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Opinion pieces published in prominent news outlets call on governments to take action to protect the Amazon, forest defenders



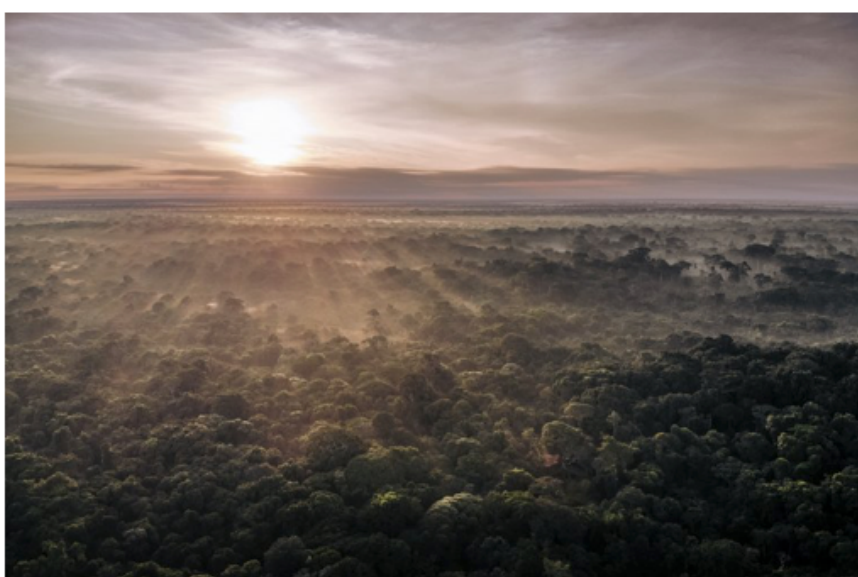
### [THE AMAZON SUMMIT STARTS TODAY](#)

(PUBLISHED IN UOL)

**Carlos Nobre**, Coordinator, Amazon Scientific Panel  
**Kleber Karipuna**, Coordinator, Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB)  
**Pastor Romi Bencke**, Coordinator, National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil (CONIC)

**"The importance of this event is clear, as is the responsibility of the governments that will be there... our countries must tell themselves and the world what they are going to do with the largest and richest forest on the planet. They must move away from populist talk and engage in a high-level dialogue with the depth needed to respond to the climate crisis."**

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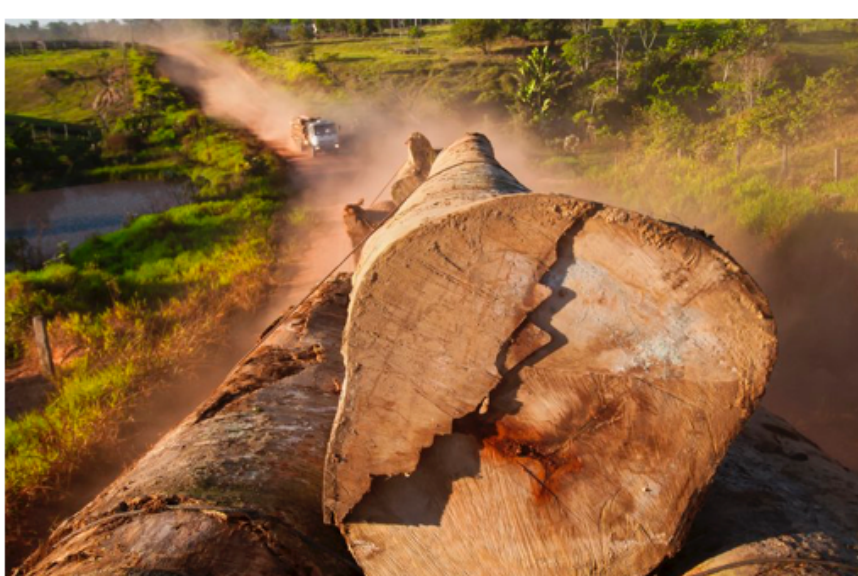
### [A NEW WINDOW OF HOPE OPENS FOR THE AMAZON](#)

(PUBLISHED IN EL ESPECTADOR)

**Bishop Francisco Duque Gómez**, President, Interreligious Council of Colombia  
**Dr. Germán Poveda**, Profesor, Universidad Nacional  
**Oswaldo Muca Castizo**, Coordinator General, Association of Indigenous Authorities of Querari (OPIAC)

**"The leaders who sign this call do so from different perspectives but united by a common purpose. From the scientific perspective we understand that deforestation is one of the causes of climate change. From the spiritual perspective we recognize that restoring the Common Home is protecting the home of future generations. From the perspective of environmental defenders we recognize that ending violence against indigenous peoples is a condition for halting the loss of the Amazon rainforest. But we all understand that the time to act decisively for the Amazon is now."**

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### [OUR AMAZON AT THE CROSSROADS](#)

(PUBLISHED IN LA REPUBLICA)

**Fabiola Muñoz**, former Minister of Environment, Peru  
**Monsignor Alfredo Vizcarra**, Bishop of Jaén  
**Julio Cusurichi**, Director, Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Rainforest (AIDSESP)

**"The Amazon is past, present and future. It is the presence of the divine and an opportunity for peace, harmony, respect and sustainable development. The three signatories of this article are members of the IRI Peru Advisory Council, but we come from different realities: spiritual, indigenous and public service. In each of these spaces, our action is required."**

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