

2006 National Council of La Raza (NCLR) Annual Conference

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Achieving the American Dream in a New Century

Realizando el Sueño Americano en el Nuevo Siglo

The panelists participated in an open dialogued focused on Afro Latina/o issues addressing the diversity of cultural experiences and challenges facing our communities in our root cultures and in the United States. The discussion focused on the continued adverse legacy of enslavement that have kept Afro Latinas/os marginalized in their countries and virtually invisible. The panelists all community and international advocates for African descendants in the Americas addressed the importance of networking across borders since our communities of international communities establishing communities globally. The need to address quality education, housing, health, economic opportunities for African descendants globally has to be a priority for all communities.

Audience feedback was immediate and intense. The sharing of information and personal stories by the audience heighten the wonderful exchange.

-Marta Moreno Vega, Ph.D.



Back row left to right:

Tina Balin-Brooks, IAF Representative for the Caribbean

Dayana Martinez-Burke, Congresswoman for Francisco Morazan, Honduras

Dorotea Wilson, Regional Coordinator of the Network of African Descendant Women of Latin America, the Caribbean and the Diaspora

Daise Rosas da Natividade, Consultant, Afro-Brazilian Incubator, Brazil

Marta Vega, Director of the Global Initiative of Afro Latin and Caribbean Organizations (GALCI)

Front row left to right:

Pedro Cavallero, Director of International Projects at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR)

Linda Kolko, Vice President for Operations, IAF

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