



# Indigenous Women of Brazil and Ecuador on the Frontlines: COVID-19 and Defending Communities and the Amazon

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**Sônia Bone Guajajara**

**Executive Coordinator, the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB)**

Sônia Bone Guajajara is a Brazilian indigenous leader. Executive Coordinator for the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), Sônia Guajajara comes from the Araribóia Indigenous Land, of the Guajajara people. She graduated in Arts and Nursing, apart from being a specialist in Special Education by the State University of Maranhão. She was a candidate for Vice-President of Brazil in the 2018 Elections; coordinator of the organizations and articulations of the indigenous peoples of Maranhão (COAPIMA); and of the Coordination of the Indigenous Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB). In 2015, she received the Order of Cultural Merit from the Federal Government, through the Ministry of Culture.



**Patricia Gualinga, Kichwa leader from Sarayaku, Ecuador**

**Spokeswoman for Mujeres Amazónicas Defensoras de la Selva (Amazon Women in Defense of the Jungle)**

Patricia Gualinga is an indigenous rights defender and foreign relations leader of the Pueblo Kichwa de Sarayaku (Kichwa People of Sarayaku), an indigenous community based in the Ecuadorian Amazon. The Kichwa People of Sarayaku have defended their lands and livelihood from human rights violations caused by the illegal appropriation of community land without free, prior and informed consent for extractive projects. Their human rights work in preventing such violations has included a case submitted to the Inter-American System. Patricia Gualinga was one of the representatives of the case which came before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in 2012. The defender is currently working protecting the Kichwa People of Sarayaku from similar human rights violations resulting from oil extraction projects by Chinese companies on their land.



**Daiara Tukano, Brazilian Indigenous activist  
independent communicator and coordinator of Radio Yandê**

Daiara Tukano is of the Tukano indigenous people - Yé'pá Mahsã, clan Eremiri Häusiro Parameri of the Alto Rio Negro in the Brazilian Amazon, and was born in São Paulo. Daiara is an indigenous activist and artist and has a Masters Degree in Human Rights at the University of Brasilia. She is also a researcher on the right to memory and truth of indigenous peoples, and an independent communicator and coordinator of Radio Yandê, the first indigenous web-radio in Brazil - [www.radioyande.com](http://www.radioyande.com)



**Helena Gualinga  
Kichwa youth activist from Sarayaku, Ecuador**

Helena Siren Gualinga (center) is an 18-year-old social activist, of Kichwa-indigenous and Swedish origin. She is known for her advocacy for climate and environmental justice.