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Dr. Cornel West, Oscar López Rivera and coalition of over 100 movements to participate in People’s Summit for Democracy in Los Angeles

*They join dozens of movement leaders, artists, intellectuals, and progressive people who will participate in the Summit held to counter the Summit of the Americas*

Los Angeles - The People’s Summit for Democracy is excited to announce the program of panel discussions, workshops, and cultural activities that will take place this upcoming June 8-10 in Los Angeles, California. As Biden’s Summit of the Americas is marked by exclusion and imposition of political agenda, our Summit will bring together diverse voices from across the Americas in order to create our shared vision of democracy and a dignified life for our people.

Renowned activists, intellectuals, and artists such as Melina Abdullah of Black Lives Matter - Los Angeles, Dr. Cornel West, Puerto Rican independence fighter and former political prisoner Oscar López Rivera, Honduran Indigenous leader Bertha Zúñiga, Indian historian and journalist Vijay Prashad, and many more will be joining us in Los Angeles to discuss pressing issues facing our communities, movements, and organizations across the Americas.

Representatives from Latin American and Caribbean people’s movements such as Brazil's Landless Rural Workers Movement, Guatemala's Peasant Unity Committee, and others will also partake in panels and workshops.

In understanding arts and culture as intrinsic parts of our struggles as well as the cornerstones of the societies we seek to build, our program will feature a myriad of different cultural activities such as performances by renowned cumbia band Combo Chimbita, revolutionary workers band Los Jornaleros del Norte, as well as dance workshops, art builds, and a collaborative art exhibition.

Claudia de la Cruz, the co-director of the People’s Forum and a member of the organizing team of the People’s Summit, said “The summit will be a space of broad participation and representation of the continent and people’s struggles. In the program, the struggles for housing, the right to health, for democracy, and sovereignty, and against racism, poverty, and all the structures that create these conditions for our communities will be represented.”

The full program and speakers list is available at: [https://peoplessummit2022.org/program](https://peoplessummit2022.org/program)

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