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WHAT IS CONEN?

It is the National Coordination of Black Entities, that is an articulation brought up from the first National Meeting of black entities (ENEN), that took place in São Paulo in 1991, as an instance of a national articulation of the state forums of black entities, which spaces of investments on the construction of the unity among the organizations, respecting each one's autonomy, searching though to elaborate a more collective from the comprehension of each state. With the CONEN's appearance, the black entities had the first step to get out of the isolation and to construct an identity, that had visibility at national and international levels.

The second ENEN happened in 1999, at this point we developed the idea of rethinking the National Coordination Structure, also the idea of investing on the reinforce of the state forums and defining the platform and common action plans, and the possible types of fights to be articulated. We are now coming close to the realization of the first Brazilian Congress of Black Entities.

The history of the black resistance in Brazil is marked by confronting historical challenges. It is important to put on relief the permanent social exclusion situation of the black population, the low black presence on the more organized sectors, the ones more valorized to the worker class, all this is because of the marginal participation on the production process the black people live in. The ideology of the false racial democracy, incorporated by various social segments avoided, for a long time, the consciousness and the visibility of being black in Brazil and anaesthetized a possible larger mobilization process against structural racism in the country.

The 11 years way of CONEN existence has an active participation on the construction of great mobilizations and events as the NATIONAL MARCH 300 YEARS OF ZUMBI DOS PALMARES' IMMORTALITY in 1995, THE CONTINENTAL

MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BLACK PEOPLES, THE CAMPAIGN BRAZIL OTHER 500: THE BLACK AND INDIGENE POPULAR RESISTENCE, in 1999/2000, the participation on the international preparatory conferences, the, the state regional and national plenaries construction, that mobilized the biggest groups of representatives in various forums that discussed THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST THE RACISM, THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, THE XENOPHOBIA AND THE CONNECTED FORMS OR INTOLERANCE, that introduced proper document on which was countersigned as representative on the National Forum of the Black Entities Plenary.

The recognition of other articulation existence on different sectors of the social movement, the identification of each one's paper on the fight process that we maintain and the conjunct actions to be inserted, gives us the possibility to establish our field of alliance on the service of fight progress we embrace.

It is a fundamental task of CONEN to institute denouncement, to give racial visibility to the grave country's social problems (hunger, violence, children extermination, unemployment, etc), and then to end definitely the racial democracy myth, bringing out the racial matter as one of the great national impasses to be solved in an alternative project of Brazil.

FUNCTIONS:

_ To deliberate and to conduct activities on the national ambit that come to contribute in an efficient form to the development of black organization actions, on the way of interfering on a concretization of a new social order, where the afrodescendent human rights in Brazil, on its more democratic and larger form, considering the aspects of gender and racial identity, will be respected and lived by the diversity and plurality of women and men that make the Brazilian society.

ORGANIC STRUCTURE:

Black entities, for CONEN, are groups of black majority that have the specific objective to combat the racism or express cultural values of African matrices and that have no link with governmental or party structures, and also are the basis for the national articulation.

State Forum is the organized black entities from the understanding of each state. It is also the construction space of the unity to elaborate collective actions. The National Coordination is composed by three representatives for each state, it is the responsible structure for the following and execution of the deliberated actions on the plenaries and national meetings of CONEN.

CONEN and the III World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, the xenophobia and connected forms of intolerance. What does it propose?

- The formal recognition by the states that had benefited from black and indigene slavery, from the transatlantic traffic, the recognition of its responsibilities for the actual situation of African Continent and for the economic social and political marginalization of indigene peoples and afrodescendants.

- That the world conference against racism declares LESE HUMANITY CRIME the submission of indigene peoples and black Africans to slavery, as well as the transatlantic slaver traffic and the consequent racial and social economic segregation in which live the afrodescendants and indigenes in nowadays societies.
- The immediate institution of restoring steps by means of restitution, identification, rehabilitation, satisfaction and compensation, including historical fault, to the women and men who were victims of racism, of the racial discrimination and multiple forms of intolerance.

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AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS TO CONEN THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE:

- ANCEABRA – National Association of Collective Afrodescendent Entrepreneurs.
- CENARAB – National Center of Africanity and AfroBrazilian resistance.
- CEAP – Articulation Center of Marginalized Peoples.
- CECUN – Center of Black Culture Studies.
- CEDEMPA – Center of Studies and Defense of Black People from Pará.
- CRIOULA.
- FALA PRETA.
- GELEDES – Alternative Midia and Black Women Institute.
- GRUCON – Group of Union and Black Consciousness
- IPE – Ethenic Research Institue.
- NIZINGA - Coletivo de Mulheres Negras
- NEM – Black Studies Nucleos.
- PRÉ-VESTIBULAR.
- KILOMBO – Black Organization of Rio Grande do Norte.
- QUILOMBO NIGER OKAN.
- SACI – AfroSergipan Estuies and citizen society.
- SOWETO - Organização Negra
- UNEGRO – Black union for igualitu

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