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Activities of Thematic and Country Rapporteurs and Promotion and Training Activities

CHAPTER III

ACTIVITIES OF THEMATIC AND COUNTRY RAPPORTEURS AND PROMOTION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

1. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) performs its functions of observation and monitoring of specific human rights issues through its Country Rapporteurships and Thematic Rapporteurships. It should be noted that the IACHR carries out these activities of observing and monitoring the human rights situation in the countries of the region through a number of mechanisms such as on-site visits, working visits, press releases, and requests for information from the States (letters based on Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights¹ and Article 18 of the Statute of the IACHR²), among other instruments.

2. In addition, the IACHR conducts training and promotional activities - often in coordination with the above-mentioned Rapporteurships - through its specialized areas, to disseminate and provide training on the inter-American human rights standards that have been generated through the doctrine and jurisprudence of the inter-American human rights system. The aim of these activities is to promote greater understanding of these standards by civil society, networks of social actors, and member states, and their application and incorporation into national decisions, legislative frameworks, and public policies with a focus on human rights. For the IACHR, the strengthening of State institutions is the foundation for the effectiveness of human rights in the countries of the region.

3. The Inter-American Commission has been establishing rapporteurships since 1990 to draw attention to specific individuals, groups, and communities especially exposed to human rights violations owing to their vulnerability and the historical discrimination to which they have been subjected. The purpose of creating a thematic rapporteurship is to strengthen, promote, and systematize the work of the Inter-American Commission on specific issues. To that end, they develop an awareness of human rights among the peoples of the Americas.³ The rapporteurships also support the work of the IACHR in developing legal standards; contribute to knowledge about the mechanisms of the inter-American system; and promote access to national and international justice for individuals, groups, and communities related to their thematic focus. In turn, the IACHR rapporteurships work closely with various sectors working in their specialized areas, including the rapporteurships of the United Nations and other universal mechanisms, civil society organizations, States, and the academic community, among others.

4. The IACHR's thematic rapporteurships are governed by the provisions of Article 15 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure,⁴ and by the practices established by the plenary of the Commission. The Commission approves the reports and work plans of each rapporteurship and oversees the day-to-day implementation of its mandates. The IACHR's Rules of Procedure precisely define the procedure for their establishment as specialized thematic offices created by the IACHR itself and for the election of the thematic rapporteurs. The Rules of Procedure also govern the functions carried out by the IACHR in which its rapporteurships participate. The aforesaid norms and practices constitute an important set of rules that govern the conduct of all the rapporteurships and establish rigorous procedures for action.

¹See OAS, [American Convention on Human Rights \(Pact of San José\)](#), adopted in 1969, Article 41 d).

²See OAS, [Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), adopted in 1979, Article 18(d).

³OAS, [Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), adopted in 1979, Article 18(a).

⁴See IACHR, [Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), Article 15.

5. In addition, the thematic rapporteurships collaborate in the fulfillment of the IACHR's main function of promoting respect for and protecting human rights, and serve as an advisory body to the OAS in this area.⁵ In this regard, they may request information from the governments of the States⁶ and provide reports on the measures they adopt in the area of human rights,⁷ as well as formulate recommendations for the adoption of progressive measures that promote human rights, in accordance with the IACHR's mandate.⁸ The rapporteurs also prepare studies and reports relevant to their thematic functions.⁹ In addition, as part of their authorities, the rapporteurs may conduct working visits to States and participate in on-site visits of the IACHR, with the consent or at the invitation of the respective government.¹⁰

6. The IACHR currently has eleven thematic rapporteurships:

- *Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (1990);*
- *Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Women (1994);*
- *Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants (1996);*
- *Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child (1998);*
- *Office of the Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders (2011¹¹);*
- *Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty (2004);*
- *Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-descendants and against Racial Discrimination (2005);*
- *Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons (2014);*
- *Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice (2019);*
- *Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons (2019), and*
- *Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2019).*

7. The IACHR also has the power to create *Special Rapporteurships* that are the responsibility of other persons appointed by the Commission.¹² In that context, since 1997, there has been a *Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression (RELE)*,¹³ which is a permanent office with its own operational structure and functional independence that operates within the legal framework of the IACHR.

8. On April 3, 2014, the IACHR also decided to establish a *Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (REDESCA or Special Rapporteurship on ESCER)*, taking into account the interdependent and indivisible nature of human rights and the importance of the protection and promotion of economic, social, and cultural rights in the region. Through this new rapporteurship, the IACHR seeks to strengthen and deepen its work in the defense and protection of economic, social, and cultural rights in the Americas. As background to the creation of the REDESCA, it should be recalled that as part of the process of strengthening the inter-American system, both OAS member states and other actors of the inter-American human rights system expressed their interest in directing greater attention to the issue of economic, social, and cultural rights. As a result of this process, the IACHR created specialized institutional bodies. In fact, during its

⁵See OAS, [Charter of the Organization of American States](#), Article 106; and OAS, [American Convention on Human Rights \(Pact of San José\)](#), adopted in 1969, Article 41 e).

⁶See OAS, [American Convention on Human Rights \(Pact of San José\)](#), adopted in 1969, article 41 d); and OAS, [Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), adopted in 1979, article 18 d).

⁷See OAS, [American Convention on Human Rights \(Pact of San José\)](#), adopted in 1969, Article 41 c).

⁸See OAS, [American Convention on Human Rights \(Pact of San José\)](#), adopted in 1969, Article 41 b).

⁹See OAS, [American Convention on Human Rights \(Pact of San José\)](#), adopted in 1969, Article 41; and IACHR, [Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), Article 58.

¹⁰See IACHR, [Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), Chapter IV.

¹¹The IACHR created the Human Rights Defenders Unit in 2001, which was converted into a rapporteurship in 2011.

¹²See IACHR, [Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), Article 15(4).

¹³The activities of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression are presented in the annex to this Annual Report.

146th regular session, held from October 29 to November 16, 2012, the Commission created a Unit on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ESCR Unit), which later became today's REDESCA.

9. Regarding the most recent changes in the structure of the IACHR's thematic rapporteurships, it should be noted that during its 171st regular session, held from February 7 to 16, 2019, in Bolivia, it was decided to broaden and deepen the existing institutional framework for following up on certain matters. Specifically, the IACHR decided that the Units on Memory, Truth, and Justice; on Older Persons; and on Persons with Disabilities would become rapporteurships, joining the eight existing thematic rapporteurships. In addition, the mandate of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty was expanded to include the prevention of and fight against torture, and the mandate of the Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders was expanded to include the situation of justice workers.

10. The rapporteurships, from among their functions, have used their mandates to promote regional initiatives on priority issues in the region relevant to their areas of focus. These initiatives have been strengthened by participatory processes for gathering information, including on the perspective of States and civil society; regional reports prepared on pressing issues and the presentation of these reports; promotional activities organized to disseminate knowledge about the standards of the inter-American system; questionnaires distributed and consultations with experts prepared; relevant thematic hearings and working visits organized; and press releases prepared; as well as other mechanisms. At the individual cases level, the rapporteurships participate and provide specialized input in the processing of individual petitions on human rights violations received by the IACHR. They also participate in the analysis of requests for precautionary measures and in hearings and friendly settlements.

11. In this regard, as part of their role of monitoring and promoting human rights, the IACHR's thematic rapporteurships constantly strive to work strategically and in coordination, taking into account the intersection of identities and the existence of heightened risks of human rights violations against certain individuals, groups, and communities in the Hemisphere. In addition, over the years, the rapporteurships have identified issues that call for cross-cutting and joint action by the different thematic areas, such as those involving indigenous women, and migrants deprived of liberty, among others, which has led to actions involving interaction among different thematic rapporteurships.

12. In light of the foregoing, considering the variety of observation, monitoring, promotional, and training activities of the IACHR rapporteurships, this chapter is divided into two sections: the *first* will address human rights **observation and monitoring activities** carried out by the IACHR through on-site and working visits, press releases, requests for information, and thematic and country reports (A); and the *second* will report on **promotional and training activities** (B).

A. IACHR observation and monitoring activities in 2021

1. On-site visits

13. In the period covered by this report, the IACHR did not conduct on-site visits owing to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Working visits

14. In 2021, the Inter-American Commission on Human Right conducted the following three working visits: (i) virtual visit to Mexico on human mobility; (ii) on-site visit to Colombia; and (iii) on-site visit to Ecuador on persons deprived of liberty. In addition, two virtual promotional working visits were made, to Honduras and Dominican Republic. The aim of these visits was to promote the inter-American standards on combating violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents.

2.1. Virtual visit to Mexico

15. The IACHR conducted the second part of its virtual working visit to **Mexico** on January 11 and 12, 2021, with the objective of observing the situation of the human rights of persons in a human mobility context, from a sub-regional perspective, focusing especially on the cross-border situation in the country. The delegation was led by Commissioner Julissa Mantilla, Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrant Persons, and was composed of Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Country Rapporteur for Mexico and on the Rights of Children and Adolescents; Soledad García Muñoz, Special Rapporteur for Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights; María Claudia Pulido, Acting Executive Secretary; and specialists from the IACHR Executive Secretariat. On this occasion, the Inter-American Commission met with the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE), the Secretariat of Labor and Social Security (STPS), the National Institute on Migration (INM), the Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR), the Unit for Migration Policy, Registration, and Identity of Persons (UPMRIP), the National System for Family Integral Development; the Executive Secretariat of the System for Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents (SE-SIPINNA), local government representatives, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), the state human rights commissions, representatives of the judiciary and legislature, the Federal Institute of the Office of the Public Defender (IFDP), and southern and northern Mexican border consular authorities. Meetings were also held with international organizations with territorial presence in Mexico and with civil society representatives.

16. The IACHR published its observations on the visit in Press Release 33/2021: [The IACHR and the Regional Office for Central America \(OHCHR\) Welcome the Return of More Than 300 Nicaraguans to Their Country and Urge States to Continue Cooperating to Ensure Their Safe, Dignified, Voluntary Return](#). A fact sheet on the visit is provided below.

State	Mexico
Dates / Locations	January 11 to 12, 2021/virtual
Topic(s) / rapporteurships	Migrants, persons in a human mobility context (migrants, returnees or deportees, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, internally displaced persons, and victims of human trafficking)
Institutions visited	Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE), Secretariat for Labor and Social Security (STPS), National Institute of Migration (INM), Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR), Unit for Migration Policy, Registration, and Identity of Persons (UPMRIP), National System for Family Integral Development (SNDIF); Executive Secretariat for the System for Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents (SE-SIPINNA), local government representatives, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), state human rights commissions, representatives of the judiciary and legislature, Federal Institute of the Office of the Public Defender (IFDP), and southern and northern Mexican border consular authorities
Commissioner/ Rapporteur	Commissioner Julissa Mantilla, Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrants, and composed of Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Country Rapporteur for Mexico and on the Rights of Children and Adolescents; Soledad García Muñoz, Special Rapporteur for Economic, Social, Cultural,

	and Environmental Rights; María Claudia Pulido, Acting Executive Secretary; and specialists from the IACHR Executive Secretariat.
Observation	<p>According to information received during its visit, the Commission observed progress in this area. The State indicated its agreement for an on-site visit to be conducted when health conditions permit.</p> <p>See the Preliminary Observations on the visit: Press Release 33/2021: The IACHR and the Regional Office for Central America (OHCHR) Welcome the Return of More Than 300 Nicaraguans to Their Country and Urge States to Continue Cooperating to Ensure Their Safe, Dignified, Voluntary Return</p>

2.2 Visit to Colombia

17. The working visit to **Colombia** took place from June 8 to 10, 2021, to observe on-site the human rights situation in the context of the protest that began on April 28 of that year, and to contribute to the strengthening of dialogue as a mechanism for overcoming the social conflict. The delegation of the IACHR was led by its President, Commissioner Antonia Urrejola, Commissioners Joel Hernández and Stuardo Ralón, the Executive Secretary, Tania Reneaum Panszi, the Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Pedro Vaca, and members of the technical team of the Executive Secretariat and of the Special Rapporteurship for Economic and Social Rights.

18. In the context of the visit, the Commission met with authorities of the different branches of government and oversight bodies at the national, departmental, district, and municipal levels. Meetings were also held with different victims of human rights violation, defenders, women’s, Afro-descendant, and indigenous groups, journalists, representatives of social movements, business associations, and law enforcement officials. In addition, meetings were held with representatives of the United Nations Office, and diplomatic corps representations.

19. The IACHR published its observations and recommendations on the visit in press release 167/21: [IACHR Completes Working Visit to Colombia and Issues Observations and Recommendations](#). A fact sheet on the visit is provided below.

State	Colombia
Dates / Locations	June 8 to 10, 2021/ Bogotá, Cali, Tuluá, Buga, and Popayán
Topic(s) / rapporteurships	Social protest; excessive and disproportionate use of force, sexual and gender-based violence; violence based on ethnic-racial discrimination; persons deprived of liberty; use of disciplinary authorities, military assistance, and use of the military criminal courts; protection of journalists, freedom of expression, and Internet access; other cross-cutting topics.
Institutions visited	Authorities of the branches of government and oversight bodies, at the national, departmental, district, and municipal levels. Meetings were also held with various victims of human rights violations, defenders, women’s, Afro-descendant, and indigenous groups, journalists, representatives of

	social movements, business associations, and law enforcement officials. Meetings were also held with representatives of the United Nations Office and diplomatic corps representations.
Commissioner Rapporteur /	President, Commissioner Antonia Urrejola, Commissioners Joel Hernández and Stuardo Ralón, the Executive Secretary, Tania Reneaum Panszi, the Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Pedro Vaca, and members of the technical team of the Executive Secretariat and of the Special Rapporteurship for Economic and Social Rights.
Observation	<p>The Inter-American Commission received a total of 2,908 requests to give testimony, of which, based on criteria of representation and diversity, at least 302 individual and collective statements were taken, meaning that over 500 individuals were heard. Additionally, the IACHR announced the launch of a Special Monitoring Mechanism for Human Rights in Colombia to support the consolidation of peace within the various sectors of Colombian society.</p> <p>The observations and recommendations on the visit may be accessed at the link below:</p> <p>Press release 167/21: IACHR Completes Working Visit to Colombia and Issues Observations and Recommendations</p>

2.3 Visit to Ecuador

20. The visit to **Ecuador** took place from December 1 to 4, 2021, to observe on-site the situation of human rights of persons deprived of liberty. The IACHR delegation was led by Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and to Prevent and Combat Torture, the Executive Secretary, Tania Reneaum Panszi, the Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, and members of the Executive Secretariat’s technical team. In this context, the Inter-American Commission met with the President of the Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs authorities, the Secretariat for Human Rights, the Interior Ministry and the Ministry of Defense, the National Police, the Governor of Guayaquil, the Office of the Public Defender, the National Service for Comprehensive Care of Adults Deprived of Liberty and Juvenile Offenders (SNAI), the Constitutional Court of Ecuador, international organizations, and civil society representatives.

21. The IACHR will publish its preliminary observations upon the conclusion of the visit. A fact sheet on the visit is provided below.

State	Ecuador
Dates / Locations	December 1 to 4, 2021/ Quito and Guayaquil
Topic(s) / rapporteurships	Persons Deprived of Liberty
Institutions visited	President of the Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs authorities, the Secretariat for Human Rights, the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Defense, the National Police, the Governor of Guayaquil, the Office of the Public Defender, the National Service for Comprehensive Care of

	Adults Deprived of Liberty and Juvenile Offenders (SNAI), the Constitutional Court of Ecuador, and international organizations
Commissioner / Rapporteur	Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and to Prevent and Combat Torture, the Executive Secretary, Tania Reneaum Panszi, the Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, and members of the Executive Secretariat's technical team
Observation	The IACHR will publish its preliminary observations upon the conclusion of the visit.

2.4 Visit to Honduras (promotional)

22. The promotional visit to Honduras took place from May 11 to 13, 2021. It was conducted virtually due to restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency. The delegation was led by Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination, and Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Rapporteur on the Rights of Children and Adolescents, and composed of the Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, and specialists of the IACHR Executive Secretariat. The purpose of the working visit was to promote the inter-American standards on combating violence and discrimination against women and girls, and to collaborate with the State of Honduras in implementing the recommendations issued by the IACHR in its thematic report titled Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls, published in 2019.

23. In the context of the visit, the Inter-American Commission met with high state authorities focused primarily on the rights of women, girls, and adolescents, among them, the Secretariat for Human Rights (SEDH), the National Women's Institute (INAM), the Women City program (CM), the Secretariat for Development and Social Inclusion (SEDIS), the Department for Children, Adolescents, and the Family (DINAF), the Secretariat of Security, the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (SRECI), the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic (PGR), and representatives of the judiciary and the legislature. Meetings were also held with international organizations working in the country and civil society representatives.

24. The IACHR reported on its visit in the press release 133/2021, [IACHR Concludes Virtual Working Visit to Honduras Regarding Violence and Discrimination Against Women and Girls](#). A fact sheet on the visit is provided below.

State	Honduras
Dates / Locations	May 11 to 13, 2021/ virtual
Topic(s) / rapporteurships	Combating violence and discrimination against women and girls
Institutions visited	The Secretariat for Human Rights (SEDH), the National Women's Institute (INAM), the Women's City program (CM), the Secretariat for Development and Social Inclusion (SEDIS), the Department for Children, Adolescents, and the Family (DINAF), the Secretariat of Security, the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (SRECI), the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic (PGR), and representatives of the judiciary and the legislature.

Commissioner / Rapporteur	Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Rapporteur on the Rights of Children and Adolescents, Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, and specialists of the IACHR Executive Secretariat.
Observation	The Commission underscored the productive sharing of information on progress made and challenges in implementing the applicable inter-American principles and standards for protection, at the highest level, of the rights of women and girls in Honduras. The Commission also noted Honduras' commitment to continue moving forward in according priority to this issue.

2.5. Visit to Dominican Republic (promotional)

25. The promotional visit to **Dominican Republic** took place from July 13 to 15, 2021, in virtual format. Its primary purpose was to promote the inter-American standards on combating violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents, and to collaborate with the State of Dominican Republic in implementing the recommendations issued by the IACHR in its thematic report titled Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls, published in 2019. The delegation for the visit was led by Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur for the Dominican Republic and Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination, and Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Rapporteur on the Rights of Children and Adolescents. The delegation was also accompanied by the Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, and members of the technical team.

26. In the context of the visit, the Inter-American Commission met with high state authorities with jurisdiction in the area of the rights of women, girls, and adolescents, among them, the Ministry for Women, the Ministry for Youth, the Ministry of Interior and Police, the Ministry of Public Health and Social Security, the Office of the Attorney General, the National Council for Children and Adolescents, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and with representatives of the judiciary and the legislature. The IACHR also met with international organizations that work in the country and civil society representatives.

27. The IACHR reported its conclusions regarding the visit in [Press Release 185/2021](#) [not available in English]. A fact sheet on the visit is provided below.

State	Dominican Republic
Dates / Locations	July 13 to 15, 2021 / virtual
Topic(s) / rapporteurships	Combating violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents
Institutions visited	The Ministry for Women, the Ministry for Youth, the Ministry of Interior and Police, the Ministry of Public Health and Social Security, the Office of the Attorney General, the National Council for Children and Adolescents, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and representatives of the judiciary and the legislature.

Commissioner / Rapporteur	Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur for the Dominican Republic and Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Rapporteur on the Rights of Children and Adolescents, the Assistant Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, María Claudia Pulido, and members of the technical team.
Observation	The Commission underscored the productive sharing of information on progress made and challenges in implementing the applicable inter-American principles and standards for protection, at the highest level, of the rights of women, girls, and adolescents in Dominican Republic. The Commission also noted Dominican Republic’ valuable work and commitment to continue making progress in according priority to this issue.

3. Press releases

28. As part of its mandate to monitor the human rights situation in the Americas, in 2021, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights issued 132 press releases on specific human rights situations and on emerging and structural crises; strengthening the promotion of and adherence to inter-American standards, and recognized best State practices. Through this mechanism, the Commission addressed the human rights situation in 19 countries in the region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, United States, and Venezuela).

29. Through press releases and social networks, the Commission addressed all the issues defined as priorities by the IACHR in its Strategic Plan 2017-2021. The IACHR also had occasion to address various issues and situations, such as: social protest; racial discrimination; migrants; persons deprived of liberty; human rights defenders; excessive use of force; rights of women and girls; rights of LGBTI persons; older persons; issues related to democratic institutional frameworks; the right to freedom of expression; and economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, among others.

30. In 2021, the IACHR continued to monitor human rights protection in the context of the pandemic, with special emphasis on access to vaccines. Through press releases, the IACHR called on the States to make public health and human rights the focus of their COVID-19 decisions and vaccination policies, and, in a joint declaration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, addressed access to justice in the context of the pandemic. Also in this context, the IACHR published press releases to disseminate its resolution on pandemic and vaccinations in the Americas and the Practical Guide on universal access to the Internet during the COVID-19 pandemic.

31. With regard to **the rights of indigenous peoples**, the IACHR followed up on the situation through five press releases, in which it expressed its concern over the draft laws in Brazil that might constitute setbacks in the area of the human rights of indigenous peoples and over the retrogressive impact of the application of the “time frame” legal concept in that country. At the same time, through a joint statement with the Regional Office for South America of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR), it urged the State of Brazil to guarantee the integral protection of the Yanomami and Munduruku indigenous peoples. It also condemned the excessive use of force against the mayas q’eqchi’ indigenous peoples, journalists, and the media in El Estor municipality, Guatemala; and urged the States to step up efforts for the protection of the territories of indigenous peoples as an essential measure to protect nature and biodiversity.

32. With regard to **women's rights**, the IACHR monitored the situation through nine press releases that addressed different forms of violence and rights violations impacting women, girls, and adolescents. In that regard, the Commission called on the States to end sexual violence against women, girls, and adolescents; combat political violence against Afro-descendant women; and prevent and combat the disproportionate impact of trafficking in the victimization of women, adolescents, and girls; and expressed concern over the lack of access to sexual and reproductive health services in Venezuela and the deportation of pregnant women in Dominican Republic. The Commission also expressed concern over the adoption of regressive measures in the area of sexual and reproductive rights in the region and, in the same vein, called on the States to mainstream gender as a tool to combat structural discrimination against women and LGBTI persons.

33. The Commission also monitored in particular the situation of **migrants** in the region. In 15 press releases, the IACHR emphasized the need for comprehensive protection of the human rights of asylum-seekers, refugees, and those with protection needs given the new and persistent challenges in the region and, in that regard, called on States to adopt migration and border management policies incorporating a human rights approach. The IACHR also emphasized the situation of individuals who make up the migrant caravan and refugees from Honduras; expressed concern over the deportations of displaced persons in human mobility contexts in Chile and the marked increase in internal forced displacement in Colombia; and condemned the violence and xenophobia against Venezuelan migrants in Iquique, and the excessive use of force and deportations on the southern border of the United States, with Mexico. In another vein, the Commission applauded the return to their country of over 300 Nicaraguans and the end of the Migrant Protection Protocols in the United States. It should be noted that through press release 319/2021, [IACHR Issues Resolution on the Protection of Haitians in Human Mobility Contexts](#), a resolution was presented on the protection of Haitians in human mobility contexts.

34. With regard to the situation of **freedom of expression**, the Commission and its Rapporteur of Freedom of Expression (RELE) issued 17 press releases, addressing freedom of expression on the Internet in the region; the risk of the preliminary draft law on foreign agents in El Salvador and legislative reforms in Guatemala, Honduras, and Venezuela, with possible regressive impacts on the exercise of freedom of expression, the right to protest, and the work of human rights organizations. The Commission also condemned the repeated attacks on freedom of expression in Nicaragua, and the attacks on human rights defenders and journalists in Venezuela and Guatemala. Human rights violations in the context of social protest, for their part, were an issue attracting particular IACHR interest. In that regard, the Commission expressed concern over the reports of human rights violations during the social protests in Colombia and the repressive actions in the context of the protests in Cuba; and reiterated the inter-American standards on the right to protest in the context of the demonstrations in Ecuador.

35. With regard to **rights of children and adolescents**, the Commission published five press releases, in which it had occasion to address the forced recruitment of children and adolescents and voiced concern over the death of an adolescent during a military operation in Guaviare (Colombia), at the same time rejecting all forms of recruitment of children and adolescents by armed groups.

36. The Commission continued to monitor the situation of **human rights defenders**. It issued nine press releases in which it expressed concern over the violence in 2020 against human rights defenders in Colombia; the attacks against defenders in Venezuela; and the lack of effective and impartial access to justice in the Berta Cáceres murder trial; and called on the State of Honduras to refrain from criminalizing Garifuna human rights defenders. In press release 106/2021, [IACHR Publishes Practical Guidelines and Recommendations for the Development of Risk Mitigation Plans for Human Rights Defenders](#), the IACHR published the Practical Guidelines and Recommendations for the Development of Risk Mitigation Plans for Human Rights Defenders. Regarding best practices, the Commission had occasion to applaud the creation of the Intersectoral Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Peru.

37. With regard to the rights of **persons deprived of liberty**, the IACHR published seven press releases, three of which referred to the situation of persons deprived of liberty in Ecuador and the severity of

the violent events that occurred. That situation was the reason for a working visit to the country in December. The IACHR also applauded the abolition of the death penalty in Virginia, United States.

38. The Commission monitored the situation of the **rights of persons of African descent and against racial discrimination** through three press releases. On key dates, the IACHR called on the States to guarantee the right to health with an intersectional and intercultural approach and also to combat political violence against Afro-descendent women.

39. Regarding the **rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex persons**, monitoring included the publication of nine press releases, in which the IACHR called on the States to: guarantee the right to truth, justice, and reparation for intersex persons; take steps for the employability of and protection against workplace discrimination against LGBTI persons; protect the human rights of lesbians against practices seeking to modify their sexual orientation; and guarantee the right to gender identity of non-binary people. The Commission also reiterated the State obligation to compile and analyze data on violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

40. Regarding **the rights of older persons**, the IACHR published three press releases, in which it applauded Peru's accession to the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons, and referred to measures to bridge the digital divide among older persons, and the State obligation to accord priority to older persons in vaccinating against COVID-19.

41. In addition, the IACHR and its REDESCA have prepared 12 press releases on monitoring the situation of **economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights**, three of which addressed matters related to COVID-19 and vaccinations. The IACHR also applauded the entry into force on April 22 of the Escazú Agreement, and called on the States of the region to strengthen their environmental public policies owing to the climate emergency. The press releases also referred to: the paucity of public information on the pandemic in Nicaragua; food shortages in Cuba; harassment of medical workers in Nicaragua; and access to health care by persons of African descent.

42. Additionally, in 2021, the IACHR continued monitoring **the situation of human rights crises in the region**. The Commission monitored situations referring to the use of excessive force by the police against demonstrators in the context of social protests and the undermining of democratic institutions and of human rights.

43. With regard to **Cuba**, the situation of protests since July 2021, and the associated exacerbation of the human rights situation, have led the IACHR to monitor them closely. In seven press releases, the Commission reiterated its concern over the repressive State actions and the intensification of repression and other human rights violations after the start of the protests. Additionally, the Commission expressed concern over the new telecommunication and cyber security regulations and the lack of defense and other violations of due process in the context of the July 11 protests in Cuba. Lastly, it called for dialogue regarding citizens' complaints.

44. With regard to the situation in **Nicaragua**, the Commission issued 10 press releases referring to the deterioration of the human rights situation in the country, the undermining of the rule of law, and the human rights violations in the context of the electoral process. In that regard, the Commission referred to: the intensification of repression; the criminal prosecution of presidential pre-candidates; the Electoral Act reform; the destruction of property of civil society organizations; state actions to end participation in elections by the opposition; the criminalization of, due process violations against, and harsh detention conditions for those viewed as political opponents in the country, among others. The Commission also reaffirmed its competent jurisdiction concerning Nicaragua and regretted its decision to denounce the OAS Charter in a context of serious human rights violations. Special mention should be made of the publication of the updated record of fatalities in the context of the human rights crisis that erupted in April 2018 in Nicaragua, in press release 93/2021, [Three Years After the Start of the Human Rights Crisis in Nicaragua, IACHR Condemns Ongoing Impunity](#), and

the presentation of the report “Nicaragua: Concentration of power and the undermining of the rule of law in Nicaragua” in press release 284/2021, [IACHR Publishes Report on the Concentration of Power and the Weakening of the Rule of Law in Nicaragua](#).

45. With regard to the situation in **Venezuela**, the IACHR published nine press releases, in which it applauded the reform of the jurisdiction of military criminal courts in Venezuela and urged the State to apply it in practice, effectively and immediately. Earlier, the IACHR had urged Venezuela to definitively abandon the prosecution of civilians in military criminal courts. The Commission also called for serious, wide-ranging, and inclusive dialogue for reconstruction of democratic institutions in Venezuela as a matter of urgency. In conjunction with the Special Rapporteurships, the IACHR expressed concern over the situation of university autonomy and academic freedom in Venezuela. It also rejected the registration of non-profit organizations with Venezuela’s National Office against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, and referred to the lack of access to sexual and reproductive health services in Venezuela.

46. Provided below is a list of all press releases issued by the Commission during 2021. This list includes the 132 press releases related to the monitoring mandate, which are also included in Chapter I, which lists all press releases issued by the IACHR in 2021.

2021 Press Releases		
Regional: SACROI COVID-19		Total: 4
Title	Date	Number
World Health Day: the IACHR publishes Resolution on pandemic and vaccines in the Americas	4/7/2021	87
The IACHR publishes the Practical Guide How to promote universal access to the Internet during the COVID-19 pandemic?	3/26/2021	74
IACHR and its SRESCER Call on American States to Make Public Health and Human Rights the Focus of All their Decisions and Policies Concerning the COVID-19 Vaccine	5/2/2021	27
Joint declaration on access to justice in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic	1/27/2021	15

Regional: Miscellaneous		Total: 28
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Calls on States to Eradicate Sexual Violence against Women, Girls, and Adolescents	11/25/2021	315
IACHR Calls on States to Guarantee the Right to Truth, Justice, and Reparation for Intersex People	10/26/2021	283
IACHR and RFOE Call on States to Adopt Measures to Reduce Digital Divide for Older People	10/1/2021	259
International Bisexual Awareness Day: IACHR Reiterates States' Obligation to Collect and Analyze Data on Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation	9/23/2021	250

On the historic International Day for Persons of African Descent, IACHR and its REDESCA release new thematic report	8/31/2021	226
On the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, the IACHR, the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and the Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances call on States to adopt and implement search and investigation strategies within the framework of a comprehensive policy on disappearances	8/30/2021	224
IACHR Expresses Concern Over the Adoption of Regressive Measures Concerning Sexual and Reproductive Rights in the Americas	8/11/2021	208
On World Indigenous Peoples' Day, IACHR and OSRESCER Urge States to Step Up Their Efforts to Protect Indigenous Peoples' Territories as an Essential Measure to Protect Nature and Biodiversity, and to Guarantee Their Rights During the COVID-19 Pandemic	8/9/2021	207
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: IACHR Calls on States in the Americas to Adopt Effective Measures to Prevent and Combat the Disproportionate Impact of Trafficking on the Victimization of Women, Adolescents, and Girls	7/30/2021	199
The IACHR calls on the States of the Region to apply the gender approach as a tool to combat structural discrimination against women and LGBTI persons	7/29/2021	198
International Day for Afro-Latina, Afro-Caribbean, and Diaspora Women: IACHR Calls on States to Combat Political Violence against Women of African Descent	7/26/2021	191
Pride Day 2021: IACHR and REDESCA call on States to adopt measures for the employability of LGBTI persons and for protections against discrimination in the workplace	6/28/2021	160
International Day in Support of Victims of Torture: States Must Take Measures with a Gender Perspective to Prevent Torture	6/26/2021	159
World Refugee Day: IACHR Calls on States to Adopt Measures to Guarantee Comprehensive Protection for the Human Rights of Asylum-Seekers, Refugees, and People in Need of Protection from New and Ongoing Challenges in the Americas	6/26/2021	153
On the Occasion of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the IACHR and the OSRESCER Note the Importance of Prioritizing Older People for COVID-19 Vaccinations	6/15/2021	149
International Day against Homophobia, Lesbophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia: IACHR and international experts issue joint statement on the freedom of religion or belief and the rights of LGBT persons	5/14/2021	121
IACHR Publishes Practical Guidelines and Recommendations for the Development of Risk Mitigation Plans for Human Rights Defenders	4/29/2021	106
IACHR Called on States to Protect the Human Rights of Lesbians from Practices That Attempt to Modify Their Sexual Orientation	4/26/2021	102
On Earth Day, IACHR and REDESCA welcome the entry into force of the Escazú Agreement and call on the States of the region to strengthen their environmental public policies in the face of the climate emergency	4/22/2021	98

On the occasion of 22 April, International Mother Earth Day, IACHR and UN Human Rights celebrate the entry into force of the Escazú Agreement	4/21/2021	94
IACHR publishes Compendium on the Obligation of States to Adapt Their Domestic Legislation to the Inter-American Standards of Human Rights	4/6/2021	86
IACHR Calls on States in the Americas to Adopt Migration and Border Management Policies That Incorporate a Human Rights Approach	4/1/2021	82
International Transgender Day of Visibility: IACHR Calls on States to Guarantee Nonbinary People's Right to Gender Identity	3/31/2021	79
International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims: IACHR Presents a New Website Section for the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Memory, Truth, and Justice	3/24/2021	70
On the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the IACHR and the OSRESCER Call on States to Guarantee People of African Descent's Right to Health with an Intersectional and Intercultural Approach	3/19/2021	66
International Women's Day: IACHR Calls on States to Guarantee Principle of Enhanced Due Diligence and Right to Access to Justice During COVID-19 Pandemic	3/8/2021	52
IACHR Notes Inflection Point for Freedom of Expression on the Internet, Calls for Dialogue in the Region	2/5/2021	26
IACHR Calls on States in Central and North America to Ensure Comprehensive Protection for the Rights of the Individuals who Make Up the Migrant Caravan from Honduras	1/28/2021	16

2021 Press Releases		
By country: Argentina		Total: 1
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Condemns Death of Women Detainees in Fire at Police Station in Argentina	9/23/2021	252
By country: Bolivia		Total: 2
IACHR Calls for Stronger Consensus-Building Dialogue in Bolivia	11/19/2021	311
IACHR Urges Bolivia to Respect Inter-American Standards for Due Process and Access to Justice and Stresses the Country's Obligation to Investigate and Punish Anyone Responsible for Human Rights Violations Committed in the Context of the 2019 Electoral and Institutional Crisis, and to Ensure Comprehensive Reparations for Victims and their Families	3/16/2021	62
By country: Brazil		Total: 6
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Expresses Concern over Bills That Could Constitute Setbacks for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Brazil	9/9/2021	236

IACHR Stresses Concern About Brazilian "Temporal Landmark Thesis" and Its Impact on the Human Rights of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples	8/23/2021	219
IACHR and OHCHR Regional Office for South America Urge Brazil to Ensure Comprehensive Protection of Yanomami and Munduruku Indigenous Peoples	5/19/2021	129
IACHR Condemns Police Violence in Favela Jacarezinho in Rio de Janeiro and Urges Brazilian State to Reform Its Public Security Policy	5/7/2021	117
IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Concerned about the Serious Public Health Situation Regarding COVID-19 in Brazil	3/16/2021	61
IACHR Publishes Report on Human Rights Situation in Brazil and Highlights Impacts of Historical Processes of Discrimination and Structural Inequality	3/11/2021	50
By country: Chile	Total: 2	
Title	Date	Number
Concerned About Expulsions of Individuals in Human Mobility Contexts in Chile, IACHR Asks State to Respect Principle of Non-Refoulement	11/29/2021	318
IACHR Condemns Violent, Xenophobic Acts against Venezuelan Migrants in Iquique, Chile	10/5/2021	263
By country: Colombia	Total: 9	
Title	Date	Number
The IACHR reitera su preocupación por la persistencia estructural de la violencia en Colombia [Available only in Spanish]	11/25/2021	316
IACHR Expresses Concern Over the Notable Increase in Forced Internal Displacement in Colombia	9/30/2021	258
IACHR Completes Working Visit to Colombia and Issues Observations and Recommendations	7/7/2021	167
IACHR Condemns Serious Human Rights Violations in the Protest Context in Colombia, Rejects All Forms of Violence, and Stresses that the State Must Comply with its International Obligations	5/25/2021	137
IACHR Requests Authorization to Conduct a Working Visit to Colombia in the Wake of Alleged Human Rights Violations during Social Protests	5/14/2021	125
The IACHR and RFOE Expressed Concern Over the Seriousness and High Number of Reports of Human Rights Violations During the Social Protests in Colombia	5/7/2021	118
IACHR Condemns Violence in Cauca and Urges Colombia to Strengthen Public Policies to Address Structural Causes of Violence in the Country	4/27/2021	103
IACHR Expresses Concern Over Death of Adolescent Girl During Military Operation in Guaviare and Over Vulnerability of Children and Adolescents to Forced Recruitment in Colombia	3/18/2021	64
IACHR Reiterates Its Concern over the Violence Recorded in 2020 against Human Rights Defenders in Colombia	1/22/2021	13

By country: Cuba		Total: 7
Title	Date	Number
IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Concerned About State Repression that Prevented Civic Rally in Cuba on November 15	11/29/2021	317
IACHR Concerned About Tougher Repression and Human Rights Violations in Cuba Since the Protests that Took Place in July	11/5/2021	295
Concerned About New Telecommunications and Cyber security Regulations in Cuba, IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Note the Risks these New Regulations Pose for the Exercise of Fundamental Liberties on the Internet	9/22/2021	249
IACHR and Special Rapporteurs Express Concern over Reports of Arbitrary Detentions, Incommunicado Detention, Lack of Legal Defense, and Other Violations of Due Process during the July 11 Protests in Cuba	8/12/2021	211
The IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurships Condemn State Repression and the Use of Force during Peaceful Social Protests in Cuba, and Call for Dialogue on Citizen Demands	7/15/2021	177
IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Concerned about Persistent Food Shortages in Cuba	5/25/2021	136
IACHR and Offices of Special Rapporteurs Condemn Harassment of Artists, Journalists, and Activists in Cuba and Call on State to Cease Acts of Persecution Against Those Exercising the Right to Freedom of Expression and Artistic Creation	5/13/2021	119
By country: Ecuador		Total: 5
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Concerned About Further Serious Violence in Ecuadorian Prisons	11/17/2021	306
In the Context of Demonstrations in Ecuador, the IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Stress Inter-American Standards on the Right to Protest	11/5/2021	294
IACHR Condemns Violence Inside Ecuadorian Prisons, Which Has Claimed the Lives of More than 100 Inmates in 2021 So Far	8/23/2021	218
IACHR Welcomes Ruling from Ecuador's Constitutional Court Regarding Participation of Armed Forces in Citizen Security Tasks	5/13/2021	120
IACHR Condemns Deaths of 79 Inmates in Ecuadorian Prisons	2/26/2021	44
By country: El Salvador		Total: 4
Title	Date	Number
The IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Urge the State of El Salvador to Not Pass the Foreign Agents Bill	17/11/2021	308
IACHR presents Report on the Situation of Human Rights in El Salvador	11/2/2021	289

IACHR and UN expert reject legislative reforms that remove judges and prosecutors in El Salvador and calls for respect of guarantees for judicial Independence	9/7/2021	234
The IACHR condemns the removal of the judges of the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice without respect for due process and urges El Salvador to preserve the rule of law	5/3/2021	110
By country: United States of America	Total: 5	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR and UN's Special Rapporteur Condemn Excessive Use of Force and Deportations of Migrants from Haiti at the United States' Southern Border	10/4/2021	260
IACHR Welcomes Termination of Migrant Protection Protocols and Calls on the United States of America to Adopt Immigration Policies That Incorporate a Human Rights Approach	6/25/2021	158
IACHR Welcomes Abolition of Death Penalty in Virginia, United States	3/24/2021	72
The IACHR condemns the application of the death penalty to precautionary-measure beneficiary Lisa Montgomery in the United States	1/15/2021	10
IACHR Condemns Violence Against Congress and Against the Democratic Processes in the United States	1/8/2021	5
By country: Guatemala	Total: 5	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Condemns Excessive Use of Force and Repression Against Indigenous Mayan Q'eqchi' People, Journalists, and Media Outlets in El Estor, Guatemala	11/4/2021	293
IACHR Expresses Concern over Actions That Weaken Judicial Independence in Guatemala	8/6/2021	203
IACHR and RFOE Reject Entry into Force of Reforms to the Nongovernmental Organizations Act in Guatemala	5/19/2021	128
IACHR Expresses Concern Over Impeachment Proceedings Brought Against Members of Guatemala's Constitutional Court	3/18/2021	65
IACHR Urges Guatemala to Guarantee Transparency and Compliance with International Standards in the Selection Process for the Constitutional Court	2/11/2021	31
By country: Haiti	Total: 4	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Issues Resolution on the Protection of Haitians in Human Mobility Contexts	11/30/2021	319
IACHR and OSRESCER Express Solidarity with Haitian People Following 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake and Urge State and International Community to Adopt Immediate, Comprehensive Humanitarian Response	8/15/2021	212
IACHR Condemns Assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse and Urges State to Guarantee Democratic Rule and Human Rights	7/9/2021	172
IACHR Concerned About the Political and Institutional Situation in Haiti, Calls for Dialogue and Respect for Human Rights and the Rule of Law	2/23/2021	38

By country: Honduras		Total: 5
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Concerned About the Implementation of Legislative Reforms with a Regressive Impact on the Exercise of the Right to Protest in Honduras	11/16/2021	304
IACHR and OHCHR Call on State to Refrain from Criminalizing Garifuna Women Human Rights Defenders in Honduras	7/27/2021	195
OHCHR and IACHR Call for Effective and Impartial Access to Justice in the Berta Cáceres Murder Trial	7/1/2021	163
IACHR Concludes Virtual Working Visit to Honduras Regarding Violence and Discrimination Against Women and Girls	5/21/2021	133
Honduras: UN and IACHR Experts Urge Immediate Adoption of Law to Protect Internally Displaced People	1/27/2021	14
By country: Mexico		Total: 8
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Concludes Official Visit to Mexico to Mark the Seventh Anniversary of the Disappearance of the 43 Students from Ayotzinapa	9/30/2021	257
IACHR Condemns Use of Force Against People in Movement in Mexico and Calls on the State to Investigate Events and Prevent Them from Being Repeated	9/27/2021	255
IACHR and UN Human Rights: Seven Years After the Forced Disappearance of the 43 Students from Ayotzinapa, the Search for Them Must Remain a Priority	9/24/2021	254
IACHR Concludes Working Visit to Mexico Regarding the Special Follow-Up Mechanism on the Ayotzinapa Case	9/16/2021	241
IACHR Asks Mexico to Prevent and Punish Violence in the Upcoming Election Process	5/27/2021	138
IACHR Rejects All Forms of Recruitment of Children and Adolescents by Armed Groups and Urges the Mexican State to Protect the Life and Personal Integrity of This Population	4/22/2021	99
IACHR Calls on Mexico to Ensure that Any Changes to its Constitutional Law on the Office of the Attorney General Are Debated with Significant Citizen Participation and Reflect the Country's International Human Rights Commitments	2/22/2021	37
The IACHR and the Regional Office for Central America (OHCHR) Welcome the Return of More Than 300 Nicaraguans to Their Country and Urge States to Continue Cooperating to Ensure Their Safe, Dignified, Voluntary Return	2/12/2021	33
By country: Nicaragua		Total: 19
Title	Date	Number
The IACHR Stresses Its Competent Jurisdiction Concerning Nicaragua and laments Nicaragua's Decision to Denounce the Charter of the OAS in a Context of Serious Human Rights Violations	11/20/2021	312

IACHR and OSRESCER Express Alarm at Scarcity of Public Information on the Pandemic in Nicaragua and Urge State to Implement Urgent Science-Based Prevention Measures with a Human Rights Approach	11/17/2021	310
IACHR Updates Death Toll Records of Human Rights Crisis that Started in April 2018 in Nicaragua	11/15/2021	302
IACHR Condemns Human Rights Violations Reported During Elections in Nicaragua	11/10/2021	300
Four Days Ahead of Nicaraguan Election, IACHR and OHCHR Denounce Lack of Guarantees for Rights and Liberties in the Country	11/4/2021	292
IACHR Publishes Report on the Concentration of Power and the Weakening of the Rule of Law in Nicaragua	10/28/2021	284
IACHR, OHCHR Condemn Criminalization, Harsh Conditions of Detention, and Failure to Enforce Due Process for Individuals Who are Perceived to Be Government Critics in Nicaragua	9/10/2021	238
The IACHR, RFOE, and OHCHR Condemn the Repeated Attacks on Freedom of Expression in Nicaragua	8/18/2021	216
IACHR Condemns the State Actions Aimed at Ending Opposition Participation in Nicaragua's Upcoming Election	8/11/2021	209
IACHR and the OSRESCER Urge Nicaragua to Immediately Cease Harassment of the Medical Sector	7/28/2021	197
IACHR and OHCHR Demand an End to Arbitrary Arrests and the Release of All Individuals Detained Since the Start of the Crisis in Nicaragua	7/9/2021	171
IACHR Condemns the Serious Escalation of Repression in Nicaragua	6/18/2021	152
IACHR and OHCHR Categorically Condemn Criminal Prosecution of Presidential Precandidates and Urge State of Nicaragua to Release Them Immediately	6/9/2021	145
IACHR Expresses Concern Over Electoral Reform Passed in Nicaragua and Calls on State to Guarantee Free, Fair Elections	5/14/2021	122
Three Years After the Start of the Human Rights Crisis in Nicaragua, IACHR Condemns Ongoing Impunity	4/19/2021	93
IACHR Rejects Nicaragua's Foreign Agents Act and Calls on the State to Repeal It	2/26/2021	43
IACHR Condemns Destruction of Civilian Organizations' Property in Nicaragua	2/8/2021	30
IACHR Rejects Passing of Law Restricting Political Rights in Nicaragua	1/6/2021	3
IACHR Condemns Growing Harassment in Nicaragua	1/6/2021	2
By country: Panama	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
The IACHR Calls on State of Panama to Guarantee Human Rights of Trans and Gender-Diverse People during Partial Restrictions on Mobility during the COVID-19 Pandemic	2/4/2021	24

By country: Peru		Total: 4
IACHR Urges Peruvian Congress to Abide by Judicial Rulings Concerning the Election of Constitutional Court Judges	7/22/2021	188
IACHR Concerned about Reports of Harassment and Stigmatizing Messages Fueling Discrimination in Peru's Election Context	6/22/2021	155
IACHR Welcomes the Creation of the Intersectoral Mechanism to Protect Human Rights Defenders in Peru	5/3/2021	111
IACHR Welcomes Peru's Ratification of the Inter-American Convention on the Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons	3/9/2021	55
By country: Dominican Republic		Total: 2
IACHR Expresses Concern Over Pregnant Women Expelled from the Dominican Republic and Calls on State to Guarantee Access to Protection Mechanisms and Reproductive Health Services.	12/1/2021	320
La CIDH concluye visita de trabajo promocional virtual a República Dominicana sobre violencia y discriminación contra mujeres, niñas y adolescentes [not available in English]	7/20/2021	185
By country: Venezuela		Total: 9
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Welcomes Reform of Venezuela's Military Criminal Court System, Calls for Effective and Immediate Implementation	10/14/2021	273
IACHR Calls on State of Venezuela to Guarantee Rights of LGBTI People	9/8/2021	235
IACHR Calls for Serious, Broad, Inclusive Dialogue for the Urgent Reconstruction of Democratic Institutions in Venezuela	8/23/2021	217
IACHR and Offices of Special Rapporteurs Express Concern Over University Autonomy and Academic Freedom in Venezuela	7/26/2021	192
IACHR and RFOE Reject the Registering of Not-For-Profit Organizations with Venezuela's National Office against Organized Crime and Terrorist Financing	4/30/2021	108
The IACHR and its Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression express grave concern over ruling ordering the newspaper El Nacional in Venezuela to pay more than 13 million dollars	4/21/2021	96
IACHR Expresses Concern Over Lack of Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in Venezuela	4/6/2021	85
IACHR Urges Venezuela to Permanently Stop Trying Civilians in Military Criminal Proceedings	3/24/2021	71
IACHR and OSRFE Condemn Attacks Against Human Rights Defenders and Journalists and Warn of the Closure of Democratic Spaces in Venezuela	2/5/2021	25

2021 Press Releases		
By groups of countries	Total: 2	
United States, Guatemala, Mexico		
Title	Date	Number
The IACHR Expresses Concern about the Expulsion of People in a human mobility context from the United States and Mexico and calls on States to Ensure the Effective Protection of Their Rights	9/17/2021	243
The IACHR and the Regional Office for Central America (OHCHR) Welcome the Return of More Than 300 Nicaraguans to Their Country and Urge States to Continue Cooperating to Ensure Their Safe, Dignified, Voluntary Return	2/17/2021	34

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By number and category				
Regional: SACROI COVID-19	Regional: Miscellaneous	By country	By groups of countries	TOTAL
4	28	98	2	132

4. Requests for Information

47. In the exercise of its monitoring functions, the IACHR also sent **95 notes requesting information** to 35 States in the region (Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela). Of those notes, 77 were sent under Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights and 18 under Article 18 of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. Of these, four were made by the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression. The Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights also made 32 requests for information in the context of its preparation of the report on the distribution of, access to, and acquisition of COVID-19 vaccinations in the region, ten of which were answered by States. In-depth analysis of the data shows that 52 letters were answered by States and 43 remained unanswered, which represents a 54% response rate. To be noted is the higher response rate to the letters based on Article 41, since of the 77 letters sent, 49 were answered (63%), whereas of the 18 letters sent under Article 18, only three have been answered (16%).

48. As part of those requests for information, the Commission paid special attention to situations showing an increased impact on rights of specific social groups, as well as emerging crises and deepening of structural crises in the region. In that regard, the Commission monitored in particular issues related to migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, and persons in human mobility contexts. To that end, it sent 11 requests for information to eight States of the region, addressing the situation of Haitians in transit through Honduras; the situation of migrants from Haiti in Bahamas; the situation of Nicaraguan asylum seekers in United States; regional protection in various States; deportations from Chile; and access to vaccinations in Costa Rica.

49. Another notable issue involves the protection of women's rights. In that regard, the Commission sent 11 request for information; addressing topics such as: sexual and reproductive rights; exoneration of responsibility for termination of pregnancy; situations of gender-based violence; and legislative reforms and public policies that might negatively impact women's rights.

50. With regard to freedom of expression, the Commission requested information on various situations in the region, such as: the State response to demonstrations in Argentina and guarantee of freedom of expression; threats and intimidation of media workers in Honduras; briefings of journalists and media outlets in morning press conferences to combat fake news in Mexico; the situation of freedom of expression and press freedom in Chile; and the situation of freedom of expression in Guatemala. Requests for information were also made regarding social protests in Colombia.

51. Through this mechanism, the Commission also addressed issues involving the rights of children and adolescents, rights of LGBTI persons, democratic institutions, indigenous peoples, human rights defenders, and persons deprived of liberty.

52. Below is a list of all requests for information issued by the Commission during 2021, showing the countries, dates, and topics of those requests.

Country or countries	Title	Date sent	Reply	Basis
Antigua and Barbuda	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 Vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	08/30/2021	No	Article 18
Argentina	State response to demonstrations in Argentina and guarantee of freedom of expression	3/15/2021	Yes	Article 41
Argentina	Combating violence and discrimination against women and girls in Argentina	7/15/2021	Yes	Article 41
Argentina	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
Argentina	Eviction of women and children of 'La Contenera' in Villa 31, Argentina	10/26/2021	Yes	Article 41
Bahamas	Situation of Haitian Migrants in Marsh Harbor, Abaco Island in the context of the demolition of their homes	5/7/2021	No	Article 18
Bahamas	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Bahamas	Request for information about rights of LGBTI persons	12/3/2020	No	Article 18
Belize	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Bolivia	Presidential Decree 4461, "Granting Amnesty or Pardoning on Humanitarian Grounds and Victims of Political Persecution"	3/22/2021	No	Article 41

Bolivia	Disciplinary suspension of Judge Ximena Mendizábal	3/31/2021	Yes	Article 41
Bolivia	Additional time to forward information on Presidential Decree 4461, "Granting Amnesty or Pardoning on Humanitarian Grounds and Victims of Political Persecution" Bolivia	4/8/2021	No	Article 41
Bolivia	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Brazil	Reports of the situation of psychiatric hospitals in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	1/15/2021	Yes	Article 41
Brazil	Invalidation and rejection of reparation requests by those granted political amnesty in Brazil	3/19/2021	Yes	Article 41
Brazil	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
Canada	Death of Chantel Moore following a police operation	2/22/2021	No	Article 18
Canada	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Canada	Findings of children's bone remains near former residential schools	10/12/2021	No	Article 18
Chile	Request for information on the situation of freedom of expression and press freedom in en Chile	5/24/2021	No	Article 41
Chile	Situation of persons deprived of liberty in the context of the 2019 social upheaval	7/26/2021	Yes	Article 41
Chile	Deportations of persons in human mobility contexts	8/25/2021	Yes	Article 41
Chile	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
Chile	Modifications of the draft law establishing a system of guarantees of the rights of the child - Chile	9/1/2021	No	Article 41
Chile	Declaration of a state of constitutional emergency in the Araucanía and Bío-Bío regions	11/16/2021	Yes	Article 41
Colombia	Request for information on protests in Colombia	5/18/2021	Yes	Article 41
Colombia	Reports of disappeared persons in the context of the social protests that began on April 28, 2021	8/24/2021	Yes	Article 41
Colombia	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Costa Rica	Framework Public Employment Act-Costa Rica	8/24/2021	Yes	Article 41

Costa Rica	Costa Rica – Access to COVID-19 vaccines for the population in human mobility contexts	8/25/2021	Yes	Article 41
Costa Rica	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Cuba	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Dominica	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Ecuador	Guarantee of political rights in the context of the 2021 general elections	2/4/2021	Yes	Article 41
Ecuador	Draft new Organic Health Code and subsequent measures to guarantee the right to health of women and girls in Ecuador	5/26/2021	Yes	Article 41
Ecuador	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Ecuador	Prison situation in Ecuador	10/14/2021	Yes	Article 41
Ecuador	Declaration of state of emergency owing to major civil unrest	11/2/2021	Yes	Article 41
Ecuador	Persons deprived of liberty in Ecuador’s jails	3712/2021	No	Article 41
El Salvador	Investigations into the finding skeletal remains in Chalchuapa	7/9/2021	Yes	Article 41
El Salvador	El Salvador – Regional protection of persons in human mobility contexts	8/10/2021	Yes	Article 41
El Salvador	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
United States of America	Bills and laws that may limit the rights of trans and gender diverse persons	4/23/2021	No	Article 18
United States of America	Asylum seekers from Nicaragua in the United States Request for updated information (Article 18 – IACHR Statute)	7/29/2021	No	Article 18
United States of America	United States – Regional protection of persons in the context of human mobility	8/10/2021	Yes	Article 18
United States of America	United States – Situation of unaccompanied children and adolescents.	8/24/2021	Yes	Article 18

United States of America	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 18
Grenada	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Guatemala	Technical Committee for the Protection of Life and the Institution of the Family	6/28/2021	Yes	Article 41
Guatemala	Guatemala – Regional protection of persons in human mobility contexts	8/10/2021	Yes	Article 41
Guatemala	Request for information on the situation of freedom of expression in Guatemala	8/10/2021	No	Article 41
Guatemala	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	30/8/2021	Si	Article 41
Guyana	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Haiti	Request for information – On-site visit, Haiti	2/22/2021	No	Article 41
Haiti	Situation of violence in Haiti	7/26/2021	No	Article 41
Haiti	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Haiti	Due process and detention conditions in the context of the investigation into the assassination of President Moïse	9/10/2021	No	Article 41
Honduras	Constitutional reform in Honduras	5/17/2021	Yes	Article 41
Honduras	Situation of human rights of indigenous and tribal peoples in the Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve - Honduras	5/15/2021	Yes	Article 41
Honduras	Monitoring of the investigations into the alleged forced disappearance of four Garifuna persons in the Triunfo de la Cruz community	7/23/2021	Yes	Article 41
Honduras	Honduras – Situation of Haitians in transit through Honduras	7/26/2021	Yes	Article 41
Honduras	Request for information on threats and intimidation of media workers in Honduras	8/4/2021	No	Article 41
Honduras	Honduras – Regional protection of persons in human mobility contexts	8/10/2021	Yes	Article 41
Honduras	Detention of five defenders of Río Petacón in Honduras	8/20/2021	Yes	Article 41

Honduras	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
Mexico	Students of the “Raúl Isidro Burgos” rural school - MC-409-14	3/24/2021	Yes	Article 41
Mexico	Temporary extension of the term of the President of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation and of members of Federal Judiciary Council. Draft Organic Law of the Judiciary of the Federation in Mexico	4/21/2021	No	Article 41
Mexico	Request for information on briefings of journalists and media outlets in morning press conferences to combat fake news	7/13/2021	Yes	Article 41
Mexico	Mexico – Refusals at land and air burial sites	8/6/2021	Yes	Article 41
Mexico	Mexico – Regional protection of persons in human mobility contexts	8/10/2021	Yes	Article 41
Mexico	Situation of risk and unsafe conditions faced by family members	8/17/2021	Yes	Article 41
Mexico	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
Nicaragua	Mother and child death in Nicaragua - Article 41 – American Convention on Human Rights	8/10/2021	No	Article 41
Nicaragua	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Panama	Guarantee of the rights of trans and gender-diverse persons during the pandemic	1/4/2021	No	Article 41
Panama	Situation of shelters for children and adolescents in Panama	3/18/2021	Yes	Article 41
Panama	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Paraguay	Violent events in National Tacumbú Penitentiary	3/10/2021	Yes	Article 41
Paraguay	State response to demonstrations in Paraguay	3/15/2021	Yes	Article 41
Paraguay	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
Peru	Impacts on political rights and judicial protection of 33 candidates for the Congress of the Republic of Peru	4/1/2021	No	Article 41
Peru	Situation of human rights in electoral context	7/9/2021	No	Article 41

Peru	Events impacting indigenous communities of Peru's Amazon region	7/9/2021	Yes	Article 41
Peru	Sexual and reproductive rights - Peru	8/24/2021	Yes	Article 41
Peru	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Dominican Republic	Exonerations of responsibility for interruption of pregnancy – Dominican Republic	7/15/2021	Yes	Article 41
Dominican Republic	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Distribution, Access and Acquisition of COVID-19 Vaccines in Member States of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Saint Lucia	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Suriname	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 41
Trinidad and Tobago	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	No	Article 18
Uruguay	COVID-19 deaths in Victoriano Sosa Nursing Home Article 41 – American Convention on Human Rights	4/16/2021	Yes	Article 41
Uruguay	COVID-19 deaths in Victoriano Sosa Nursing Home Article 41 – American Convention on Human Rights	4/16/2021	No	Article 41
Uruguay	Follow-up on the public hearing “Access to justice for women victims of sexual torture in the context of the dictatorship in Uruguay”	8/2/2021	Si	Article 41
Uruguay	Distribution of, Access to, and Acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in member states of the Organization of American States	8/30/2021	Yes	Article 41
Uruguay	COVID-19 deaths in Victoriano Sosa Nursing Home Article 41 – American Convention on Human Rights	12/3/2020	No	Article 41

5. Approved Reports

53. In 2021, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights approved and published two country reports and 10 thematic reports.

54. The following is a list of all the reports approved during this period.

REPORTEURSHIP	TITLE OF REPORT
Country rapporteur	Situation of human rights in Brazil
Country rapporteur	Situation of human rights in El Salvador
Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua	Nicaragua: Concentration of power and the undermining of the Rule of Law
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-descendants and against Racial Discrimination Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights	Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights of Persons of African Descent. Inter-American Standards to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Structural Racial Discrimination
Office of the Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Justice Operators	Guía Práctica sobre lineamientos y recomendaciones para la elaboración de planes de mitigación de riesgos de personas defensoras de derechos humanos [Practical Guidelines and Recommendations for the Development of Risk Mitigation Plans for Human Rights Defenders] [available only in Spanish]
Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression	Childhood, freedom of expression, and the media in the Americas
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	Right to Self-Determination of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples
Office of the Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders	Basic Guidelines for Investigating Crimes against Human Rights Defenders in the Northern Triangle
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants	Practical Guide. How can family unit protection and family reunification be made more effective in situations of human mobility and mixed movements, and in the context of the pandemic? http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/reports/pdfs/guia_practica_migracion_ing.pdf
Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Women	Guía Práctica para la eliminación de la discriminación y violencia contra las mujeres, niñas y adolescentes [available only in Spanish]
Promotion, training, and technical cooperation	Compendium. Obligation of States to Adapt Their Domestic Legislation to the Inter-American Standards of Human Rights
Promotion, training, and technical cooperation Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice	Compendium. Truth, Justice and Reparation in Transitional Contexts. Inter-American Standards.

B. IACHR Training and Promotional Activities

55. The Inter-American Commission exercises its mandate to promote human rights in the region in accordance with the Charter of the Organization, as well as its Statute and Rules of Procedure. To that end, it promotes public awareness of human rights in the Americas and recommends to the OAS member states the adoption of measures that contribute to the protection of those rights.

56. This is the framework for the IACHR's promotional and training activities on its work mechanisms, and the inter-American human rights standards generated through the doctrine and jurisprudence of the inter-American human rights system. Its goal is to foster greater appreciation for and understanding of their scope among civil society, in networks of social actors, and in the member states and, where relevant, to promote their application and incorporation in decisions, legislative frameworks, and public policies with a human rights focus.

57. In its 2017-2021 Strategic Plan, the IACHR established Strategic Objective 3 (SO3), which is geared to generating an orderly strategy to strengthen the IACHR's promotional and training activities a pillar of its institutional work. In this framework, the IACHR decided to develop a "broad and comprehensive promotional and training program on the inter-American system," which includes: awareness and prevention campaigns; inter-American human rights conferences; seminars and events; report dissemination activities; measures for impact on human rights education; training courses on public human rights policies and on the inter-American system and inter-American standards; thematic courses; and support for national and regional human rights competitions on the inter-American system.

58. Throughout 2021, the IACHR conducted a number of promotional and training activities of unprecedented impact and scope. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, all Commission activities and initiatives on the subject were conducted virtually. This adaptation to conditions allowed the IACHR to reach a wider public and increase its accessibility, disseminating its message to people who registered to participate in events or followed the IACHR on Twitter, Facebook and/or YouTube.

59. In 2021, 357 activities were carried out, including 105 training events, 25 webinars, and 227 promotional activities.

1. Training Activities

60. The aim of the training activities is to develop and build capacities regarding the various IACHR mechanisms, inter-American standards, and institutions and public policies focused on human rights in the States. They also aim to build the capacity of organizations and networks of social and academic actors, as well as state agents, to protect human rights.

61. As a result of the pandemic, in 2020, the Commission strove to offer training activities only through webinars and virtual courses. In 2021, the Commission added more promotional activities, conducting a total of seven virtual classes, four of them with tutorials and live meetings, and three others fully self-administered. This puts the Commission at the vanguard of virtual course development, offering general and specialized introductory and development courses. The courses are carefully prepared to reach the widest possible audience, written in simple and accessible style, with activities for practical application of the available mechanisms of the system.

Massive Online Open Course (MOOC)

62. During 2021, three Massive Online Open Courses were given: the first an introduction to the inter-American human rights system; the second on the system and its mechanisms from the transitional justice perspective; and a third on inter-American standards to combat violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents. These tools were developed through a joint effort with the organization

specializing in virtual training platforms of the OAS, the Educational Portal of the Americas. The MOOC is an online self-instructional program that allows people to access the platform and learn the content according to their time availability and connectivity. This flexibility was conceived to enable more people to connect to the platform and to enable the training course to be taken in keeping with the time available for study.

- ***MOOC – Inter-American human rights system***

63. This course, open since October 25, is a short self-administered course providing participants with an introduction to the inter-American system and its organs, functions, and mechanisms. It is written in simple language, so that it can be accessed by anyone wishing to familiarize him/herself with the system. It also includes more detailed material for those interested in an in-depth knowledge of the system.

64. This course was opened first for the north Central American countries and its scope was then expanded to include all countries of the Hemisphere. At present, of the 1000 available slots, 700 have been taken up. Thus far, nearly 190 people have successfully completed the course, receiving the corresponding certificate. This course is intended to be taken before other in-depth or thematic courses on the mechanisms developed or to be developed in the future. The course will be translated and adapted to create a similar course in English.

- ***MOOC – Transitional Justice***

65. The MOOC on Transitional Justice is a short self-administered course that explores the basic concepts of transitional justice, its objectives, and those considered victims, and the State obligations in these contexts. It includes gender-based analysis in transitional justice contexts and the pillars of this type of justice. The course is a revision of a Virtual Classroom developed in 2020 that incorporates the experience gained in developing these types of virtual activities, including new graphics elements and videos, as well as a number of practical activities that facilitate the training experience. This course opened in late November and will train up to 1000 people.

- ***MOOC – Inter-American standards to combat violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents***

66. This course, prepared as a self-administered course, opened in September, with nearly 400 participants, 100 of whom have thus far completed the course successfully or are receiving their certificate. The course imparts the content and scope of the international obligations arising from the inter-American human rights system, as well as the main inter-American standards on the protection and guarantee of the right of women, girls, and adolescents to live a life without violence and discrimination. It includes concepts related to discrimination and violence against women, girls, and adolescents, and the reinforced obligation of protection for girls and adolescents.

1.8 Virtual Classrooms

67. During 2021, four Virtual Classrooms were developed - courses held asynchronously, combined with live meetings (synchronous), and that have an instructional tutor (from the IACHR, specializing in the subject matter) and a technical support tutor.

- ***Virtual Classroom – Application of inter-American standards by the judiciary - Cohort 1,2,3***

68. The IACHR carried out a number of activities to build capacities in the north Central American countries. In particular, work was done to design and implement a Virtual Classroom on reviewing compliance with conventions, analysis of judgments, and due diligence, for justice workers in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

69. As a result, the course on application of inter-American standards by the judiciary was developed and implemented. Its aim is to build the capacity of justice workers to review their decisions and interventions for compliance with the conventions. Another aim is to enhance their knowledge of the inter-American human rights system, and of State obligations in connection with the application of the inter-American standards in specific cases.

70. The course was held in cooperation with the Educational Portal of the Americas. It consists of four modules, each approximately 10 hours in length, to be completed over two weeks, and combines the Virtual Classroom content with virtual meetings with Commissioners and other Executive Secretariat specialists.

71. The course was first held during June, as two cohorts, for Guatemala and Honduras. A third cohort for El Salvador was completed in September.

- ***Virtual Classroom – The inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms from a memory, truth, and justice perspective***

72. Additionally, from August 16 to September 12, training for El Salvador’s justice sector was offered. The aim of this activity was to build State capacities, with special emphasis on the justice sector, in particular to achieve concrete progress in the area of transitional justice in El Salvador based on the application of the inter-American standards on memory, justice, truth, reparation, and non-repetition guarantees.

73. Training was provided for 80 participants, divided into two groups of 40 each. This was a blended methodology activity, with synchronous classes and asynchronous follow-up through the Virtual Classroom. The classes were imparted by IACHR specialists and guest experts. It should be noted that this training was a second edition of that first held in 2018 as attendance-based training.

- ***Virtual Classroom – Equality and non-discrimination in times of COVID***

74. Lastly, from October 7 al 29, a virtual classroom was held on equality and non-discrimination in times of COVID-19. This course brought together over 70 justice workers of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. In addition to the audiovisual and graphics material included in the classroom, two synchronous sessions were held: one on principles of human rights, with emphasis on the responsibility of the State, and, in particular, of the judiciary, in the application of standards, and the other a review of the most relevant jurisprudence in this area.

75. There are 63 other training activities in addition to the virtual classrooms. Special mention should be made of the following training activities in various countries, geographic areas, and thematic areas, and others held with other institutions.

76. Of the different training activities held in 2021, special mention should be made of the following in different countries, geographic areas, and thematic areas, and others held with other institutions.

By geographic area:

- ***North Central America:*** Capacity-building workshops and activities in north Central American countries
- ***CARICOM:*** Annual seminar for CARICOM countries on the inter-American human rights system – Human rights protection during natural disasters and health emergencies

77. Some of the activities carried out are described in greater detail below.

1.1 North Central America

78. The IACHR carried out a number of capacity-building activities in the north Central American countries. In particular, work was done to design and implement a virtual classroom on reviewing compliance with the conventions, analysis of judgments, and due diligence, for justice workers in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

79. As a result, the course on Application of Inter-American Standards by the Judiciary was developed and implemented. Its aim is to build the capacity of justice workers review for compliance with the conventions in their decisions and interventions. Another aim is to enhance their knowledge of the inter-American human rights system, and of State obligations in connection with the application of the inter-American standards in specific cases.

80. The course was held in cooperation with the Educational Portal of the Americas. It consists of four modules, each of approximately 10 hours, to be completed over a two week period, and combines Virtual Classroom content with virtual meetings with Commissioners and other Executive Secretariat specialists.

81. The course was first held during June, as two cohorts, for Guatemala and Honduras. A third cohort for El Salvador was completed in September.

82. In addition, from August 16 to September 12, training was offered for the justice sector of El Salvador. The aim of this activity was to build state capacities, with special emphasis on the justice sector, in particular to achieve specific progress in the area of transitional justice in El Salvador through the application of the inter-American standards on memory, justice, truth, reparation, and of non-repetition guarantees.

83. This training was provided for 80 participants, divided into two groups of 40 each. The methodology combined synchronous classes followed by asynchronous learning through the Virtual Classroom. The classes were given by IACHR specialists and guest experts. It should be noted that this training was held as a second edition to the first held in 2018 as attendance-based training.

84. Lastly, from October 7 to 29, a Virtual Classroom was held on equality and non-discrimination in times of COVID-19. This course brought together over 70 justice workers from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. In addition to the audiovisual and graphics material included in the Classroom, two synchronous sessions were held: one on principles of human rights, with emphasis on State responsibility and, in particular, the judiciary, in the application of standards; and the other reviewing the most relevant jurisprudence on this topic.

1.2 Annual seminar for CARICOM countries on the inter-American human rights system – Human rights protection during natural disasters and health emergencies

85. The human rights seminar for CARICOM countries was held on November 18, 2021, as the annual joint project between the IACHR and the George Washington University Law School (GWULS) that began in 2012. This tenth seminar was held for diplomatic personnel and public officials who participate in the protection, promotion, and monitoring of human rights. Its aim was to present basic aspects of the legal foundation and workings of the inter-American system for the protection of human rights. It also addressed the Commission's efforts to guarantee human rights protection during natural disasters and health emergencies and to protect fundamental freedoms and human rights, especially economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, in the context of the pandemic. There were 42 participants virtually, of whom 24 were women.

By countries

- **Argentina, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico:** Capacity-building workshops on ending violence and discrimination against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Nicaragua:** Training program for civil society in Nicaragua
- **Mexico:** Course on reparation and monitoring of recommendations for personnel of the State Human Rights Commission of Chihuahua (CEDH)
- **Mexico:** Dialogue cycle with Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation
- **Saint Lucia:** Capacity-building cooperation program for human rights officials of Saint Lucia
- **Panama:** Course on the inter-American system for public State defense officials in the context of the system
- **Ecuador:** Course on the inter-American system for public officials

1.3 Argentina, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico: Capacity-building workshops on ending violence and discrimination against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean

86. In 2021, the IACHR moved forward with the implementation of the capacity-building program on ending violence and discrimination against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean. In that framework, a number of activities were held with participation by Commissioners Margarette May Macaulay and Julissa Mantilla. Notable among these activities were the training programs for justice workers and security officials of Argentina, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico.

87. Four training workshops were held for justice workers and security officials of Argentina, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico to support the implementation of the inter-American standards on combating violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents in the respective countries. The first training round was conducted virtually on May 24 and 25, and the second on June 14 and 15, 2021. A total of 90 officials took part from the aforesaid States.

1.4 Ecuador: Course on the Inter-American System for public officials

88. The Public Defender's Office, the Office of the Attorney General of the State, and Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic requested technical assistance to build capacities in the area of Inter-American human rights standards, and participated virtually in different training modalities. In particular, staff members of the Public Defender's Office had an opportunity to participate in the MOOC on IACHR mechanisms, and officials of the Attorney General's Office and Prosecutor's Office attended a comprehensive workshop with synchronous classes on investigation of and reparation for human rights violations, held in September.

1.5 Mexico: Course on reparations and monitoring of recommendations for officials of the State Human Rights Commission of Chihuahua (CEDH)

89. On September 3, 4, 10, and 11, the IACHR conducted the Course on reparations and monitoring of recommendations, for officials of the State Human Rights Commission of Chihuahua (CEDH) on the subject of comprehensive reparation for injury resulting from human rights violations. The objective was to provide the officials with practical tools to facilitate the fulfillment of their functions at the different stages of CEDH action, from receipt of a complaint of an alleged violation of human rights to monitoring of any recommendations issued by the CEDH for reparation for the violations stated, if relevant.

90. The course consisted of four sessions, during which work was also done on practical examples for application of the theoretical concepts explained on the modalities for reparation in the inter-American human rights system.

1.6 Dialogue cycle with Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation

91. In the framework of a cooperation agreement between the IACHR and Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN), the IACHR participated in the Dialogue Cycle on the inter-American human rights system, organized by the Human Rights Department of the SCJN. The aim of the program was to create a forum to study the workings of the IACHR and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IA Court HR); introduce the most important and innovative standards on the protection of human rights issued by the two organs of the inter-American system; strengthen the protection of rights in imparting justice; and achieve a larger audience and wider dissemination through the use of technological tools. From May to August, the IACHR participated in six thematic sessions on monitoring mechanisms: on-site visits and public hearings; the Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI) and the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI) Nicaragua; monitoring of recommendations and the Inter-American System to Monitor Recommendations (Inter-American SIMORE); technical cooperation on public policies with a focus on rights; jurisprudence on gender equality and non-discrimination; and IACHR actions in connection with the pandemic and human rights. Each session was broadcast over synchronous virtual platforms, and over 400 people participated in each session.

1.7 Nicaragua: Training program for civil society

92. Throughout the year, the IACHR moved forward with the design and implementation of a Virtual Classroom on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms from a memory, truth, and justice perspective, for civil society organizations of Nicaragua. Its aim is to build knowledge and capacities on the promotion and protection of human rights of the inter-American human rights system for participation in memory, truth, and justice processes in Nicaragua.

93. First, three training classes were held for groups of 30 people each, each composed of: victims and family members of victims of human rights violations, human rights defenders, and legal professionals. The course had four modules, implemented from June 8 to 30, with synchronous classes held during that period.

94. Secondly, two synchronous training classes were held, for two groups of 40 each, with the same content as that of the Virtual Classroom. This group was generally composed of civil society representatives. To reach the largest possible number of participants committed to the project, an open invitation was issued. The synchronous classes were held from June 15 to 30.

95. Lastly, in October and November, a training course was held using the Virtual Classroom modality, for two groups of 14 each, from civil society organizations of Nicaragua. That course had thematic modules, included in the Virtual Campus, and two classes imparted synchronously.

1.8 Panama: Course on the Inter-American System for public officials in charge of the defense of the State before the system.

96. The State of Panama expressed interest in technical cooperation to strengthen public officials' capacities. In response to the request, a group of officials participated in the MOOC on IACHR mechanisms and a synchronous workshop on the system of petitions and individual cases was held in December.

1.9 Saint Lucia: Capacity-building cooperation program for human rights officials of Saint Lucia

97. In response to the technical cooperation request received from the State of Saint Lucia in 2020, on May 27, 2021, a second training module on human rights was held for public sector officials of that country. The second module focused on inter-American standards to combat racial discrimination and discrimination against women. The aim of this virtual seminar was to highlight the importance of the principle of equality and non-discrimination as one of the fundamental pillars of the democratic system as a whole and as an essential

foundation of the system for human rights protection. Fourteen people participated in the event, all of them women.

IACHR activities with other institutions

- *International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights – MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights*
- *IV Inter-American Human Rights Forum – Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IA Court HR)*
- *“Héctor Fix Zamudio” Diploma program on the inter-American human rights system – National Autonomous University of Mexico*
- *Simulation of thematic hearings with the IACHR – International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (CIPDH)*

1.10 International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights

98. On May 10, the fifth edition of the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights course opened, given in conjunction with the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights (IPPDH). It ended in October. The aim of this course is to train relevant actors in the region on the human rights approach in public policies. One hundred people were selected from 24 OAS member states – state officials, including from the judiciary, civil society organizations, and the academic community. For the first time, the course was given entirely online.

99. Six synchronous classes were imparted, on the following subjects: Democracy and Human Rights, Approach to the Inter-American Human Rights System, Regional Integration Processes, COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on access to rights, and public policy concepts. The participants handed in project proposals and, in September, presented their final work on the inter-American human rights system. Lastly, in the week of November 2-5, a final week of the course was held, where the final works were presented in thematic groups, and on Friday, a webinar open to the public was held on the pandemic and access to rights in the Americas, as well as, lastly, a dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the IACHR and the IPPDH. The requirements for successful completion of the course were met by 65 participants.

1.11 “Héctor Fix Zamudio” diploma course on the inter-American human rights system

100. In 2021, a new edition of the “Héctor Fix-Zamudio” diploma program was offered. Its general objective was to provide specialized training on the inter-American human rights system for use of the international human rights standards in the region.

101. That activity was conducted in implementation of the agreement signed with the Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas [Legal Research Institute] of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the Oficina de la Abogacía General [Office of the General Advocate] of that university, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the National Human Rights Commission of Mexico.

102. The diploma program was held from August 30 to October 8, in virtual format. Participating in the training were IACHR commissioners, IA Court HR officials, experts in this area, and Government of Mexico officials.

1.12 Simulation of thematic hearings before the IACHR – International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (CIPDH-UNESCO)

103. The second cycle of simulated thematic hearings before the IACHR was held from August 2 to 6, in the framework of a cooperation agreement in force with the CIPDH.

104. The aim of the simulation is for university students to study in greater depth the reality in the American region with regard to human rights and the international protection systems. For this edition, the simulation focused on protection of human rights defenders, and had support from IACHR specialists in the preliminary, semifinal, and final rounds. Participating in the final round as a jury member was Commissioner Joel Hernández, Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders; and Tania Reneaum Panzsi, IACHR Executive Secretary, for the opening and closing ceremonies.

1.13 Other training activities

- Virtual sessions on preventive detention: “Challenges in the Correct Implementation of the Preventive Detention Measure in Colombia,” June 16.
- Training for inter-American public defenders, July 6.
- Internal training for Argentine experts on the obligations arising for the Argentine State and its public officials regarding compliance with judgments, July 7.
- Training on the inter-American human rights system for the Office of the Attorney General for Labor in Brazil, August 4.
- Participation by Commissioners Antonia Urrejola, President of the IACHR, and Julissa Mantilla in the course “Investigation of cases of abduction of children during State terrorism,” organized by the Secretariat for Human Rights of the Nation, the Magistrates Council of the Judiciary of the Nation, and the Plaza de Mayo Grandmothers’ Association, Argentina, August 11.
- Inter-American human rights system and gender, A look at the Brazilian Judiciary, September 10.
- Training on investigation of human rights violations for the Attorney General’s Office and the Public Prosecutor’s Office of Ecuador, September 28.

1.14 Monitoring of Recommendations and the Inter-American System for Monitoring Recommendations – Inter-American SIMORE

Promotional activities:

- May 19. Monitoring of recommendations and Inter-American SIMORE, held with support from the Supreme Court of Justice, Mexico
- May 20. Regional webinar on the results of the regional consultation by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) for the preparation of the Regional Recommendation on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, held with support from CEDAW Panama.

Training activities:

- January 14. Presentation on the usefulness and use of the Inter-American System for Monitoring Recommendations – Inter-American SIMORE
- December 20 - Training on transitional justice for civil society in Nicaragua, organized by the IACHR

1.15 Other special promotional and training activities on special procedures

1.15.1 Follow-Up Mechanism for the Ayotzinapa Case (MESA)

- July 22. Presentation of a summarized version for family members of disappeared persons and their representatives of the Standardized Search Protocol for Disappeared Persons and the Investigation of the Crime of Forced Disappearance, held with support from Mexico’s National Missing Persons Commission.
- August 31. International Forum: Progress and pending items on the disappearance agenda in Mexico, held with support from the National Movement for Our Disappeared in Mexico.
- October 27. International Foreign Affairs Symposium. Organizing institution: Technological Institute of Monterrey, Monterrey Campus. Topic: Ayotzinapa, Seven Years On. What Is Its Legacy?

- May 3, 7, 10, 12, and 14. Course on obligations of the judiciary of the Federation regarding disappeared persons, organized by the Federal Judicial Training School of the Federal Judiciary Council.
- August 24 and 26. Two training programs for judiciary workers of El Salvador on forced disappearance. Organized by the IACHR.

1.15.2 Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI)

- February 11. Presentation of the report “¡Basta ya de impunidad! Ejecuciones extrajudiciales y represión en Nicaragua,” [Enough of Impunity! Extrajudicial Executions and Repression in Nicaragua], held with support from the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) – the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights (CENIDH).
- February 16. Protecting human rights in El Salvador in times of COVID-19, held with support from the Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación del Derecho [Foundation for Law Enforcement Studies] (FESPAD)
- April 18. Dissemination of the thematic report on persons deprived of Liberty in Nicaragua in the context of the human rights crisis that erupted in April 2018, held with support from the IACHR.
- April 28. Ibero-American Colloquium. The human rights situation three years after the social protests in Nicaragua, held with support from the IACHR.
- May 6. MESENI and the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI) Nicaragua, held with support from the Supreme Court of Justice, Mexico.

1.15.3 Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Venezuela (MESEVE)

- April 9. Webinar on awareness of the IACHR’s response mechanisms, held with support from the Confederation of Hearing Impaired of Venezuela (CONSORVEN)
- November 8. Meeting with civil society organizations working in areas of human rights defenders

1.16 Specialized advisory services:

Promotional activities:

- July 6. Constitutional law and human rights seminar “Application of Review of Decisions of the Branches of Government for Compliance with Conventions,” held with support from UMET.
- July 15. Pandemic and Corruption in Latin America, held with support from the Latin American Anti-Corruption Network
- July 16. Forum: “Sex Work in Latin America: An analysis from a legislative and human rights exercise perspective,” held with support from the Horizontal Technical Cooperation Group (GCTH).

Training activities:

- December 10. Collaboration, for the judiciary of Panama

1.17 Caribbean:

- February 2 to March 3 / Collaboration on Annual Report Chapter IV.A, with Ambassadors or Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago/ SE and Monitoring 3.
- April 14 / Dialogue with civil society in Suriname on the IACHR’s mandate, functions, and programs, and collaboration with information on human rights issues in Suriname / Monitoring 3.
- April 28 / Dialogue with civil society in Guyana on the IACHR’s mandate, functions, and programs, and collaboration with information on human rights issues in Guyana / Monitoring 3.

- May 27 / Regional meeting for the English-speaking Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago) on the right to self-determination of indigenous and tribal peoples / Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Monitoring 3.
- November 17 / Meeting with the national mechanism for monitoring and presentation of human rights reports of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) to discuss greater participation with the Commission/ SE and SPC and CT.

1.18 Webinars

105. As IACHR promotional activities, in 2021, different events were held aimed at building capacities of States and civil society in the region, emphasizing the relevance of the applicable inter-American standards in the protection of human rights.

106. The aim of the webinar is to accord priority to institutional dialogues with national institutions, international organizations, academic communities and intellectuals, branches of government, diplomatic personnel, and regional human rights protections systems, and to give greater prominence to specific social situations and needs by inviting grassroots, regional, and human rights organizations and communities.

107. A total of 25 webinars were held, achieving participation by over 2175 persons over the Zoom platform. Special mention should be made of the IV Forum of the inter-American human rights system, held virtually on October 15. The forum was organized in conjunction with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The event included an inaugural conference on lessons learned in achieving structural change in light of State international obligations in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, in which participated the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, the President of the Inter-American Court, Elizabeth Odio Benito, and the President of the IACHR, Antonia Urrejola. They were followed by a number of panels that addressed the topic of inequalities and differentiated social impact in the enjoyment of environmental, social, cultural and environmental rights in the context of the pandemic; new manifestations of violence against women and girls; judicial independence and its consequences in accessing justice and civil liberties in the context of the pandemic; and a closing panel on the pronouncements of the IACHR and the IA Court HR on COVID-19 and reflections on the future of the rule of law in the region.

108. Provided below is a table containing further information on the various webinars held.

<i>Name of webinar</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>IACHR participants</i>	<i>External participants</i>	<i>Number of participants</i>
Virtual roundtable 1 - Finalists of the competition for head of the Executive Secretariat	01/26	To know those selected for the interview stage as part of the process to select the head of the IACHR Executive Secretariat	Joel Hernández	Andrés Mahnke Malchafsky (Chile) Celia Medrano (El Salvador) Javier Vásquez (United States) José Antonio Guevara	229

				Bermúdez (Mexico) Nadia Alejandra Cruz Tarifa (Bolivia)	
Virtual roundtable 2 – Finalists of the competition for head of the Executive Secretariat	01/26	To know those selected for the interview stage as part of the process to select the head of the IACHR Executive Secretariat	Joel Hernández	Carlos Negret Mosquera (Colombia) Karla Quintana Osuna (Mexico) Melina Girardi Fachin (Brazil) Tania Reneaum Panszi (Mexico) María Claudia Pulido (Colombia)	193
Digital forum on sexual violence and health policies during the pandemic	3/30	To bring together experts from different areas, especially international organizations, for debate on protection of the rights of women and girls, especially in emergency situations	Margarette May Macaulay	Annette Lyth Britta Bear Macarena Saez Adriana Rodríguez	163
Dissemination of thematic report; Persons deprived of	04/13	To disseminate the thematic report prepared to provide systematic and analytical information	Antonia Urrejola	Ambassador Francois Jubinville,	79

liberty in Nicaragua in the context of the human rights crisis		based on patterns of human rights violations in the context of the protests since 2018.	Stuardo Ralón María Claudia Pulido	Carla Sequeira Brenda Gutiérrez Allan Gómez Castillo Carlos Fernando Chamorro	
Virtual launch of the Report: Situation of Human Rights in Brazil	04/14	To disseminate the report on Brazil, which makes a comprehensive diagnostic assessment of the situation of human rights in that country since December 2019, based on the copious information received during and after the visit in November 2018	Antonia Urrejola Joel Hernández María Claudia Pulido	Douglas Belchior, Sonia Guajajara, Yuri Costa Juana Kweitel Paulo Vannuchi	273
Subregional conversation with civil society against trafficking in persons in Mesoamerica	04/19	To learn directly from civil society organizations of the Americas about progress made and challenges identified in combating trafficking in persons, as well as the special impacts of this crime on vulnerable groups during the COVID-19 pandemic	Julissa Mantilla María Claudia Pulido Fernando García-Robles	Lourdes Gutiérrez José Monteiro María Eugenia Villareal Mónica Sancho Rueda	97
Digital forum on social protection programs and measures to combat gender-based violence during the pandemic	5/25	To bring together experts on different areas to discuss the protection of the rights of women and girls, primarily in emergency situations	Margarette May Macaulay Laura Morelo	Jarpa Dawuni, Alejandra Valdés María Arteta	105
Regional social forum on COVID-19 vaccinations	06/22	<i>Organized by REDESCA</i>	-	-	69

<p>Violence forum: best practices in addressing domestic violence in emergency contexts</p>	<p>7/16</p>	<p>To bring together experts on gender-based violence against women from relevant international organizations for high-level dialogue on the problem of the rise in domestic violence against women in emergency contexts such as the current pandemic, and to identify best practices in addressing that problem in order to compile, disseminate, and replicate those practices to general structural changes that promote progress in protecting the right to women and girls to a life without violence</p>	<p>Margarette May Macaulay Arely Varela</p>	<p>Lauren Rumble Gioconda Motta Gutiérrez</p>	<p>161</p>
<p>Dissemination of the thematic report “Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls: Best Practices and Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean”</p>	<p>7/20</p>	<p>To promote the dissemination of the content of the thematic report in order to promote greater use of the standards developed and generate positive impact on the protection and recognition of the rights of women and girls to a life without violence and discrimination</p>	<p>Margarette May Macaulay Esmerada Arosemena</p>	<p>Marie-Josée Charbonneau Fernanda Vanegas Rebeca Esmerelda Arevalo Luz Patricia Mejía Catalina Martínez</p>	<p>177</p>
<p>Subregional conversation with civil society against trafficking in persons in South America</p>	<p>8/02</p>	<p>To hear directly from civil society organizations and other actors in the Americas regarding progress made and challenges identified in combating trafficking in persons, and the special impacts of this crime on vulnerable groups during the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>Julissa Mantiila Tania Reneaum Fernando García-Robles</p>	<p>Gilberto Zuleta Ibarra Marcela Cano Lía Burbano Mosquera Sandra Ferrinni</p>	<p>68</p>

Guarantees of the rights of children and adolescents in international abduction cases	8/09	To bring together experts from different areas to discuss aspects of protecting the rights of children and adolescents involved in international abduction and retention cases, especially the complementarity of provisions of international private law and international human rights law	Esmerada Arosemena George Lima	Ignacio Goygochea Lolis María Salas Ricardo Pérez Manrique	232
Launch of the report: Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights of Persons of African Descent	8/31	<i>Organized by REDESCA</i>	-	-	126
Presentation the report: Childhood, Freedom of Expression, and the Media	8/31	<i>Organized by RELE and NNA</i>	-	-	16
Forum on the inter-American human rights system – Inaugural conference	10/15	Lessons learned now over a year from the outbreak of the pandemic in achieving structural change in the light of State international obligations	Antonia Urrjola	Elizabeth Odio Benito Michelle Bachelet	-
Forum on the inter-American human rights system – Panel I	10/15	To reflect on the inequalities and differentiated social impact on the enjoyment of DESCAs in the context of the pandemic	Flavia Piovesan	Mariela Morales Patricio Pazmino Freire	-
Forum on the inter-American	10/15	To reflect on the persistent new manifestations of violence against women and girls in	Margarette May Macaulay	Romina Sijniensky	-

human rights system – Panel II		the context of the pandemic	Esmerada Arosemena	Luz Patricia Mejia	
Forum on the inter-American human rights system – Panel III	10/15	Judicial independence and its consequences for access to justice and civil liberties in the context of the pandemic	Stuardo Ralón Joel Hernández Tania Reneaum	Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto Diego Garcia-Sayan	-
Forum on the inter-American human rights system – Panel IV	10/15	Statements by the IACHR and IA Court HR on COVID-19 and reflections on the future of the rule of law in the region	Julissa Mantilla	Raúl Eugenio Zaffaroni Ricardo Pérez Manrique	-
Pandemic and access to rights in the Americas	11/5	To reflect on access to rights in the Americas, its challenges, and potentials identified in the region.	Debora Benchoam	Angelita Baeyens Christian Curtis Remo Carlotto Javier Palumo	87
Repository of Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission	12/7	To present the Repository of Jurisprudence. To reflect on the democratization of information and its importance for the promotion and protection of human rights: Challenges and progress for the digital age	Antonia Urrejola Julissa Mantilla Marisol Blanchard Pedreo Vaca	Miguel Barboza López Hartmut Rank Ivonne Alzate Carlos Correa Vilma Núñez de Escorcía Elizabeth Salmón Garate Andrea Pochak	-

<p>Observatory of impact: Launch of the Guía de Buenas Prácticas y Orientaciones Básicas para la Implementación de decisiones de la CIDH [currently available only in Spanish]</p>	<p>12/7</p>	<p>To launch of the “Guía de Buenas Prácticas y Orientaciones Básicas para la Implementación de decisiones de la CIDH”</p>	<p>Antonia Urrejola Julissa Mantilla Flavia Piovesan</p>	<p>Aníbal Pérez-Liñán Luiz Fux Pablo Saavedra Mariela Morales Antoniazzi Magdalena Cervantes</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Reflections on the transformative impact of the inter-American human rights system</p>	<p>12/8</p>	<p>The inter-American system and its transformative impact in the institutional, social and political, and cultural areas</p>	<p>Antonia Urrejola Julissa Mantilla Flavia Piovesan Joel Hernández Tania Reneaum Jaime Vidal</p>	<p>Armin von Bogdandy Pablo Saavedra Claudio Grossman Viviana Krsticevc Eduardo Ferrer MacGregor Poisot Mariela Morales Carlos Ayala Katya Salazar</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Launch of the “Principios Interamericanos sobre Libertad Académica” [currently available only in Spanish]</p>	<p>12/9</p>	<p>To launch of the “Principios Interamericanos sobre Libertad Académica”</p>	<p>Antonia Urrejola Julissa Mantilla Flavia Piovesan Soledad García Muñoz Pedro Vaca</p>	<p>Aníbal Pérez-Liñán David Gómez Gamboa Salvador Herencia Mariela Morales Antoniazzi,</p>	<p>-</p>

Memory, Truth and Justice for sexual violence in the context of dictatorship and armed conflict	12/20	Promote a space for discussion to make visible the voice of survivors of sexual violence in the context of internal armed conflicts and dictatorships.	Antonia Urrejola Julissa Mantilla Margarette May Macaulay Tania Reneaum Shana Santos	Graciela García Romero Lucía Arzuaga Beatriz Mejía Angie Hinestroza Fabián Salvioli	75
Total 25					2175

2. Promotional and training activities of the rapporteurships and special rapporteurships

109. In 2021, the IACHR held or was invited to participate in a large number of activities and promotional events. The IACHR provides below a summary of the promotional activities carried out by the Rapporteurships and other IACHR areas of work during the year, in the exercise of its human rights promotion functions.

110. The IACHR carried out or was invited to participate in 227 promotional activities to disseminate the standards of the inter-American human rights system and build capacities for action of public officials and organizations and networks of social actors and academics to protect human rights. Many of these activities were organized in partnership with other actors, strengthening collaboration with civil society organizations, regional and international institutions, and States.

111. Provided below is a brief description of the various activities carried out by each thematic and country rapporteurship and the promotional and training activities carried out throughout the Hemisphere in 2021.

2.1 Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

112. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples carried out and/or participated in training and promotional activities, among which, special mention should be made of the following:

Promotional activities:

- February 9. Webinar on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, held with support from Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) - Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.
- February 10. Intersessional Meeting of the Human Rights Council on the Prevention of Genocide, held with support from the Human Rights Council.
- June 18. Launch in Brazil of edition No. 22 of the journal Aportes DPLF. Organized by the Due Process of Law Foundation, Observatório de Protocolos Comunitários de Consulta [Observatory of Community Consultation Protocols], Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil [Coordination of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil], Coordenação Nacional de Articulação das Comunidades Negras Rurais Quilombolas [National Coordination for Organization of Quilombolola Rural Black Communities], and Rede de Povos e Comunidades Tradicionais do Brasil [Network of Traditional Peoples and Communities of Brazil]. Presentation

on: Progress and challenges in the right to consultation and prior, free, and informed consent in light of the inter-American human rights system.

- August 9. Webinar on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples: Challenges to the effectiveness of territorial rights and prior consultation, held with support from the Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Sociedad [International Institute for Law and Society].
- October 5, 2021, Keynote lecture series on international law and human rights, organized by the Defender General of the Nation. Presentation on challenges to indigenous peoples pandemic and post pandemic
- November 30. High-level Forum: Indigenous Peoples of Venezuela in Latin America and the Caribbean. Convened by Venezuela's Plataforma de Coordinación Interagencial para Refugiados y Migrantes [Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants] and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Training activities:

- November 11. Participation by the Rapporteurship as an instructor in Module V on "Specific IACHR Recommendations in times of COVID-19" of the II International Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Course "International monitoring of rights of indigenous peoples: Territorial rights and prior consultation in times of pandemic." IACHR Academic Network and the International Institute on Law and Society (IIDS)

2.2 Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Women

113. The Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Women carried out and/or participated in promotional and training activities, among which, special mention should be made of the following:

Promotional activities:

- May 27. Webinar "Human Rights of Menstruating People in Cuba," organized by the Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights, with participation by Commissioner Macaulay
- June 17. Virtual course "Women's Rights are Human Rights," held with support from the Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights
- July 16. Forum "Sex Work in Latin America: An analysis of legislation and the exercise of human rights," organized by the Horizontal Technical Cooperation Group (GCTH). Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum participated in the forum, with the presentation "Human Rights and Social Inclusion of Sex Workers"
- July 25. Calling for observations for preparation of GREVIO's First General Recommendation on the Digital Dimension of Violence Against Women, held with support from the Executive Secretary of the Istanbul Convention monitoring mechanism
- August 4. Training on the inter-American human rights system for the Office of the Attorney General for Labor of Brazil. Organized by REDESCA-IACHR and Secretariat for International Labor Cooperation (MPT), with participation by Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum with the presentation "Vulnerable groups, women and the inter-American human rights system."
- August 19. Working sessions: Processes of pregnancy and child-rearing inside the prison: building common indicators for monitoring the rights of pregnant women and children in Latin America, for effective prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, held with support from the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture, Republic of Argentina.
- September 2. Campaign Launch "CIRDI 2024" Promoting the ratification and implementation of the Inter-American Convention Against Racism." Organized by the Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights. Commissioner Macaulay participated in the launch
- September 10. Talk by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on challenges for indigenous women in the region and relevant cases in the inter-American system, held with support from the Vice Ministries of the Office of the President of Costa Rica

- September 13. VIII International Conference on Human Rights, held with support from the Comissão Nacional de Direitos Humanos da Ordem [National Human Rights Commission – Bar Association] - Comissão de Direitos Humanos da OAB Paraná [National Human Rights Commission – Paraná Bar Association]
- September 16. Launch event of the report: “Failure to protect: how discriminatory sexual violence laws and practices are hurting women, girls and adolescents in the Americas,” held with support from Equality Now
- September 20. “Carmen Morenos Toscano” course on international standards on women’s right to a life without violence, held with support from the Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas [Legal Investigations Institute - IIJ] of the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM) and the Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Convention of Belém do Pará (MESECVI)
- September 21. Thematic consultation: psychological forms of violence and psychological consequences of violence against women, held with support from the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences
- September 23. Thematic consultation: violence against refugee and migrant indigenous women, held with support from the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.
- September 24: Digital round table 1 on good practices
- September 29. III National Forum on Alternatives to Imprisonment (FONAPE). Organized by the Doing Justice program, an initiative of the National Council on Justice (CNJ), in association with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Ministry of Justice and Public Security (MJSP), Brazil. The Executive Secretary participated in the forum with the presentation “Violence, masculinities, and alternatives to incarceration”
- October 1. Course “Inter-American System of Human Rights and Gender – A look at the Brazilian Judiciary. Organized by the University of Sao Paulo – Specialist Academic Network for Cooperation with the IACHR. Commissioner Macaulay participated with the lecture “The Inter-American standards on the right of women, girls and adolescents to live free from violence and discrimination”
- October 5. Specialized Diploma Program on Addressing and Investigating Gender-Based Violence. Organized by Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo Social (INDESOL), in conjunction with the Attorney General’s Office and the Attorney General’s Office of Mexico City. Arely Varela participated with the lecture “Legislative Framework on the Human Rights of Women and Girls”
- October 8. 10th EDVAW Platform Meeting. Organized by UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.
- October 15. Inter-American forum on the inter-American human rights system. Organized by the IACHR and the IA Court HR, with participation by Commissioner Macaulay
- November 29. Ninth National Congress: Gender and Justice, organized by the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation of Mexico (SCJN). Commissioner Macaulay participated.
- December 2. Regional human rights forum: “Women’s role in the rule of law,” organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the IA Court HR, and the Free University (Universidad Libre). Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- December 7. Socialization of the results of the IACHR’s In Loco Visit to El Salvador Center for Reproductive Rights. Commissioner Macaulay participated.
- December 8. Delegation of Mexico event: “Women in all their diversity,” organized by the Embassy of Mexico to the OAS. Commissioner Urrejola participated.

Training activities:

114. Noted at the beginning of the chapter (MOOC and training in the framework of Project Canada)
- August 4. Training on the inter-American human rights system for the Office of the Attorney General for Labor (MPT) of Brazil. REDESCA-IACHR and Secretariat for International Labor Cooperation-MPT. The IACHR Executive Secretariat participated.

- September 20. “Carmen Morenos Toscano” course on international standards on women’s human right to a life without violence, held with support from the Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas [Legal Research Institute] (IIJ) of the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM) and the Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Convention of Belém do Pará (MESECVI)

2.4 Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants

115. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants held and/or participated in promotional and training activities, among which, special mention should be made of the following:

Promotional activities:

- January 8. Preparatory meeting for the visit to Mexico. Organized by the IACHR. Commissioner Mantilla and staff of the Secretariat participated.
- February 10. UN: Intersessional Meeting of the Human Rights Council on the Prevention of Genocide. Organized by the UN. Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- February 18. UNHCR: High-level forum and launch of the report on displacement of migrants and refugees from Venezuela. Organized by UNHCR. J. Casagrande, Commissioner Mantilla, Commissioner Hernandez, and Rapporteur Garcia Munoz participated.
- February 18. High-level forum and launch of the report. Organized by the IACHR and the UNHCR. Commissioner Mantilla participated and Staff of the Secretariat.
- March 11. Migrants, Indigenous people, and LGBTI. Organizer: Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP). Commissioner Mantilla and Staff of the Secretariat participated.
- May 20. Regional webinar on the results of the CEDAW regional consultation for the elaboration of the General Recommendation on Trafficking in Women and Girls in the context of global migration, carried out with the support of CEDAW Panama.
- May 27. Invisible Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela during COVID-19: disproportionate impacts on special protection groups. Organizer: Regional Protection Sector. Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- July 16. Inaugural meeting of the Network of civil society organizations on human rights in Cuba. Organizer: IACHR and REDESCA. Rapportuer Garcia Munoz, and Commissioner Ralon and Staff of the Secretariat participated.
- September 2. Campaign Launch “CIRDI 2024” promoting the ratification and implementation of the Inter-American Convention Against Racism, held with support from Race and Equality
- September 29. Interview on migrants from Venezuela in Iquique. Organizer: IACHR. Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- September 29. 33rd session Committee on Migrant Workers. Organized by EXT. Commissioner Mantilla and Staff of the Secretariat participated.
- November 17. Rights of children and adolescents in mobility contexts. Organized by EXT. Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- November 23, 2021 Judgments Prize. Organized by Sin Fronteras I.A.P. Commissioner Mantilla participated.

Training activities:

- April 29. Webinar: Invisible Borders of Mexico. Organized by EXT. J. Commissioners Mantilla and Arosemena and Staff of the Secretariat participated.
- May 5. Webinar of Coalición por Venezuela [Coalition for Venezuela]. Organized by EXT. Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- July 12. REDESCA event: Poverty, Inequality, and DESCA in Central America and Mexico: human mobility context. Organizer: REDESCA. Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- July 15. UNHCHR Webinar: “The impact of COVID-19 on the right to mental health of migrants and refugees. Organized by EXT. Commissioner Mantilla and Staff of the Secretariat participated.

- September 27. Inter-American course on protection of internally displaced persons, migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, returnees with special protection needs, and victims of trafficking in persons in the Americas. Organizer: Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) – (Department of Social Inclusion - DIS) and OAS. Commissioner Mantilla and Staff of the Secretariat participated.
- October 7. Dialogue on the situation of Venezuelan migrant children, with the Offices of the Public Defender of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Organized by EXT. Commissioners Mantilla and Arosemena and Staff of the Secretariat participated.
- November 9. Conference on Refugee Instability. Organized by EXT. Commissioner Mantilla participated and Staff of the Secretariat.
- November 17. Forum: Migrant children: How achieve the best from the 2020 reform?" Organized by: the Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas [Legal Research Institute] of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); University Human Rights Program, UNICEF Mexico, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- November 24. Regional program for training and exchange and asylum capacity building– first edition. Organized by UNHCR. Staff from the Executive Secretariat participated.
- November 30. High-level forum: Indigenous Peoples of Venezuela in Latin America and the Caribbean. Organizer: SNU and IACHR. Commissioner Mantilla participated.
- December 1. Regional consultation: The role of religious communities in combating xenophobia and discrimination against refugees and migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean. Organized by Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean. Staff from the Executive Secretariat participated.

2.5. Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child

116. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child carried out and/or participated in both training and promotional activities. They are described below:

Promotional activities:

- February 12. International conference against the involvement of children and adolescents in armed conflict, held with support from the Coalición contra la vinculación de niños, niñas y jóvenes al conflicto armado en Colombia [Coalition against the involvement of children and adolescents in armed conflict in Colombia] (COALICO)
- March 4. Dialogue round with adolescents. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- March 30. Digital Forum on Sexual Violence and Health Policies during the Pandemic, held with support from the IACHR.
- March 30. Presentation of the special report: Niñez y adolescencia en Oaxaca durante la pandemia por COVID-19 [Children and adolescents in Oaxaca during the COVID-19 pandemic]. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- April 8. Adolescent forum - Honduras, held with support from the IACHR. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- April 12. Seminar: Constitutional and jurisprudential instruments for the protection of the rights of children and adolescents. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- April 14. Virtual forum: “Girls playing, not breeding: application of Mexican Standard NOM-046 to Mexican girls and adolescents victims of sexual violence.” Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- April 20. Launch: Regional Observatory for the Right to Family Life. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- April 22. Seminar: What are the challenges and opportunities for monitoring the rights of Latin American children? Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- April 30. Series of conversations for the rights of children and adolescents. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- June 14. Webinar: A united family. The right of every child. Commissioner Arosemena participated.

- June 16. Training for children and adolescents. Red Sur de Crianças y Adolescentes [Southern Network of Children and Adolescents] (SURCA Network) - MERCOSUR Permanent Commission Niñ@Sur. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- July 6. Child and adolescent participatory event - Project Canada. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- July 8. Child and adolescent participatory event - Project Canada. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- June 14. Webinar: Family Petition. A Child's Right. The Rhizome Center for Migrants
- August 5. Opening and conversation. Where are we? Challenges to progress with equality and ending gender-based violence. Project Canada closing event
- August 5. Interview with the Office of the Defender of Children and Adolescents of Chile.
- August 26. Annual Meeting of MMI-LAC Directors - II Conference. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- August 27. National System of Comprehensive Protection for Children and Adolescents (SIPINNA) Forum – Policy Meeting. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- September 1. Seminars to end violence against children and adolescents. Panel 1: Guaranteeing rights of children and adolescents in cases of violence against children and adolescents. Defence for Children internacional (DCI) - Costa Rica). Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- September 1. III University of Southern Chile Seminars on International Human Rights Law. Panel 3: Children and Human Rights. University of Southern Chile. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- September 29. Filming of video for the event “The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Latin America and the Caribbean in the time of COVID and its impact on children.” Tejiendo Redes [Weaving Networks]. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- October 7. Dialogue on the situation of child refugees and migrants from Venezuela from the perspective of the Public Defender's Offices of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Save the Children. Commissioners Mantilla and Arosemena participated.
- October 11. Girls' Day: Data don't lie. The truth about the rights of girls in Latin America and the Caribbean. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- October 11. The challenges posed for Guatemala by the migration of children and adolescents – Virtual diploma program. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- October 23. Latin American Meeting: “No More Polio, Everyone's Right.” Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- November 4. National Conference for the Rights of Children and Adolescents: “Raising Your Voice for the rights of children and adolescents.” Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- November 16. World Congress on Juvenile Justice, organized by Terre des Hommes. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- November 24. Conversation: Femicidal violence against children and adolescents: the need for an approach from the child's perspective. Commissioner Arosemena participated.
- December 8. Women in all their diversity. Event with the delegation of Mexico. Commissioner Arosemena participated.

2.6. Office of the Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders

117. The Office of the Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders carried out training activities on the strategic use of the inter-American human rights system, for human rights defenders, as well as promotional events. Special mention should be made of the following:

Promotional activities:

- January 27. Redefining the risk approach. Protection International.
- February 16. Defending human rights in El Salvador. Foundation for Law Enforcement Studies (FESPAD)

- March 4. Intervention in the report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur. Office of the UN High Commission for Human Rights (OHCHR). Human Rights Council.
- April 16. Meeting with civil society on the joint mechanism with the OHCHR, held with support from the IACHR and the OHCHR.
- May 6. Regional perspectives. The role of the international mechanisms for the protection of human rights and democracy, held with support from UNI Américas/UNI GLOBAL
- May 7. Judicial harassment of human rights defenders. International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- May 10. Virtual launch of resolution 1/21: Dialogue on pandemic, vaccines, and human rights in the Americas, held with support from the IACHR.
- June 15. Women Defenders. Mar de Plata University Academic Network
- June 18. When you talk about justice - Challenges to freedom of expression by judges and prosecutors of Peru, held with support from the Due Process of Law Foundation
- June 18. Defenders in Mexico – UNAM Academic Network
- July 27. National meeting for the protection of indigenous defenders. Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Rainforest (AIDSEP)
- August 10. The impact of COVID-19 on justice systems. International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- September 13. “Current situation of indigenous human rights defenders in the Amazon basin” and “Legislative framework and international instruments for the protection of defender.” Coordinator of the Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA)
- September 11. Defenders in Mexico (video). UNAM Academic Network
- September 22. Opening video. Defenders in Brazil. Academic Network
- September 28. Criminalization of human rights defenders in the context of extractive industries. Parallel event in the framework of the 48th regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) and others.
- October 13, International standards on the right to defend rights. Human Rights Center of Andrés Bello Catholic University.
- November 4. Meeting of experts on environmental defenders of the north Central American countries – IACHR

Training activities:

- June 12 – First training session for police forces in Peru on standards on human rights defenders – Organized by the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI)
- June 14 – Second training session for police forces in Peru on standards on human rights defenders – Organized by American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI)

2.7 Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty

118. In 2021, the Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty carried out and/or participated in both promotional and training activities:

Promotional activities:

- March 12. Presentation on “Managing the population deprived of liberty and monitoring the recommendations in this area issued by the IACHR to the Ecuadorian government,” in the context of the panel “The Prison Crisis in Ecuador: A look from international organizations.” Organized by Grupo Parlamentario para la Promoción, Protección y Defensa de Derechos Humanos de la Asamblea Nacional de Ecuador [Parliamentary Group for the Promotion, Protection, and Defense of Human Rights, National Assembly of Ecuador]
- April 30. High studies event on Brazil’s “custody hearing,” organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- June 16. IV International meeting of inter-American human rights system specialists and networks “Human rights of persons deprived of liberty and regional challenges,” organized jointly with support from

the Observatory of the inter-American human rights system of the Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas [Legal Research Institute] of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

- June 17. Women deprived of liberty in Venezuela: The voices of the women behind bars, organized by the Observatorio Venezolano de Prisiones [Venezuelan Observatory of Prisons] (OVP).
- August 20. Event “Pregnancy and child-rearing in prison: Building common indicators for monitoring the rights of pregnant woman and children in Latin America, for the effective prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment,” organized by the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture of Argentina.

Training activities:

- June 16. Class “Standards developed by the IACHR on preventive detention,” in the framework of the virtual sessions on preventive detention: “Challenges in the Correct Implementation of the Preventive Detention Measure in Colombia.” Activity organized jointly with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
- June 16. Class on the work of the Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty in the framework of the virtual sessions on preventive detention: “Challenges in the Correct Implementation of the Preventive Detention Measure in Colombia.” Activity organized jointly with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
- August 5. Class given in the framework of the academic event “Security model vs. rehabilitation model in the context of persons deprived of liberty,” organized by the law program of the Law and Social Sciences Faculty of Technical University of Ambato, Ecuador

2.8 Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-descendants and against Racial Discrimination

119. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-descendants and against Racial Discrimination organized and participated in promotional and training activities throughout 2021. Among them, special mention should be made of the following:

Promotional activities:

- October 14, 2021. Series of territorial community hearings: “Black women, what's up with the ‘State’?” Colombia, organized by Black Communities’ Process (PCN). Webinar. Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay participated as a panelist.
- October 14, 2021. Impacts of Climate Change on Human Rights in the Caribbean (REDESCA). Attended by Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay and Staff from the Executive Secretariat participated.
- October 19, 2021. Campaign Launch “Canadian International Resources and Development Initiative – (CIRDI) Colombia,” promoting the ratification and implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, organized by Race and Equality. Webinar. Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay participated as a panelist.
- November 4, 2021. Inter-American forum against discrimination. Organized by Race and Equality. Webinar. Staff from the Executive Secretariat participated.
- November 11, 2021. Course on Mechanisms for participation and impact for Afro-descendants in the Organization of American States. Organized by Ashanti Perú. Webinar. Staff of the Secretariat participated as a panelist.
- November 23, 2021. Race and Ethnicity in Migration. Organized by the Civil Society Action Committee. Webinar. Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay participated as a panelist.

2.9 Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons

120. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons carried out and/or participated in training and promotional activities. Among them, special mention should be made of the following:

Promotional activities:

- March 23. Participation in roundtable on conversion therapies, organized by OutRight Action International.
- April 22. Participation in roundtable: Importance of Comprehensive Sex Education, organized by the Ibero-American University of León
- May 11. Promotional event on LGBT activism in Cuba, with the presentation “Right to equality and non-discrimination of LGBTI people in light of the inter-American human rights standards, a reflection on May 17, International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia,” organized by Race and Equality
- May 17. Event on marital equality in Panama, organized by OHCHR, Office of the Public Defender, and the Public Prosecutor’s Office of the Administration in the context of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 19. Participation in a roundtable promoting inter-American standards and commenting on the study on Unprotected lives: Economic opportunities for LGBTIQ+ youth in contexts of violence in the Northern Triangle of Central America, organized by Cristosal.
- April 29. Regional Dialogue "Being LGBTI in the Caribbean," "Conference on LGBTI data and violence. Organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- May 7. Mandates and activities of the LGBTI Office of the Rapporteur, in the National Trans Meeting, organized by Synergia
- June 5. International symposium on Gender perspective with an intersectional approach, its inclusion in Latin American constitutional justice, progress and challenges, organized by the Plurinational Constitutional Court of Bolivia
- June 16. Dissemination of inter-American standards at the launch event of the “Manual para la aplicación de los enfoques de género e interseccional, para el fortalecimiento del Sistema Nacional de Protección para las y los defensores de derechos humanos, periodistas, comunicadores sociales y operadores de Justicia (SNP) en Honduras,” [Manual for the application of the gender and intersectional approaches, to strengthen the National Protection System for human rights defenders, journalists, media workers, and justice workers (SNP) in Honduras], organized by CEJIL and the UNCHR.
- June 16. Recording of conference for promotional event on rights of diverse families, organized by the judiciary of Mexico City.
- July 1. Participation in dialogues with the Supreme Court of Mexico on equality and non-discrimination. Organized by the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico (SCJN).
- July 22. Promotional participation on LGBTI standards at a forum on the Vicky Hernández Case. Organized by Centroamérica Diversa.
- September 1. Regional forum on human rights and LGBTIQ+ persons in pandemic, organized by Fundación Iguales Panamá [Equals Panama Foundation].
- August 16-20. Blended participation by the LGBTI Rapporteurship in promotional events on inter-American standards on the rights of LGBTI persons, during World Pride, Denmark.
- September 10. II University of Southern Chile seminars on international human rights law, Law Faculty of the University of Southern Chile and the Círculo de Estudios de Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos (Circle of Studies on International Human Rights Law - CEDIDH)
- September 29 and October 1. Virtual participation by the LGBTI Rapporteurship in participatory workshop for Central American judiciary officials and civil society on open justice and open data from a gender and diversity perspective, in Guatemala, organized by HIVOS.
- October 5 and 6. In-person participation by the LGBTI Rapporteurship in participatory workshop for Central American judiciary officials and civil society on open justice and open data from a gender and diversity perspective, in Costa Rica, organized by HIVOS.
- October 6. Panel “Trans masculinities,” promotional event on rights of trans and gender diverse people and their economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, organized by the IACHR.
- October 15. Participation by Commissioner Mantilla in an inter-American seminar on promoting the impact of lesbians, bisexual Women, and trans persons in the context of the OAS General Assembly.

Organized by El Taller de Comunicación Mujer [the Workshop on Women’s Communication] through the Red de Acción Lesbo Feminista [Lesbo Feminist Action Network] of Ecuador and Caribe Afirmativo [Caribbean Affirmative], through their Enterezas Project.

- November 12. Participation by the Rapporteurship in the Second Virtual Workshop on privacy and gender identity of trans persons, in Jalisco 2021. Organized by the Centro de Derecho Corporativo, Derechos Humanos y Paz [Center for Corporate Law, Human Rights, and Peace] of Jalisco, Mexico.
- November 17. Situation of Venezuelan LBTIQ+ Migrants and Refugees, organized by the Human Rights Commission of Coalición por Venezuela [Coalition for Venezuela]
- November 3. Participation by the Rapporteurship in the conference “The inter-American human rights system and international protection of LGBTI groups,” part of the seminar “Undoing Gender,” organized by Tiradentes University, Brazil.
- December 3. Participation in a roundtable on anti-gender initiatives, organized by the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA).

Training activities:

- January 19. Training on inter-American standards and the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship, for defenders of Guatemala. Organized by the LGBTI Rapporteurship for personnel of the “Visibles” organization of Guatemala.
- February 22. Training on inter-American standards and the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship, for non-binary people of the region. Organized by the LGBTI Rapporteurship for members of the Red No Binaria Latinoamericana [Latin American Non-Binary Network].
- March 30. Training on inter-American standards and the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship. Directed by the Rapporteurship and organized by Red LESLAC [LESLAC Network] and Veeduría Ciudadana de Colombia [Citizen Oversight of Colombia].
- April 20. Training on thematic hearings before the IACHR, inter-American standards and the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship, for defenders of the region. Organized by HIVOS.
- May 19. Training on thematic hearings before the IACHR, inter-American standards and the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship, for defenders of Chile. Organized by OTD Chile.
- May 28. Training on thematic hearings before the IACHR, inter-American standards and the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship, for law students of the University of Chile, organized by the human rights chair of the University of Chile.
- May 31. Training on inter-American standards on LGBTI people, for state officials of Saint Lucia, organized by the Government of Saint Lucia with support from the IACHR.
- June 28. Training on the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship and standards, for LGBTI defenders of Bolivia, organized by the UNHCHR Mission Bolivia.
- August 19. Training on the LGBTI Rapporteurship, for students of the University of Southern Chile, organized by the Rapporteurship, with support from Círculo de Estudios de Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos (Circle of Studies on International Human Rights Law - CEDIDH)
- October 14. Training for people of African descent with social leadership, organized by Race and Equality Colombia and directed by the LGBTI Rapporteurship
- October 15. Training for personnel of the Sergio Urrego Foundation, directed by the LGBTI Rapporteurship
- October 21. Training for judiciary personnel of the Caribbean on Advisory Opinion OC- 24/17, part of the forum on vulnerable groups, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

2.10. Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice

121. Throughout 2021, the Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice carried out and/or participated in activities, among them:

Promotional activities:

- March 31. Regular meeting of the Permanent Council - International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims, held with support from OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs.
- April 21. Human rights forum in Sweden – Participation by indigenous peoples in transitional justice – Opportunity for change?, held with support from the Swedish Foundation for Human Rights
- April 23. Seminar Presentation of the protocol on access to justice by older persons, held with support from the Supreme Court of Chile.
- August 11. Opening and presentation of the course “Investigation in cases of abduction of children during State terrorism,” held with support from the Secretariat for Human Rights of the Nation, the Magistrates Council of the Judiciary of the Nation, and the Plaza de Mayo Grandmothers’ Association
- August 25. “Your Rights” program on memory and the right to the truth, held with support from the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation of Mexico, through the Department of Institutional Relations and TV Justice, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner, Mexico
- August 26. VioDemos cycle of dialogues. International standards for the reparation of victims of State violence, held with support from the Millennium Institute for Violence and Democracy Research - VioDEMOS
- August 27. Reopening discussion of the Amnesty Law – The Amnesty Law and the importance of reopening its discussion to combat State violence and impunity, held with support from the Vladimir Herzog Institute.
- November 3: Interview on the "8 O'clock Sharp" program on the country report on El Salvador
- November 18. Seminars for reflection on the IACHR country report: Citizen security and the situation of specific groups
- November 24. Ceremony marking five years from the signature of the Final Peace Agreement

Training activities:

- Class: October 1, the pillars of transitional justice

2.11 Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with DisabilitiesPromotional activities:

122. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities carried out the following promotional activities:

- March 5. Presentation at the 46th Session of the UN Human Rights Council / Annual Debate on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- April 28. Meeting of the OAS Permanent Council. Order of business: Marking World Autism Awareness Day
- May 7. Legal Approach to and Proper Treatment of Persons with Disabilities. Course organized by Ministry of Public Defense of Paraguay, for member defenders of the Inter-American Association of Public Defenders
- May 13. Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities 2016-2026 and support for the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities.

2.12 Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons

Promotional activities:

- February 10. Meeting of experts on the human rights of older persons. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division
- April 23. Seminar presenting the protocol for access to justice by older persons. Supreme Court of Chile-Subcommittee on access to justice by vulnerable groups
- October 1. Video Rights of Older Persons – International Day of Older Persons. IACHR
- November 10. Your Rights. Season Four. Program 18, Rights of Older Persons. Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation of Mexico

2.13 Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression

123. The Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression has carried out various activities, among them:

Promotional activities:

- February 2. Launch of the report on the situation of the protection of human rights and free expression in Mexico during the COVID-19 pandemic
- February 11. European Union and the Peruvian Press Council (CPP) webinar. Organized by the CPP
- February 18. The role of the United Nations Human Rights Council in addressing the ongoing human rights crisis in Nicaragua. Organized by CEJIL
- February 26. Virtual seminar: State of Freedom of Expression and Journalism in the Americas. Organized by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat and RELE
- March 23. Virtual roundtable on memory of Miraslava. Organized by Reporters without Borders
- March 23. Presentation of the 2020 annual report: Disinformation: Speech vs. reality. Organized by ARTICLE 19 Office for Mexico and Central America
- March 25. Virtual conversation. Three years on. Three more to go. Organized by the Periodistas Sin Cadenas [Journalists without Chains] foundation
- March 30. Event on freedom of expression and elections in Nicaragua. Organized by Inter-American Dialogue and the Permanent Mission of Canada to the OAS - Global Affairs Canada
- April 23. Biannual meeting of the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA). Organized by the IAPA
- April 30. World Press Freedom Conference (WPFC) Meeting with Special Rapporteurs. Organized by ARTICLE 19 London
- May 1. Tenth Biennial General Assembly. Organized by the Association of Caribbean MediaWorkers
- May 3. IV Encuentro Europa América Latina de Periodismo de Investigación [IV Europe Latin America Meeting on Investigative Journalism]. Organized by the Institute for Press and Society (IPYS)
- May 3. Launch of report on freedom of expression in Guatemala. Organized by ARTICLE 19-Mexico, and ARTICLE 35 and Centro Civitas of Guatemala
- May 27. The decisions of the Facebook Oversight Board: Their implications for Latin America and the Global South. Organized by Inter-American Dialogue
- June 11. Mexico emergency session. Digital rights in jeopardy. Organized by RightsCon and R3D Mexico.
- June 29. Standards for democratic regulation of the major Internet platforms. Organized by Observacom, CAinfo, and UNPD Uruguay
- June 29. How does Google News work? Organized by Google
- July 2. Webinar: Maya community radio cases v. State of Guatemala before the IA Court HR. Organized by Observacom and World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC)-LAC Network

- August 9. Virtual conversation on a fairer digital environment without discrimination. Organized by the Under Secretariat for Human Rights and Cultural Pluralism, Dialogando BA [Dialoguing Buenos Aires] (GCBA), Chicos Net, CEJIL, the Web Observatory, and Participación 360
- August 12. Detox Information Project. Organized by Detox Information Project (DIP)
- August 17. Webinar: Freedom of expression, and rights and obligations of journalists in reporting in conflict zones. Organized by Asociación Nacional de Prensa [National Press Association] (ANP) Bolivia
- August 26. Ámbito Jurídico forum: 30 years of the Colombian Constitution. Organized by Legis Ámbito Jurídico
- September 14. Event: 20TH Anniversary of the Inter-American Democratic Charter (IADC). Organized by the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy – OAS and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Foundation
- September 28. Virtual roundtable for Latin America on the right of access to information: achievements, challenges, and opportunities for its monitoring at the national, regional, and international levels. Organized by the UNESCO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean
- September 29. Freedom on the Net 2021: The Global Drive to Control Big Tech. Organized by Freedom House
- October 7. Freedom of expression in the digital age - Panel on the importation of regulations from the Global North. Organized by ARTICLE 19 Mexico - Friedrich Naumann Foundation
- October 19. Roundtable on freedom of the press and of the media. Organized by the Embassy of Sweden in Washington, D.C.
- October 20. Event. Launch of the 2021 Joint Declaration on Politicians and Public Officials and Freedom of Expression. Organized by RELE and ARTICLE 19 London
- October 22. Harassment and stigmatization of journalists: Situation of Uruguay and regional context – Journalists and Media Workers Day in Uruguay. Organized by the Center for Archives and Access to Public Information (CAinfo) Uruguay
- October 28. Central American Donors Forum. Organized by the Seattle International Foundation.
- November 2. Hate-speech and the Safety of Women Journalists. Organized by UNESCO New York.
- November 2. Virtual forum: International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. Organized by Institute for Press and Society (IPYS) and UNESCO
- November 3. Launch Event: Nicaragua: Repressive machinery used against human rights defenders and democracy. Organized by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights (CENIDH)
- November 4. Thematic hearing: Working together to build better digital coexistence and public debate. Organized by the Latin American Internet Association (ALAI), with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the Digital Agenda for Latin-America and the Caribbean (e-LAC)
- November 11. DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS event: Socially responsible coverage. Organized by Espacio Público Venezuela [Public Forum Venezuela]
- November 18. Launch of the report on the right to information and national security. Organized by RELE with support from the Open Society Foundations (OSF)
- December 2. 25th anniversary of the Foundation for Press Freedom (FLIP). Organized by FLIP
- December 14. Future Challenges, Science, Technology and Innovation Committee of Chile

Training activities:

- January 27. Webinar: “Deplatforming Trump: Implications for Latin America. Organized by Inter-American Dialogue and Luminare Group.
- March 19. Fifth Meeting of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network: Countering disinformation to promote responsible public debate. Organized by the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

- April 30. Regional Forum in Latin America and the Caribbean – World Press Freedom Day 2021. Organized by UNESCO’s Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean and the UNDP’s Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
- May 4. World Press Freedom Day 2021: Media Defence webinar on strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs). Organized by Media Defence
- May 26. Advanced Human Rights Course Programme of the University of Pretoria. University of Pretoria
- May 31. Inaugural conference of the 22nd Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law – American University
- July 23. Latin America and challenges for freedom of expression in this decade 2020/2030. Organized by the Federal University of Rio Grande del Norte, Brazil
- September 15. Event: Tech4Rights: Derechos Humanos en un mundo entre la hiperconectividad y la exclusión [Human rights in a world between hyperconnectivity and exclusion]. Organized by RELE
- September 28. Meeting on draft bill 2.630, of 2020. Organized by the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil
- October 12. Event: International seminar on challenges to the exercise of freedom of expression in Latin America. Organized the International Commission of Jurists
- October 14. Podcast “Batalhas Digitais” [Digital Wars] Episode 17 – Freedom of expression in the Americas. Organized by Batalhas Digitais of the Coalizão Direitos na Rede [Coalition for Internet Rights]
- October 14. Day of the social sciences: The power behind the hash tag: Social networks and freedom of expression. Organized by the School of Social Sciences and Government of the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Education, Querétaro Campus
- October 24. Podcast: Máquinas de Derechos [Human rights machinery]. Organized by Proyecto: Máquina de Derechos [Human Rights Machinery project]
- October 28. CELE legislative dialogue. Module IV: IACHR Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression: Dialogue of the Americas on Freedom of Expression on the Internet. Organized by the Center for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information (CELE) of the University of Palermo
- November 8. Thematic event on the deterioration of public debate. How to strengthen our democracies: the role of our public leaders. Organized by CELE with support from the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IHR)
- November 11. Eighth Colombian Forum on Internet Governance. Organized by the Colombian Bureau of Internet Governance
- November 12. III international congress on human rights and international humanitarian law “Branches of government and social protest.” Organized by the Magdalena University, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Antioquia Institute of Technology, and Diario del Magdalena (Newspaper of the Magdalena)
- November 16. Training for journalists “Monitoring and indicators of threats to freedom of expression and access to public information.” Organized by CAinfo.
- November 16. Twitter Content Moderation Space “What is said by the unseen? Inequality and exclusion in virtual civic space.” Organized by RELE – ARTICLE 19 Mexico and Central America
- November 23. Panel: “The Role of Technology in Situations of Tension in Democratic Regimes: How Can Internet Governance Contribute to the Deployment of Technology with a Fundamental Rights Approach?” Organized by the Program Committee of the Latin America and Caribbean Internet Governance Forum 14 (LACIGF14)
- November 25. Seminar on freedom of expression and of the press and access to public information in El Salvador. Organized by the Human Rights Institute of “José Simeón Cañas” Central American University (IDHUCA)
- November 30. Latin American meeting for the protection of journalists

- December 1. Forum. Latin American Investigative Journalism Conference (COLPIN) 2021. Organized by COLPIN 2021
- December 3. Event: Connected citizenry: digital literacy and the role of the States. Organized by RELE
- December 6. Event: The challenges of content moderation for freedom of expression: The perspective of those impacted. Organized by RELE
- December 9. Internet Governance Forum parallel virtual event: roundtable "Global challenges and best practices in content moderation." Organized by Facebook and IGF

2.14 Relatoría Especial sobre Derechos Económicos, Sociales, Culturales y Ambientales (DESCA)

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Promotional activities:

- January 14. Fourth international forum on justice and environmental law. Organized by the Environment Court of Chile
- January 19. Meeting with Bread for the World and the Heinrich Boell Foundation
- January 19. First working meeting with the Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles [National Organization of Spanish Blind Persons] (Grupo Social ONCE)
- January 25. Event. Mexico's Federal Institute for Access to Public Information
- February 12. Joint colloquium of the Red Internacional sobre Cambio Climático, Energía y Derechos Humanos [International Network on Climate Change, Energy, and Human Rights] (RICEDH) and the Max Planck Institute
- February 28. International conference. Organized by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany
- April 7. "Dossier Especial de Empresas y Derechos Humanos: Avances, desafíos y propuestas para acelerar una agenda de trabajo colaborativa" [Special Dossier on Companies and Human Rights: Progress, challenges, and proposals to expedite a collaborative work agenda]
- April 28. Participation in the launch of the online course on private security
- May 14. Virtual discussion forum on management of environmental damage from mining from a human rights perspective in Brazil. Hosted and with participation by REDESCA
- May 20. Panel on the promotion of Resolution 1/2021. Organized by American University Washington College of Law
- May 25 and 26. International congress: Academic freedom
- May 27. The State obligation to conduct social, environmental, and rights impact studies before authorizing megaprojects and the inter-American standards. FUNDAR Mexico
- May 28. Challenges in access to adequate housing for refugees and migrants from Venezuela. Held in the framework of the International Donors' Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants
- June 15. Impact of COVID-19 on the right to mental health. Co-facilitated by the United Nations Treaty Bodies, Human Rights Treaties Branch (Capacity Building Program) and the United Nations Regional Offices for Central and South America
- June 15. Presentation of the Compendium on Labor and Trade Union Rights
- August 11. International congress "Los derechos humanos como eje transversal en la educación de los y las jóvenes de América Latina y Europa" [Human rights as a crosscutting theme in the education of Latin American and European youth]
- August 25. Human rights and the COVID-19 pandemic. Organized by the National University of Costa Rica

- August 25. II Meeting of the Environmental Legal Clinics Alliance 2021. Support from the Law Faculty of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru
- September 7. Webinar on human rights principles in fiscal policy. Co-organized by REDESCA, in coordination with the Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ), the Human Rights Center, and the Initiative for Human Rights Principles in Fiscal Policy
- October 6. VI Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean
- October 13. Information-sharing meeting with the European Parliament on companies and human rights: European Union law on due diligence and reparations
- November 3. Gender mainstreaming, diversity, and freedom to organize in Latin America. Keys to interpreting the jurisprudence of the IA Court HR. Organized by, among others, the Network of Women Professors of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) Faculty of Law and the Interdisciplinary Working Group on Social Rights and Public Policies
- November 4. The role of national human rights institutions on the companies and human rights agenda. Held in the framework of the presentation of the Protocolo Marco para Defensorías del Pueblo en Empresas y Derechos Humanos [Framework Protocol for Action by Public Defender's Offices in the Area of Companies and Human Rights], prepared by the Companies and Human Rights Program of the Office of the Public Defender of the Argentine Nation
- November 4. Official panel of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Medical Education & Research Institute (MERI) Foundation. Protection of indigenous peoples in the context of the climate crisis
- November 9. Webinar with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). The right to health in the context of the pandemic – Presentation of the report "La pandemia por COVID 19: el derecho a la salud en tensión [The COVID-19 pandemic: the right to health in jeopardy]
- November 30. High-level forum on indigenous peoples and DESCA

Training activities:

- March 4 and 5. Norway Project training offerings – Nicaraguan civil society
- March 11 and 12. Norway Project training offerings – national human rights institutions of Central America and Mexico.
- April 21 and 22. Norway Project training offerings – Central American states and Mexico
- July 12. Training for civil society organizations of Central America
- October 4 and 14. Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador – for members of Public Defender's offices and justice sector officials
- October 27. Ninth Latin American and Caribbean Colloquium – Presentation by REDESCA on the challenges of human rights education in the context of pandemic and climate emergency