



Declaration of the Youth Meeting for Global Social Justice

Tecpán, Chimaltenango, Guatemala

September 28, 2023

We, the young people gathered at the Youth Meeting for Global Social Justice in Tecpán, Guatemala, on September 28, 2023, after a day of analysis, discussions, and reflections on the challenges we face in our society and the world at large, make the following declaration:

I. Awareness of Inequality

We recognize that economic and social inequalities are one of the biggest obstacles to social justice, both locally and globally. The gaps between the wealthiest and the poorest persist and impact entire communities, especially indigenous and rural populations. This inequality undermines social inclusion and limits access to essential opportunities and services.

II. Commitment to the Struggle for Social Justice

We express our commitment to the fight for social justice. We pledge to take concrete actions in our communities and join social transformation projects. We believe it is crucial to seize the current opportunity of democratic spring in Guatemala to drive significant changes that address inequalities and promote a fair and equitable future.

III. Promotion of Inclusion and Diversity

We emphasize the importance of promoting inclusion and diversity in all aspects of society. We acknowledge that social justice can only be achieved when all voices are heard, and all identities are respected. We commit to working to create societies that value and celebrate diversity in all its forms.

IV. Active Participation

We understand that the active participation of young people is essential to achieving social justice. We commit to remain agents of change, participate in protests, elections, and human rights advocacy activities, and push for our inclusion in decision-making. We believe our voices are crucial in shaping public policies.

V. Awareness of Challenges

We recognize that we face significant challenges in our pursuit of social justice. Government repression, lack of resources, and political polarization can hinder our efforts. However, we are determined to overcome these obstacles and continue our struggle.



Committed to these five points identified by the youth assembly, our actions will be framed in the following lines of action:

- **Monitoring Public Policies:** Establish a mechanism for monitoring public policies addressing social justice at the local and national levels. This involves overseeing the implementation of policies, assessing their impact, and advocating for reforms when necessary.
- **Tracking Inequality Indicators:** Collect and analyze data on inequality indicators such as income, access to education and healthcare, and political representation. Tracking these indicators will allow us to assess progress toward social justice and adjust strategies as needed.
- **Promoting Civic Participation:** Encourage the hosting of public activities to promote civic participation in decision-making. These platforms will enable the community to voice their needs and concerns.
- **Building Alliances:** Foster collaboration between organizations, communities, and stakeholders to effectively address inequalities and promote social justice. Joining forces can lead to more robust solutions.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Develop awareness campaigns in local media and social networks to inform the public about existing inequalities and promote the importance of social justice. These campaigns can highlight success stories and examples of positive change.

Let's remember that social justice is not just a goal but a continuous commitment. The discussions and reflections we share here are only the beginning of a journey toward a more inclusive and prosperous future for all. The challenges are significant, but so is our potential for change.

Let's continue working together, from our local communities to the global scale, to build a world where equality, diversity, and justice are fundamental pillars. Each one of us has a crucial role to play in this mission, and together we can make a difference.

Let's keep the conversation alive, continue advocating for change, and persist in our fight for a future in which all people have the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for being part of this movement!

Tzuk Kim-pop Movement and the JADIGUA Uj Jun Youth Network