedicated to facilitate the inclusion of marginalized communities including women, indigenous communities, people with disabilities and afro-descendants.

How can different groups learn from each other about developing their movements? Our featured blog, Networking within a Movement, highlights three IAF grantee partners from the Caribbean: Pride In Action, Asociación Movimiento de Mujeres Nidia White of the North Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region, and Núcleo de Apoyo a la Mujer who are joining forces to share ideas and best practices toward inclusion.

Asociación Movimiento Nacional por los Derechos Humanos de las Comunidades Afrocolombianas (CIMARRON)

provides training to 300 Afro-Colombian women toward their more active participation in local government and in social protection programs. This helps them become more aware of their rights and leadership potential and create opportunities for them to serve on civic committees in 10 localities in Bogotá.

Centro de Formación y Capacitación para Mujeres K’inal Antsetik, A.C. (CEFOCAM)

is a women-led indigenous organization that offers training in cooperativism, leadership and LGBTI rights (lesbian, bisexual, trans and intersex) in the highlands of Chiapas, Oaxaca and Guerrero. With support from the IAF, CEFOCAM has reached 372 indigenous women and 1,500 members of their families.

Advancement in LGBTI Rights

The LGBTI movement in Latin America and the Caribbean has been making great progress. Successful openly gay politicians were unheard of only a few years ago, and today they serve in local and national governments.

Check out a video on LGBTI Political Leadership where activists and supporters gathered to discuss their participation in political life as LGBTI members.
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