

Activities of the thematic and country rapporteurships and promotion and training activities





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I. PART A. ACTIVITIES OF THE THEMATIC AND COUNTRY RAPPORTEURSHIPS

1. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (the Commission or the IACHR) carries out its functions of observation and monitoring of specific human rights issues through its country rapporteurships and thematic rapporteurships. These functions are performed in the countries of the region in different ways, including through *in loco* visits, working visits, press releases, requests for information to the States (letters based on Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights¹ and Article 18 of the Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights²), among other instruments.

2. Additionally, the Commission carries out training and promotion activities by means of its special work units —and many times in conjunction with the rapporteurships— as part of their dissemination and training efforts to promote the inter-American human rights standards created through the inter-American system of human rights (ISHR) doctrine and jurisprudence. Their purpose is to help the civil society, networks of social players and member states to better understand these standards and to apply and incorporate them into national decisions, regulatory frameworks and public policy with a focus on human rights. In the Commission's view, strengthening state institutions is the foundation for the realization of human rights in the countries of the region.

3. As for the rapporteurships, they were appointed by the Inter-American Commission starting in 1990 and are aimed at serving certain individuals, groups and collectives that are particularly exposed to human rights violations due to their vulnerability and the historical discrimination against them. The purpose of having thematic rapporteurships is to strengthen, foster and systematize the work of the Inter-American Commission on specific issues, and to raise awareness of human rights among the peoples of the Americas.³ The rapporteurships also support the Commission's work in developing legal standards; contribute to the dissemination of the inter-American system mechanisms; and promote access to national and international justice for individuals, groups and collectives related to their thematic focus. The Commission's rapporteurships work in close collaboration with different sectors from their particular fields of expertise, including the rapporteurships of the United Nations and other universal mechanisms, civil society organizations, States, academia, among others.

4. The thematic rapporteurships are governed by Article 15 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure,⁴ as well as by the practices established by the Commission's Plenary. The Commission approves the reports and work plans of each rapporteurship and oversees the day-to-day execution of their mandates. Since these are specialized thematic offices created by the Commission itself, its Rules of Procedure precisely regulate their creation and the election of thematic rapporteurs. The Rules of Procedure also govern the functions of the

¹ See: OAS, <u>American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José)</u>, adopted in 1969, Article 41(d).

² See: OAS, <u>Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u>, adopted in 1979, Article 18(d).

³ See: OAS, <u>Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u>, adopted in 1979, Article 18(a).

⁴ See: IACHR, <u>Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u>, Article 15.



Commission in which its rapporteurships participate. These important set of practices and regulations govern the conduct of rapporteurships and establish rigorous procedures for action.

5. Thematic rapporteurships collaborate in the fulfillment of the Commission's main function of advocating for and defending human rights and serve as a consultative body of the OAS to this end.⁵ In this regard, they may request information from the States' governments⁶ and produce reports on the human rights measures they adopt.⁷ They also issue recommendations for the implementation of progressive measures to promote human rights, in accordance with the mandate of the Commission.⁸ The rapporteurs also prepare studies and reports relevant to their thematic functions.⁹ Additionally, as part of their work, the rapporteurs may conduct working visits to the States and participate in *in loco* visits by the Commission, with the consent of or invitation from the relevant government.¹⁰

- 6. The Commission currently has eleven thematic rapporteurships:
 - Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (1990);
 - Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women (1994);
 - Rapporteurship on Human Mobility (1996);
 - Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child (1998);
 - Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders and Justice Operators (2011);¹¹
 - Rapporteurship 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 Commission also has the authority to create special rapporteurships headed by other persons designated by the Commission itself.¹² It is within this framework that, since 1997, there has been an Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression (RELE).¹³ This is a permanent office, with independent operations and functions, working within the legal framework of the Commission.

8. On April 3, 2014, the Commission decided to create an Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (REDESCA), considering 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. By appointing this new rapporteur, the Commission sought to reinforce and deepen its work in the defense and protection of economic, social and cultural rights in the Americas. This special rapporteurship was created as part of the process of strengthening the inter-American system, since both OAS member states and other parties of the inter-American system had expressed their interest in directing greater attention to the issue of economic, social and cultural rights. This process resulted in the

⁵ See: OAS, <u>Charter of the Organization of American States</u>, Article 106; and OAS, <u>American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José</u>), adopted in 1969, Article 41(e).

⁶ See: OAS, <u>American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José)</u>, adopted in 1969, Article 41(d); and OAS, <u>Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u>, adopted in 1979, Article 18(d).

⁷ See: OAS, <u>American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José)</u>, adopted in 1969, Article 41(c).

⁸ See: OAS, <u>American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José)</u>, adopted in 1969, Article 41(b).

⁹ See: OAS, <u>American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José)</u>, adopted in 1969, Article 41; and IACHR, <u>Rules of Procedure</u> of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Article 58.

¹⁰ See: IACHR, <u>Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u>, Chapter IV.

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

¹² See: IACHR, <u>Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u>, Article 15(4).

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



Commission creating specialized institutional spaces. It was during its 146th regular period of sessions, held from October 29 to November 16, 2012, that the Commission established the Unit on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR Unit), which later became the current Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights.

9. Regarding the latest changes in the structure of the thematic rapporteurships, it should be noted that 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 justice operators. Finally, it should be noted that in 2024 the IACHR decided to change the name of the "Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants" to "Rapporteurship on Human Mobility" in order to reinforce the broad scope of its mandate.

10. By virtue of their mandates, rapporteurships have promoted initiatives on priority issues in the region relevant to their focal areas. These regional initiatives have been strengthened by means of participatory information-gathering processes, in which the views of States and the civil society were included; the preparation and presentation of regional reports on pressing issues; outreach activities to disseminate knowledge of the inter-American system standards; questionnaires and consultations with experts; thematic hearings and working visits; press releases; and other mechanisms. As for individual cases, the rapporteurships participate and play a key role in the specialized processing of individual petitions regarding human rights violations received by the Commission. They also take part in the analysis of requests for precautionary measures and provide support in hearings and friendly settlements.

11. As part of their role in monitoring and protecting human rights, the Commission's thematic rapporteurships strive to consistently work in an articulated and strategic manner, taking into consideration intersectionality and the fact that certain individuals, groups and collectives are at an increased risk of human rights violations in the hemisphere. In addition, over the years, the rapporteurships have identified issues that require cross-cutting and joint action by the different thematic specialists, such as those involving indigenous women or migrants deprived of liberty, among others, which has led to initiatives based on the interaction of the different thematic rapporteurships.

12. In light of the foregoing and considering the many different observation, monitoring, promotion and training activities of the Commission's rapporteurships, this chapter has been divided into two sections: the first one addresses human rights observation and monitoring activities carried out by the Commission through *in loco* and working visits, press releases, requests for information and thematic and country reports (A), and the second one reports on training and promotion activities (B).

A. IACHR observation and monitoring activities in 2024

1. In loco visits

13. During this period, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted two *in loco* visits: to Colombia and to Guatemala.

a. In loco visit to Colombia

14. The Inter-American Commission conducted an *in loco* visit to Colombia between April 15 and April 19, 2024. Its goal was to study the impact of the different forms of violence on the situation of human rights in the country, with a special focus on the ethnic-racial and gender dimensions. To this end, the visit centered mainly on two aspects: i) the implementation of the 2016 Peace Agreement; and ii) citizen security, from the perspective of the various manifestations of violence and the State's response to this problem.

15. The delegation comprised the President of the Commission, Commissioner Roberta Clarke; Second Vice President and Rapporteur for Colombia, José Luis Caballero; Commissioners Stuardo Ralón, Arif





Bulkan, Andrea Pochak and Gloria De Mees; Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum; Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido; Chief of Staff Patricia Colchero; experts from the Executive Secretariat; Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; and Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Javier Palummo.

16. The Commission issued <u>Press Release No. 143/24</u> at the end of the visit to share details on the meetings held. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Colombia
Dates / Locations	Between April 15 and April 19, 2024, the Commission traveled to Bogotá and the departments of Antioquia, Cauca, Chocó, La Guajira, Magdalena, Nariño, Putumayo and Valle del Cauca.
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	The specific objectives of the visit were the following: 1. To gather information on the implementation of the Peace Agreement, in particular with regard to the following points: (a) the Comprehensive Rural Reform; (b) the substitution of illicit crops; (c) the chapter on ethnic issues; (d) the Comprehensive System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non- Repetition (macrocases before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace [JEP] with a gender and ethnic-racial perspective, the system for the search for disappeared persons of the Unit to Search for Individuals Who Are Considered Missing [UBPD] and the implementation of the recommendations issued by the Commission for Truth, Coexistence and Nonrecurrence [CEV]). 2. To gather information on citizen security, in particular with regard to the following points: a) impacts of violence resulting from the armed conflict, focusing on the following aspects from an intersectional perspective: i) human rights defenders and social leaders; ii) indigenous peoples; iii) Afro-descendant communities; iv) peasants; v) the forced recruitment of children and adolescents; vi) violence against women; vii) LGBTI persons; viii) persons with disabilities; ix) journalists and communicators; x) forced, mass and individual displacement, and forced confinement; xi) migrants, with emphasis on human smuggling and trafficking b) follow-up of Total Peace and dialogue towards the demobilization of armed groups c) financing of non-state armed groups d) widespread impact of the conflict on State institutions: i) institutional violence as part of a domestic war across the country (special impact on peripheral and ethnic-racial communities); ii) the criminal and prison situation; iii) political violence and polarization; iv) corruption and impunity; v) the role of control institutions and their impact on checks and balances: Attorney General's Office and Inspector General's Office.
Institutions visited	During the <i>in loco</i> visit to Colombia, the Commission participated in 50 meetings with authorities from the different branches of government and held 45 sessions to hear from indigenous peoples, Afro-descendant communities, peasants, human rights defenders, social and community leaders, organizations linked to the rights of women, LGBTI persons, victims

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	of forced displacement and human mobility, children and adolescents, persons deprived of liberty, relatives of military and police victims of the armed conflict, organizations related to the fight for memory, truth and justice and organizations working on the implementation of the Peace Agreement and the recommendations of the Truth Commission. Dialogues were also held with unions and trade unions, representatives of academia and international organizations. In addition, the Commission observed the situation of human rights in the prisons of Riohacha, Modelo and Buen Pastor in Bogotá; in the Pondores Territorial Area for Training and Reintegration (ETCR) in Fonseca; in the Puente Nayero Humanitarian Area in Buenaventura; in the Agua Blanca district in Cali; and in the Necoclí dock in the Darién region.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	The delegation comprised the President of the Commission, Commissioner Roberta Clarke; Second Vice President and Rapporteur for Colombia, José Luis Caballero; Commissioners Stuardo Ralón, Arif Bulkan, Andrea Pochak and Gloria De Mees; Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum; Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido; Chief of Staff Patricia Colchero; experts from the Executive Secretariat; Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; and Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Javier Palummo.
Observations	As a result of the visit, the Commission will prepare a country report in which it will elaborate on the issues raised in the <u>preliminary observations</u> .

b. In loco visit to Guatemala

17. Between July 22 and July 26, 2024, the Inter-American Commission conducted an *in loco* visit to Guatemala. Its main goal was to examine the impact that the weakening of democratic institutionality and judicial independence has had on the country since its last visit in 2017. Moreover, the *in loco* visit sought to analyze the following: the situation of human rights of specific groups exposed to exclusion and historical discrimination, under an ethnic-racial and gender approach; the situation of freedom of expression; citizen security; the rights to memory, truth, justice and reparation for serious human rights violations; and the situation of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights in Guatemala. In total, since 1982, 12 *in loco* visits were made to Guatemala, which makes it the most visited country by the Commission.

18. The delegation was led by the President of the Commission, Roberta Clarke, and included First Vice President Carlos Bernal, Second Vice President José Luis Caballero and Commissioners Arif Bulkan, Gloria de Mees and Andrea Pochak (also Rapporteur for Guatemala), Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum, Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido, Chief of Staff Patricia Colchero, experts from the Executive Secretariat, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca and Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Javier Palummo.

19. The Commission issued <u>Press Release No. 199/24</u> at the end of the visit to share details on the meetings held. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Guatemala
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Dates / Locations	Between July 22 and July 26, 2024, the Commission traveled to Guatemala City and the departments of Alta Verapaz, Izabal, Petén, San Marcos, Sololá, Totonicapán and Quetzaltenango.
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	The <i>in loco</i> visit sought to analyze the following: the situation of human rights of specific groups exposed to exclusion and historical discrimination, under an ethnic-racial and gender approach; the situation of freedom of expression; citizen security; the rights to memory, truth, justice and reparation for serious human rights violations; and the situation of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights in Guatemala.
Institutions visited	The Commission made an unrestricted visit to the Santa Teresa pretrial detention center for women in Zone 18, the pretrial detention center for men in Zone 18, the pretrial detention center for men and women in Cobán, and the Mariscal Zavala detention center, where it met with journalist José Rubén Zamora and former prosecutor Stuardo Campo. It also visited shelters for children and adolescents in need of protection, as well as the reception centers for returnees located in Tecún Umán and Guatemala City. During its visit, the Commission studied the cross-border dynamics of human mobility in the region, particularly at the Rodolfo Robles bridge and the Suchiate river, and met with migrants. In total, the Commission held 31 meetings with representatives of the different branches of government and held more than 48 group meetings with human rights defenders and justice operators, activists, civil society organizations, victims of human rights violations, representatives of academia, trade unions, business associations, representatives of diplomatic missions and United Nations agencies.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	The delegation was led by the President of the Commission, Roberta Clarke, and included First Vice President Carlos Bernal, Second Vice President José Luis Caballero and Commissioners Arif Bulkan, Gloria de Mees and Andrea Pochak (also Rapporteur for Guatemala). It was also supported by Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca and Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Javier Palummo, as well as Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum, Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido, Chief of Staff Patricia Colchero and experts from the Executive Secretariat.
Observations	As a result of the visit, the Commission will prepare a country report in which it will elaborate on the issues raised in the <u>preliminary observations</u> .

2. Working, promotional and technical cooperation visits

20. During this period, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted 12 working, promotional and technical cooperation visits.

a. Working visit to Costa Rica

21. The Commission conducted a working visit to Costa Rica between February 6 and February 9, 2024, with the main purpose of participating in the forum organized by Race & Equality, titled "One Year After the Release of 222 Persons Deprived of Liberty for Political Reasons." During the visit, meetings were also held with the Nicaraguan diaspora to address the situation of human rights, promote and disseminate inter-American standards and gather testimonies from persons who have been arbitrarily deprived of liberty in Nicaragua or from their next of kin. The Commission also held meetings with several civil society organizations,



including Race & Equality, Fundación del Río and Colectivo Nicaragua Nunca Más. In addition, it heard 16 testimonies from victims of human rights violations. The Commission's delegation comprised experts from the MESENI.

State	Costa Rica
Dates / Locations	February 6–9, 2024
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI)
Institutions visited	N/A
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	N/A
Observations	The MESENI conducted a working visit to Costa Rica with the main purpose of holding meetings with the Nicaraguan diaspora on the situation of human rights, disseminating and promoting inter-American standards, gathering testimonies from persons who have been arbitrarily deprived of liberty in Nicaragua or from their next of kin and preparing a working visit with the Country Rapporteur. During the visit, the MESENI participated in an event organized by Race & Equality, titled "One Year After the Release of 222 Persons Deprived of Liberty for Political Reasons." Participation in this event provided an opportunity to share perspectives and reflections on the current situation of human rights in Nicaragua. During the visit, 16 testimonies were heard, and meetings were held with Race & Equality, CEJIL, Colectivo Nicaragua Nunca Más and a Nicaraguan student collective.

b. Promotional visit to Honduras

22. The promotional visit to Honduras was held between May 13 and May 17, 2024, with the goal of presenting the report on the situation of human rights in the country, which addresses the information gathered after the *in loco* visit carried out between April 24 and April 28, 2023.

23. The Commission's delegation was headed by Commissioner Andrea Pochak, Country Rapporteur for Honduras; the Executive Secretary; the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression; the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights; and the Executive Secretariat's technical team.

State	Honduras
Dates / Locations	May 13–17, 2024; Tegucigalpa
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rapporteurship for Honduras
Institutions visited	N/A

24. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.





Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner Andrea Pochak, Rapporteur for Honduras Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Javier Palummo
Observations	The Commission presented the report on the situation of human rights in Honduras, which addresses the information gathered after the <i>in loco</i> visit carried out between April 24 and April 28, 2023. During the visit, meetings were also held with high-level State authorities and civil society organizations, as well as with beneficiaries and their representatives of precautionary measures in force. Press release on the publication of the report: IACHR Releases Report on the Human Rights Situation in Honduras

c. Working visit to Costa Rica

25. The working visit to Costa Rica took place between May 19 and May 21, 2024, and was aimed at holding meetings with the Nicaraguan diaspora and, in particular, monitoring the situation of indigenous and Afro-descendant persons of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, who have been forced to flee to Costa Rica as a result of increased repression and violence in their ancestral land.

26. The Commission's delegation was headed by Commissioner Arif Bulkan, Country Rapporteur for Nicaragua and Rapporteur for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and two experts from the Executive Secretariat.

27. During the visit, the delegation held a protocol meeting with authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Vice Ministry of Peace, the Presidential Commissioner for Social Inclusion, the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration and the Ministry of Public Security. The delegation went to Alajuelita and La Carpio, where it held meetings with indigenous and Afro-descendant Nicaraguans in a situation of human mobility as well as with Nicaraguan civil society organizations.

28. The Commission released its observations on the visit in its <u>Press Release No. 121/2024</u>. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Costa Rica
Dates / Locations	May 19–21, 2024
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI)
Institutions visited	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vice Ministry of Peace
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner Arif Bulkan, Rapporteur for Nicaragua and Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Observations	The Commission received information on the serious situation of violence faced by indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples on the Caribbean Coast





of Nicaragua, as evidenced by reports of murders, kidnappings, threats, sexual violence and armed attacks perpetrated by settlers seeking to dispossess them of their ancestral land. Moreover, information was received on the operation of parallel governments overshadowing traditional leaders and the impact of concessions granted to private companies on these peoples' natural resources. This situation, as part of a historical context of marginalization, exclusion and violence that was exacerbated since 2018, has resulted in the forced migration of communities.
Information was also received on the historical openness of the State of Costa Rica regarding the migration situation, as well as the implementation of programs to prevent discrimination and xenophobia. Furthermore, the Commission learned of the current challenges in terms of access to procedures for obtaining refugee status and in relation to social rights such as work, health, housing and education, as well as of the need for greater responsiveness and sensitivity, under a differentiated approach as regards vulnerable groups and persons with special needs.
Press release on the visit: <u>IACHR concludes visit of the Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Nicaragua to</u> <u>Costa Rica</u>

d. Working visit to Honduras

29. The working visit to Honduras took place between August 12 and August 15, 2024, with the purpose of holding working meetings with civil society organizations and technical staff of public institutions responsible for the care, prevention and protection of victims of gender-based violence, as well as for the administration of justice, to gather information on progress, challenges and best practices in the area of women's access to justice.

- 30. The delegation comprised experts from the Commission's Executive Secretariat.
- 31. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Honduras
Dates / Locations	August 12–15, 2024; Tegucigalpa
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women
Institutions visited	 Interinstitutional Commission for the Follow-up of Investigations on Violent Deaths of Women and Femicides La Cañada Comprehensive Health Center Ciudad Mujer Specialized Court on Domestic Violence Judicial Commission on Access to Justice Public Prosecutor's Office (Office of the Prosecutor for Crimes against Life [FEDCV], Technical Agency for Criminal Investigation [ATIC],





	Special Protection Prosecutor's Office [FEP] and Specialized Comprehensive Care Module [MAIE]) - Directorate of Police Investigation (DPI)
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	N/A The delegation comprised the technical team of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, the Promotion and Training Section and press staff.
Observations	This visit is part of a work plan to improve the prevention and defense of the human rights of women, girls and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean. The visit also included three training sessions, two for state agents and one for the civil society, on the working mechanisms of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the inter-American standards related to women's right to live a life free of violence.

e. Virtual working visit to Colombia

32. The Commission conducted a virtual working visit to Colombia between September 3 and September 11, 2024, with the purpose of holding working meetings with civil society organizations and technical staff of public institutions responsible for the care, prevention and protection of victims of gender-based violence, as well as for the administration of justice, to gather information on progress, challenges and best practices in the area of women's access to justice.

State	Colombia
Dates / Locations	September 3–11, 2024
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women
Institutions visited (virtual meetings)	 Ministry of Justice and Law National Working Group for the Investigation of Violence Based on the Sexual Orientation and/or Gender Identity of the Victim under the Office of the Attorney General Gender Commission of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace Delegate for Children, Adolescents, Family and Women of the Office of the Inspector General District Secretariat of Women Affairs of Bogotá National Gender Commission of the judiciary
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	N/A The meetings were attended by the technical team of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women.
Observations	This visit is part of a work plan to improve the prevention and defense of the human rights of women, girls and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean.

33. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.



f. Working visit to Chile

34. The purpose of the working visit to Chile, which took place between September 5 and September 6, 2024, was to discuss the steps taken by the State in the area of social rights, particularly in relation to health and labor, as well as the progress achieved in the implementation of public policies on social development, especially the draft National System of Support and Care.

35. The Commission's delegation was headed by Commissioner José Luis Caballero and included the human rights expert of the Country Rapporteurship.

36. A statement was issued on social media on September 5, 2024, through a post on \underline{X} . A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Chile
Dates / Locations	September 5–6, 2024; Santiago de Chile
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rapporteurship for Chile
Institutions visited	 Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare Ministry of Health Palacio de la Moneda, Office of the Presidential Advisor for the Follow-up of Public Policies United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Commissioner / Rapporteur	Commissioner José Luis Caballero, Rapporteur for Chile
Observations	Visit carried out at the invitation of the State/Permanent Mission of Chile to the OAS.

g. Promotional visit to Chile

37. The promotional visit to Chile took place within the framework of the international seminar "Territorial rights, the State and the Mapuche people: Perspectives in the context of the work of the Commission for Peace and Understanding," which was attended by members of indigenous communities, academia and the Commission for Peace and Understanding.

38. The Commission's delegation comprised Commissioner Arif Bulkan, Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Commissioner José Luis Caballero, Country Rapporteur, who were joined by human rights experts from the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Country Rapporteurship/Executive Secretariat.

39. A statement was issued on social media on September 10, 2024, through a <u>post on X</u>. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.





State	Chile
Dates / Locations	September 5–7, 2024; Santiago de Chile and Temuco
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Institutions visited	The seminar was held at the Law School of the University of Chile and at the Catholic University of Temuco.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner Arif Bulkan, Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Commissioner José Luis Caballero, Rapporteur for Chile
Observations	The purpose of this visit was to provide inputs on the obligations assumed by the States and the inter-American standards related to the work carried out by the Presidential Commission for Peace and Understanding.

h. Working visit to Bolivia

40. The working visit to Bolivia, carried out between September 9 and September 13, was aimed at holding working meetings with civil society organizations and technical staff of public institutions responsible for the care, prevention and protection of victims of gender-based violence, as well as for the administration of justice, to gather information on progress, challenges and best practices in the area of women's access to justice.

41. The delegation comprised experts from the Commission's Executive Secretariat.

State	Bolivia
Dates / Locations	September 9–13, 2024; La Paz and Sucre
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women
Institutions visited	 Vice Ministry for Equal Opportunities Vice Ministry of Justice for Indigenous Peasant Communities Vice Ministry of Decolonization and Depatriarchalization and Plurinational Service for Women and Depatriarchalization "Ana María Romero" (SEPMUD) Victim and Witness Assistance Unit of the Prosecutor's Office of La Paz Office of the Ombudsperson (offices at La Paz and Sucre) Integrated Plurinational Justice Services (SIJPLU) of La Paz and Sucre Plurinational Victim Defense Service (SEPDAVI) of La Paz and Sucre Comprehensive Municipal Legal Services (SLIM) of La Paz and Sucre Public Defense Offices for Children and Adolescents (DNA) of La Paz and Sucre

42. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.





	 Specialized Prosecutor's Office on Gender-Based and Juvenile Crimes under the Prosecutor's Office of Chuquisaca Specialized Prosecutor's Office on Crimes against Life and Personal Integrity under the Prosecutor's Office of Chuquisaca Victim and Witness Assistance and Protection Unit of the Prosecutor's Office of Chuquisaca Gender Committees of the judiciary and the Plurinational Constitutional Court Temporary Shelter and Refuge, Sucre
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	N/A The delegation comprised the technical team of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women
Observations	This visit is part of a work plan to improve the prevention and defense of the human rights of women, girls and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean.

i. Working visit to Guatemala

43. The working visit to Guatemala was conducted to hear the testimonies of 25 of the 135 persons released from prison by the Government of Nicaragua and transferred to Guatemala. This activity was carried out in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Central America and the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua (GHREN).

44. The Commission's delegation comprised one expert from the MESENI.

45.	A fact sheet on the visit is included below.
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State	Guatemala
Dates / Locations	September 12–16, 2024
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	MESENI
Institutions visited	N/A
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	N/A
Observations	The purpose of the visit was to hear the testimonies of persons released from prison by the Nicaraguan government and transferred to Guatemala. This activity was carried out in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Central America and the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua (GHREN).

j. Promotional visit to the Dominican Republic

46. The promotional visit to the Dominican Republic, held between October 1 and October 5, 2024, sought to bring together activists, grassroots organizations and the civil society, as well as trade unions

working with Afro-descendants, Dominicans of Haitian descent and Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic, with a view to broadening their knowledge of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, especially of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination, and of the United Nations Special Rapporteurship on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

47. The Commission's delegation was headed by Commissioner Gloria De Mees and included a human rights expert from the Executive Secretariat.

State	Dominican Republic
Dates / Locations	October 1–5, 2024; Santo Domingo
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination
Institutions visited	 Vice Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Policy Headquarters of the Jacques Viau Dominican-Haitian Encounter Network (REDH-JV) and the Sociocultural Movement for Humanitarian and Environmental Work (MOSCTHA) United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Dominican Republic and representatives of different UN agencies (UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, FAO, among others) U.S. Embassy in the Dominican Republic Communities of the Palmarejo and Luisa Prieto <i>bateyes</i>
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner Gloria De Mees, Rapporteur on the Rights of Afro- Descendants and against Racial Discrimination
Observations	The visit was carried out together with the United Nations Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Ms. Ashwini K.P.

48.	A fact sheet on the visit is included below.	
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k. Technical cooperation visit to Barbados

49. A technical cooperation, promotion and follow-up of recommendations visit was made to Barbados between October 8 and October 11, 2024, to foster and explore collaborative actions with the State, the civil society, academia and international and regional organizations, as well as to promote the Commission's working mechanisms, to prioritize the ratification of instruments and to develop and strengthen capacities relating to the understanding and use of the inter-American system of human rights.

50. The Commission's delegation was headed by Commissioner Gloria De Mees, Country Rapporteur, and included human rights experts from the Executive Secretariat.

51. The Commission issued <u>Press Release No. 256/24</u> at the end of the visit to share details on the meetings held.

52. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.





State	Republic of Barbados
Dates / Locations	October 8–11, 2024; Bridgetown
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Technical cooperation, promotion and follow-up of recommendations
Institutions visited	 Parliament; Supreme Court; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Office of the Attorney General; Ministry of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs; Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Third Sector; Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs; Office of the Ombudsperson The delegation also met with the UN Resident Coordinator and various UN agencies, a delegation from the European Union, 21 civil society representatives and the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill Campus.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner Gloria de Mees, Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons, Rapporteur on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination and Country Rapporteur
Observations	The Commission conducted this visit in accordance with its 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, in line with Program 17 and the Five-Year Strategy for the Caribbean. It also reaffirmed its commitment to intensify its work in the Caribbean, expand technical cooperation, develop and strengthen capacities relating to the inter-American system and promote the ratification of inter-American human rights instruments. Press release on the visit: IACHR concludes technical cooperation and promotional visit to Barbados

l. Technical cooperation visit to Belize

53. The technical cooperation, promotion and follow-up on recommendations visit to Belize was conducted between October 15 and October 18, 2024, to foster and explore collaborative actions with the State, the civil society, academia and international and regional organizations, as well as to promote the Commission's working mechanisms, to prioritize the ratification of instruments and to develop and strengthen capacities relating to the understanding and use of the inter-American system of human rights. Information was also gathered on the progress achieved in complying with the recommendations issued in Case 12.053.

54. The Commission's delegation was headed by Commissioner José Luis Caballero, Second Vice President of the Commission and Country Rapporteur, and included human rights experts from the Executive Secretariat.

55. The Commission issued <u>Press Release No. 268/24</u> at the end of the visit to share details on the meetings held.

56. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Belize





Dates / Locations	October 15–18, 2024; Belmopán
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Technical cooperation, promotion and follow-up of recommendations
Institutions visited	Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Minister of Human Development, Families and Indigenous People Affairs; the Minister of Home Affairs; the Minister of Sustainable Development and Climate Change; the Prosecutor General of the Republic; and the Office of the Ombudsperson The delegation also met with the Executive Director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center and with 17 civil society organizations. Additionally, it participated in a meeting convened by the petitioners in Case 12.053 with the Maya indigenous community of the district of Toledo.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner José Luis Caballero, Second Vice President of the Commission, Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child
Observations	The Commission conducted this visit in accordance with its 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, in line with Program 17 and the Five-Year Strategy for the Caribbean. Press release on the visit: <u>IACHR concludes visit to Belize</u>

3. Press releases

57. As part of its mandate to monitor the situation of human rights in the Americas, during 2024, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights issued **112** press releases, among the 330 published during the year. Through these, the Commission had the opportunity to take a stand on specific situations regarding human rights violations as well as on emerging and structural crises; to reinforce the promotion of and adherence to inter-American standards; and to recognize States' good practices. This contributed to strengthening the Commission's position in favor of the protection of human rights. Through this mechanism, the Commission addressed the situation of human rights in 21 countries of the region (Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States and Venezuela).

58. Through press releases and statements on social media, the Commission has addressed all of the issues defined as priorities in its Strategic Plan.

59. With respect to the **rights of indigenous peoples**, the Commission followed up on the situation through two press releases. The Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights and the Commission expressed their concern over the impacts that illegal mining and other illicit activities currently have on the life, health and survival of the Yanomami people in the Orinoco Mining Arc in Venezuela. They also voiced their concern about recent administrative decisions adopted by Argentina that could affect the protection of indigenous peoples' rights to land, territory and natural resources and undermine the exercise of their right to self-determination.



60. In relation to the **rights of women**, the Commission monitored the situation by means of seven press releases, thereby urging States to promote the participation and leadership of women in the drafting, implementation and evaluation of crime prevention and reduction policies as well as strategies to address and overcome crisis situations. It also called on States to mitigate maternal mortality among women, girls and persons of African descent of childbearing capacity, and to create the necessary conditions to guarantee the full exercise of reproductive autonomy for women and adolescents, without discrimination. The Commission also urged the States to continue strengthening their legal and institutional frameworks to prevent, protect and punish violence against women, in compliance with the Convention of Belém do Pará.

61. The Commission also monitored the situation of **persons in the context of human mobility** in the region through six press releases, in which it called on States to strengthen national systems for granting refugee status under a human rights, intersectional and intercultural approach, so as to be able to respond to the current dynamics and needs related to displacement and international protection. Furthermore, together with United Nations experts, the Commission underscored that asylum legislation and practices must resist the politics of fear and exclusion. The Commission also expressed its concern over the immigration reforms that restrict the right to asylum in Chile and the United States. Moreover, it issued <u>Resolution No. 2/24</u> on human mobility caused by climate change, with the purpose of guiding the States of the region in the development of regulations, programs and public policies to protect the rights of persons who migrate due to the adverse effects of climate change.

62. Furthermore, the Commission continued to monitor the situation of the **rights of children and adolescents**. It issued four press releases in which it called on the States of the region to undertake measures in favor of children and adolescents as well as to renew their commitment to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The Commission also condemned the arbitrary detention of children and adolescents in Venezuela after the elections and the violation of their presumption of innocence and right to a fair trial. In this regard, the Commission adopted <u>Resolution No. 05/23</u> on the participation of children and adolescents and published a <u>simplified and accessible version</u> thereof.

63. Another issue of particular interest to the Commission is the situation of **human rights defenders**. The Commission addressed this issue by means of five press releases, in which it expressed its concern over the high rates of violence against human rights defenders during 2023 in the region, having recorded the murder of at least 126 defenders. It further denounced persecution against human rights defenders in Venezuela after the elections and, together with the REDESCA, condemned the murder of environmental defender Juan López in Honduras and urged the State to investigate the facts promptly and diligently, considering his human rights defense work as a possible motive for the crime. Moreover, the Commission adopted <u>Resolution No. 01/2024</u>, in which it recognized national and international election observers as human rights defenders, given the vital link between the respect and protection of rights and the defense of democracy. In addition, on International Human Rights Defenders Day, the Commission and the Offices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Americas called on the States of the region to cease the criminalization of human rights defenders.

64. With respect to the **rights of persons deprived of liberty**, the Commission issued four press releases addressing different challenges and concerns in the region. On the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, the Commission called on States to promote the creation and establishment of national mechanisms to prevent and combat torture (NPMs), whose work is essential to guarantee the rights of persons deprived of liberty. The Commission also expressed its concern over the persistent repression in Nicaragua, marked by religious persecution, arbitrary detentions and poor prison conditions, and urged the State to put an end to repression and immediately release the persons detained in this context. Furthermore, the Commission condemned the arbitrary deprivation of nationality of the 135 persons released from prison in Nicaragua and urged the State of Venezuela to release the adolescents arbitrarily deprived of liberty during the postelectoral protests.

65. The Commission monitored the situation of the **rights of Afro-descendants and the fight against racial discrimination** through four press releases. In commemoration of the International Day for the





Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the Commission and the REDESCA recognized the role of higher education institutions in preserving and providing access to the correct historical memory of Afro-descendants and called on the States of the region to adopt the necessary measures to ensure that these institutions can continue to undertake these initiatives, as well as all educational actions that contribute to the fight against racial discrimination. Moreover, on the International Day of Afro-Latin American, Afro-Caribbean and Diaspora Women, the Commission called on the States to implement culturally appropriate policies that promote equitable healthcare and mitigate maternal mortality among Afro-descendant girls, women and persons of childbearing capacity. Furthermore, on the International Day for People of African Descent, the Commission exhorted States to adopt comprehensive restorative justice measures for Afro-descendant persons and tribal communities, including the official acknowledgment of historical damage as well as the establishment of mechanisms to address the contemporary negative effects of this legacy. The Commission also noted patterns of excessive use of force against persons with disabilities of African descent and other ethno-racial backgrounds and called on the United States to take effective action to address police violence against persons with psychosocial disabilities, as well as race-based police violence.

66. Regarding the **rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex persons**, the Commission followed up on their situation through 10 press releases. It expressed its concern over the violent deaths of trans and gender-diverse persons reported in 2023 and early 2024 in the region and urged States to put an end to killings and to urgently implement concrete measures to prevent discrimination and violence. The Commission also called on States to promote the political participation of trans persons; to foster education programs to guarantee the human rights of lesbian women; to adopt legislation and public policies to guarantee the human rights of bisexual persons. In addition, together with REDESCA, the Commission exhorted States to guarantee the prohibition of practices that seek to modify sexual orientation and gender expression in Mexico, as well as the ruling of the Superior Court of Dominica in favor of equality.

67. As for **memory, truth and justice**, the Commission issued seven press releases. On the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims, the Commission and the United Nations called on States to comply with court rulings relating to serious human rights violations and international crimes. Therefore, they urged States not to grant amnesty, humanitarian pardon or undue benefits to the perpetrators and masterminds of these types of crimes. Furthermore, on the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, the Commission exhorted States to overcome the denialism that hinders effective state responses to enforced disappearances. The Commission also released a <u>compendium on integral reparation with a gender perspective in transitional justice contexts</u>.

68. With respect to the **rights of older persons**, the Commission issued four press releases, thereby urging States to guarantee a dignified old age in the region through sustainable and foreseeable social security systems. It also called on States to guarantee the right of older persons to a life free of any type of violence, thus exhorting States to ensure that the rights to physical and mental integrity and health be protected at residential homes, care facilities or healthcare institutions. Moreover, on the International Day of Older Persons, the Commission highlighted the importance of respecting the autonomy of older persons in decision-making as a guarantee of dignified aging.

69. In relation to **freedom of expression**, the Commission issued 13 press releases, through which it addressed specific situations related to this issue in different countries of the region. With respect to Cuba, the Commission and the RELE condemned the persistent attacks on organizations and the press as well as the growing repression against the opposition and dissident voices in the context of the serious social and economic crisis unfolding in the country. The Commission and the RELE also called on the United States to respect peaceful protest and academic freedom in universities. Furthermore, they reminded the State of Bolivia of its duty to comply with inter-American standards on freedom of association, peaceful assembly and expression, and urged it to take effective measures to promote dialogue and reduce political polarization in the country. In addition, the Commission exhorted Guatemala to cease religious persecution and to release all

persons arbitrarily detained in the country, condemned the mass shutdown of civil society and religious organizations in Nicaragua and reminded Argentina of its duty to guarantee social protest and to respect the rights of association and peaceful assembly. With respect to Venezuela, the Commission warned about political persecution in the electoral context, condemned serious human rights violations reported in the context of the repression of postelection protests, and, together with the RELE, denounced state terrorism practices.

70. Moreover, five press releases were issued on the monitoring of the situation of **economic**, **social, cultural and environmental rights**. The Commission and the REDESCA called for international solidarity to assist countries affected by Hurricane Beryl. They also expressed their solidarity with the people affected by the environmental tragedy in Rio Grande do Sul, reaffirmed the importance of promoting actions that are broader in scope in the face of the climate emergency and voiced their concern over the worsening food shortage and prolonged power outages in Cuba.

71. The following is a list of all press releases issued by the Commission in 2024, referring to the work of monitoring of the thematic rapporteurships. This list comprises the 112 press releases related to its monitoring mandate, which are part of the totality of press releases issued by the IACHR in 2024 that are listed in Chapter I of this report.

2024 Press Releases		
Regional: Various topics	Total: 40	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR publishes resolution on human mobility and climate change	Dec. 30, 2024	330
Cartagena+40 ends amid cooperation and solidarity to protect refugees and displaced and stateless persons	Dec. 19, 2024	323
IACHR celebrates its 65-year commitment to equality and non- discrimination	Dec. 10, 2024	313
IACHR and IPPDH complete 7th edition of their International Course on Public Human Rights Policies	Dec. 9, 2024	312
I <u>nternational Day of Human Rights Defenders: Joint Statement by</u> <u>the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the</u> <u>IACHR</u>	Dec. 6, 2024	310
IACHR holds annual dialogue with National Human Rights Institutions from the Americas	Dec. 3, 2024	303
Eradicating violence against women requires normative and institutional frameworks focused on prevention, punishment, and redress, IACHR says	Nov. 25, 2024	292
IACHR: States Must Ensure Human Rights for Trans and Gender- Diverse People on the International Trans Day of Remembrance	Nov. 25, 2024	291
<u>States need to consolidate national systems of care for older</u> persons, IACHR says	Oct. 29, 2024	265



IACHR Urges States to Protect the Reproductive Autonomy and Freedom of Women and Adolescent Girls	Oct. 1, 2024	235
Independence, autonomy, and aging with dignity are fundamental rights of older people	Oct. 1, 2024	233
IACHR calls on States to continue adopting measures to prevent and eradicate statelessness in the region	Sept. 27, 2024	230
IACHR calls for legislation and public policies to safeguard human rights of bisexual people	Sept. 26, 2024	226
IACHR: Protecting democracy means protecting the independence of the judiciary	Sept. 13, 2024	216
States must implement comprehensive reparatory justice for people and tribal communities of African descent	Aug. 31, 2024	202
Victims of enforced disappearances need urgent responses and concerted action, forthcoming World Congress offers unique opportunity, experts say	Aug. 30, 2024	201
IACHR Urges States to Overcome the Denialism That Hinders Effective State Responses to Enforced Disappearances	Aug. 30, 2024	200
IACHR Publishes Simplified, User-Friendly Version of Resolution No. 05/23 on the Participation of Children and Adolescents	Aug. 16, 2024	185
IACHR and UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons: States must enhance the protection of victims of human trafficking	July 30, 2024	172
IACHR calls on States to mitigate maternal mortality for Afro- descendant women, girls, and persons with a capacity for pregnancy	July 26, 2024	171
IACHR and REDESCA Calls for International Solidarity In the Face of the Emergency in Countries Affected by Hurricane Beryl	July 9, 2024	160
IACHR and REDESCA call on States to guarantee economic, social, cultural and environmental rights of LGBTI persons	June 28, 2024	150
Laws and practices on asylum must resist politics of fear and exclusion: UN rights experts	June 26, 2024	149
IACHR Calls on States to Promote the Creation and Functioning of National Anti-Torture Mechanisms	June 26, 2024	148
IACHR: States Must Strengthen National Protection Systems for <u>Refugees</u>	June 20, 2024	144



IACHR Adopts Resolution on the Right of Children and Adolescents to Participation	Jan. 16, 2024	15
IACHR Calls on States to Prevent Murders and All Other Forms of Violence Against Trans and Gender Diverse Persons	Jan. 25, 2024	20
IACHR: 2023 Ends with High Rates of Violence Against Human Rights Defenders in the Americas	Mar. 5, 2024	45
IACHR: States must promote women's participation in peace and security strategies	Mar. 8, 2024	49
IACHR and REDESCA call to guarantee the efforts of higher education institutions to preserve Afro-descendant memory	Mar. 22, 2024	57
<u>Undue Pardons, Commutations of sentences, and Prison Benefits</u> are a form of Impunity for Gross Human Rights Violations	Mar. 24, 2024	59
IACHR Urges States to Promote the Political Participation of Transgender People	Mar. 31, 2024	65
IACHR Calls for Promotion of Educational Programs to Guarantee the Human Rights of Lesbian Women	Apr. 27, 2024	80
States must take efforts to end discrimination based on sexual orientation, and gender identity	May 16, 2024	105
IACHR Issues Resolution About Election Monitors As Human Rights Defenders	May 23, 2024	112
IACHR and UN Treaty Bodies conclude meeting on human rights cooperation	May 30, 2024	118
IACHR Publishes Compendium on Comprehensive Redress With a Gender Perspective in Transitional Justice Contexts	May 31, 2024	122
IACHR Asks States to Prioritize Protecting the Rights of Children and Adolescents	June 10, 2024	131
<u>Pension Systems Must Enable Older Persons to Live With Dignity,</u> <u>IACHR Says</u>	June 11, 2024	133
IACHR: States Must Protect Older People from All Forms of <u>Violence</u>	June 14, 2024	139





IACHR urges Argentina to respect Indigenous peoples' territorial rights	Dec. 4, 2024	304
IACHR and SFROE express concern over reports of repression of social protest in Argentina	Nov. 8, 2024	280
IACHR and SRFOE urge Argentina to uphold the right to social protest	Sept. 23, 2024	220
Argentina Must Respect Rights to Freedom of Association and Peaceful Assembly While Keeping Its Citizens Safe, Say IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression	July 4, 2024	158
By country: Barbados	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR concludes technical cooperation and promotional visit to Barbados	Oct. 18, 2024	256
By country: Belize	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR concludes visit to Belize	Oct. 30, 2024	268
By country: Bolivia	Total: 5	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR warns of human rights impacts of growing unrest in Bolivia and calls for dialogue	Nov. 8, 2024	282
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Brazil: CIDH and REDESCA stand in solidarity with the environmental tragedy in Rio Grande do Sul and reaffirm the importance of promoting broader actions in response to the climate emergency	May 30, 2024	120
By country: Chile	Total: 2	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR and OHCHR Ask Chilean Legislators to Respect Human Rights Standards Concerning Security	June 3, 2024	124
IACHR Concerned About Migration Reforms that Restrict the Right to Asylum in Chile	May 7, 2024	93
By country: Colombia	Tota	al: 3
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Issues Preliminary Observations of On-Site Visit to Colombia	June 19, 2024	143
IACHR Announces On-Site Visit to Colombia	Apr. 3, 2024	66
<u>Colombia's Supreme Court of Justice Must Finalize Without</u> <u>Interference the Appointment of the Country's Attorney General</u>	Feb. 13, 2024	31
By country: Cuba	Total: 3	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR, SFROE, and REDESCA condemn repression of organizations and media in Cuba amid severe social and economic crisis	Dec. 4, 2024	306
Three years after the protests of July 11 in Cuba, IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Condemn Persistent Repression	July 11, 2024	162
IACHR and REDESCA Express Concern Over Worsening Food Shortages and Prolonged Power Cuts in Cuba	Apr. 29, 2024	81
The IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Condemn Persistent Repression Against Journalists and Civil Society in Cuba	Feb. 21, 2024	38
By country: Dominica	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR welcomes the decision issued by the Dominica High Court in favor of equality	May 6, 2024	91
	Total: 3	
By country: Ecuador	Tota	al: 3



IACHR reiterates concern over escalating security crisis in Haiti	Dec. 12, 2024	316
Title	Date	Number
By country: Haiti	Total: 5	
IACHR Applauds the Inauguration of President Arévalo in Guatemala as a Triumph of Democracy and the Will of the People	Jan. 15, 2024	14
IACHR Announces On-Site Visit to Guatemala	July 10, 2024	161
IACHR presents preliminary observations of the on-site visit to Guatemala	Aug. 30, 2024	199
Title	Date	Number
By country: Guatemala	Total: 3	
IACHR: United States must respect peaceful protest and academic freedom on campuses	May 9, 2024	95
<u>United States: IACHR expresses concern over new measures</u> restricting the right to asylum	June 13, 2024	137
IACHR: United States must intensify efforts to guarantee women's right to reproductive health	June 25, 2024	147
IACHR: United States must address ethno-racially motivated police violence against persons with psychosocial disabilities	Sept. 3, 2024	203
IACHR condemns execution of Richard Moore, sentenced to death penalty in United States	Nov. 8, 2024	281
Title	Date	Number
By country: United States	Tota	al: 5
IACHR Issues Report on State of Emergency and Human Rights in El Salvador	Sept. 4, 2024	207
Title	Date	Number
Committed by Organized Criminal Groups By country: El Salvador	Tota	al: 1
Ecuador: IACHR and RFOE Condemn Serious Acts of Violence	Jan. 17, 2024	17
IACHR Asks Ecuador to Fulfil Its International Obligations	Apr. 15, 2024	74
IACHR Asks Ecuador to Ensure Judicial Independence in the Face of Organized Crime Interference	May 14, 2024	100



<u>Haiti: IACHR Calls to Guarantee Transition Process with the</u> <u>Support of the International Community</u>	June 24, 2024	146
IACHR welcomes the international community's support and calls on Haiti to ensure a peaceful transition	Mar. 21, 2024	55
IACHR condemns escalating violence and attacks by armed groups in Haiti	Mar. 7, 2024	48
IACHR expresses concern over the significant upsurge of violence in Haiti	Feb. 21, 2024	39
By country: Honduras	Tota	al: 3
Title	Date	Number
IACHR concludes working visit to Honduras	Nov. 12, 2024	285
IACHR Condemns Assassination of Environmental Defender Juan López in Honduras	Sept. 18, 2024	219
IACHR Releases Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Honduras	May 15, 2024	101
By country: Jamaica	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR expresses concern over Jamaica's continued use of states of emergency	Sept. 5, 2024	208
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Nicaragua: IACHR condemns constitutional amendments that eliminates democratic checks and balances	Nov. 27, 2024	295
IACHR condemns arbitrary revocation of nationality of 135 recently released prisoners in Nicaragua	Sept. 13, 2024	217
IACHR condemns massive closure of civil society and religious organizations in Nicaragua	Aug. 22, 2024	189
Nicaragua: IACHR urges cessation of religious persecution and release of all persons arbitrarily detained	Aug. 14, 2024	181
Nicaragua: IACHR urges to guarantee the life and integrity of arbitrarily detained persons and their immediate release	June 11, 2024	132
<u>Nicaragua: Six years after social protests, IACHR urges</u> reestablishment of democracy, end to repression and impunity	Apr. 18, 2024	75
<u>Nicaragua: IACHR warns international community about lack of</u> <u>conditions for free and fair elections in autonomous regions of the</u> <u>Caribbean Coast</u>	Feb. 23, 2024	40
IACHR Welcomes Release from Prison of Bishop Rolando Álvarez and Other Priests But Rejects Their Expulsion from Nicaragua	Jan. 18, 2024	18
IACHR warns of impacts on access to justice following approval of Peru's law on crimes against humanity	Sept. 3, 2024	206
IACHR Is Concerned About Congressional Interference With Other Branches of Government in Peru	June 7, 2024	130
By country: Trinidad and Tobago	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR, Trinidad and Tobago Must Adopt Urgent Measures to Prevent Gender-Based Violence Against Women	Nov. 7, 2024	279
By country: Venezuela	Total: 15	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR: Venezuela must release adolescents in arbitrary detention	Dec. 20, 2024	326
IACHR and REDESCA: Venezuela Must Protect the Yanomami People from the Advance of Illegal Mining and other Illicit Activities	Oct. 21, 2024	257
IACHR condemns forced exile of Edmundo González and acts of aggression at Argentina's embassy in Venezuela	Sept. 13, 2024	215



IACHR condemns the arbitrary detention of children and adolescents in the aftermath of the elections in Venezuela	Sept. 12, 2024	212
IACHR Condemns Persecution of Human Rights Defenders in Venezuela	Aug. 29, 2024	198
IACHR and SRFOE condemn State terrorism practices in Venezuela	Aug. 15, 2024	184
<u>Venezuela: IACHR and Special Rapporteur for Freedom of</u> <u>Expression Condemn Serious Human Rights Violations During</u> <u>Post-Election Protest Repression</u>	July 31, 2024	174
IACHR and RELE warn about political persecution in Venezuela in the electoral context	July 19, 2024	166
IACHR Urges Venezuela to End Political Persecution and to Enable Free Elections	July 8, 2024	159
<u>Venezuela Must Ensure the Right to Vote of Venezuelans Who Live</u> <u>Outside the Country Whatever their Migration Status, IACHR Says</u>	June 18, 2024	141
IACHR Asks Venezuela to Fight Impunity for Serious Human Rights Violations	May 20, 2024	107
IACHR: the State of Venezuela must ensure the political participation of the opposition in the presidential elections. without arbitrariness	Apr. 5, 2024	67
<u>Venezuela: IACHR Condemns Expulsion of UN High Commissioner</u> <u>for Human Rights Technical Team</u>	Feb. 20, 2024	36
<u>Venezuela: IACHR Condemns Political Disqualifications of</u> <u>Opposition Leaders</u>	Jan. 31, 2024	25
<u>Venezuela: IACHR urges State not to approve bill limiting the right</u> to association and participation	Jan. 26, 2024	22

Summary:

2024 press releases By numbers and categories			
Regional: Various topics	By country	TOTAL	
40	72	112	

4. Requests for information





72. In fulfilling its monitoring functions, the Commission sent **88 letters 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, Jamaica, 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). Out of these letters, **72** were issued under Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights and **16** under Article 18 of the Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

73. Through this monitoring mechanism, the Commission paid special attention to situations related to **freedom of expression**. Of particular note were 15 requests for information on topics such as measures adopted and other events that could severely impact the guarantee and exercise of freedom of expression in Argentina; the enforcement of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in the Bahamas; the guarantee of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in academic institutions in Canada and the United States; discussions related to the guarantee and exercise of the right to freedom of expression in Chile; the refusal to allow representatives of the political party Aquí Costa Rica Manda to run for office in Costa Rica; reported events that could severely impact the guarantee of the exercise of freedom of expression and freedom of the press in Ecuador and El Salvador; legal actions and judicial proceedings against media outlets and individuals in relation to the exercise of the right to freedom of expression in Panama; information received regarding judicial proceedings and rulings against journalists reporting on matters of public interest in Paraguay; and reports of threats and restrictions to freedom of expression and association in Peru.

74. Another subject requiring special attention by the Commission is the situation of **persons in the context of human mobility**. All member states were asked to provide information on the situation of persons in the context of human mobility and climate change. In addition, the Commission requested information on the changes in the composition of the CONARE in Argentina, the deportation of persons in the context of human mobility from Chile, the suspension of activities of Doctors Without Borders in Panama and the deportation of Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent from the Dominican Republic.

75. With regard to the **rights of women**, the Commission issued several requests for information, which included the following: a request for information made to Argentina on the institutional framework for the protection of the rights of women; the requests for information made to Bolivia and Honduras to complete what was gathered during technical working meetings; the request for information made to Ecuador on the María Belén Bernal case and on the situation of violence against women, girls and adolescents; and the request for information made to Guyana on draft amendments to the Sexual Offences Act.

76. Regarding the **rights of children and adolescents**, the Commission issued several requests for information too. Among them, to Argentina on the continuation of the work of the Office of the Ombudsperson for the Rights of Children and Adolescents; to Peru on reports of sexual violence against Awajún and Wampi children and adolescents; and to Jamaica on the situation of children in its residential care facilities.

77. Regarding **persons deprived of liberty**, the Commission sent 4 requests for information, among them, to Costa Rica on the extradition process of Reinaldo Picado Miranda; to Ecuador on the situation in its detention centers; and to El Salvador on the deaths of persons deprived of liberty due to pulmonary edemas and on the arrest of Dina Nohemí Hernández Sigaran, a woman with a high-risk pregnancy and a 5-year-old son.

78. In addition, the Commission sent letters to the 35 member states to request information on the situation of human rights in their territory to be included in its 2024 Annual Report.

79. The following is a list of all the requests for information issued by the Commission in 2024, showing the countries, dates and topics of said requests.

Requests for information in 2024





Country	Title	Issue date	Response	Basis
Antigua and Barbuda	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Argentina	Request for information on how Resolution No. 943/23 and the "Omnibus Bill" (<i>Ley de</i> <i>Bases y Puntos de Partida para la</i> <i>Libertad de los Argentinos</i>) are in line with inter-American standards	Jan. 25, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Argentina	Request for information on adopted measures and other facts that could severely impact the guarantee and exercise of freedom of expression	Mar. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Argentina	Request for information on the institutional framework for the protection of the rights of women	July 22, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Argentina	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Argentina	Request for information on the situation at "Madres de Plaza de Mayo" National University	Oct. 4, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Argentina	Changes in the composition of the CONARE	Oct. 9, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Argentina	Continuation of the work of the Office of the Ombudsperson for the Rights of Children and Adolescents	Dec. 23, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Bahamas	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Bahamas	Request for information related to the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)	Sept. 25, 2024	No	Art. 18
Barbados	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 41
Belize	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Belize	State of emergency	Aug. 13, 2024	Yes	Art. 18
Bolivia	Update on judicial elections	May 16, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Bolivia	Judicial proceedings against Luis Fernando Camacho	May 28, 2024	Yes	Art. 41





Bolivia	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Bolivia	Information complementary to technical working meetings; practical guide and diagnosis of access to justice with a gender perspective	Nov. 27, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Brazil	Increase in the number of cases involving slave-like labor	June 10, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Brazil	Police violence in Baixada Santista, São Paulo	July 16, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Brazil	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	No	Art. 41
Canada	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Canada	Guarantees to the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in academic institutions in Canada	Oct. 22, 2024	No	Art. 18
Chile	Art. 41 letter. Deportation of persons in the context of human mobility	Feb. 2, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Chile	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Chile	Request for information on ongoing discussions related to the guarantee and exercise of the right to freedom of expression	Oct. 10, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Colombia	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Colombia	Information complementary to <i>in loco</i> visit	Aug. 21, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Colombia	Request for information on possible restrictions on access to information in the public domain and the purchase of espionage software	Nov. 22, 2024	No	Art. 41
Costa Rica	Refusal to allow representatives of the political party Aquí Costa Rica Manda to run for office	Jan. 19, 2024	Yes	Art. 41





Costa Rica	Request for information by the MESENI on the extradition process of Reinaldo Picado Miranda	Mar. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Costa Rica	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Dominica	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 41
Dominica	Electoral reform	Dec. 19, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Ecuador	Situation in detention centers	Mar. 1, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Ecuador	Information on the María Belén Bernal case and on the situation of violence against women, girls and adolescents	July 16, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Ecuador	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	No	Art. 41
Ecuador	Request for information on reported facts that could severely impact guarantees for the exercise of freedom of expression and freedom of the press	Sept. 3, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Ecuador	Situation of sexual and reproductive rights of women, girls and adolescents	Oct. 24, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
El Salvador	Deaths of persons deprived of liberty due to pulmonary edema	Mar. 4, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
El Salvador	Detention of Dina Nohemí Hernández Sigaran – Situation of a detained woman with a high-risk pregnancy and her 5-year- old son	Mar. 25, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
El Salvador	Request for information on events that could have an impact on the guarantee and exercise of freedom of the press	June 24, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
El Salvador	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
United States of America	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	Yes	Art. 18





United States of America	Guarantees to the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in academic institutions in the United States	0ct. 21, 2024	Yes	Art. 18
Grenada	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 41
Guatemala	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	No	Art. 41
Guyana	Follow-up of hearing at the 189 th regular period of sessions "Guyana: Impacts of private companies on human rights"	June 20, 2024	Yes	Art. 18
Guyana	Proposed amendments to the Sexual Offences Act	July 29, 2024	Yes	Art. 18
Guyana	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Haiti	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 41
Honduras	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Honduras	Information complementary to technical working meetings; practical guide and diagnosis of access to justice with a gender perspective	Nov. 27, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Jamaica	Situation of children in residential care facilities	Apr. 10, 2024	No	Art. 41
Jamaica	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Impeachment of justice operators	Feb. 21, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Violence in the context of the electoral process	Apr. 1, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Ongoing discussions related to the right to freedom of expression in digital environments and virtual spaces	Apr. 29, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Thematic report on disappeared persons	May 6, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Situation of persons in the context of human mobility	July 22, 2024	Yes	Art. 41





Mexico	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Proposed reforms to the judiciary	Aug. 14, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Situation of violence and humanitarian assistance in Chiapas	Sept. 17, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Constitutional reforms	Nov. 1, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Nicaragua	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	No	Art. 41
Panama	Suspension of activities of Doctors Without Borders	Mar. 25, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Panama	Request for information regarding the criminal proceeding against Mr. Carlos Shalon Sultan Abadi for the alleged crimes of defamation, extortion and others	July 2, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Panama	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	No	Art. 41
Panama	Request for information on various legal actions and judicial proceedings against media outlets and individuals in relation to their exercise of the right to freedom of expression	Sept. 17, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Paraguay	Request for information on reports received regarding judicial proceedings and rulings against journalists who report on matters of public interest	June 6, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Paraguay	Request for information on the bill "establishing the control, transparency and accountability of non-profit organizations"	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Paraguay	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Update on proceedings against the National Board of Justice (JNJ)	Mar. 6, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Bill restricting the application and scope of crimes against humanity and war crimes	Apr. 9, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Investigation proceedings against prosecutors and journalists	May 31, 2024	Yes	Art. 41





Peru	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Request for information on reports of sexual violence against Awajún and Wampi children and adolescents	Aug. 21, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Request for information on reports of threats and restrictions to freedom of expression and association	Dec. 12, 2024	No	Art. 41
Dominican Republic	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Dominican Republic	Deportation of Haitian nationals and Dominicans of Haitian descent from the Dominican Republic	Dec. 16, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Saint Lucia	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Suriname	Request for information on the adopted measures seeking to restrict the publication and circulation of the book <i>Corruption at the</i> <i>Highest Level</i>	Apr. 5, 2024	No	Art. 41
Suriname	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 41
Trinidad and Tobago	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 6, 2024	No	Art. 18
Uruguay	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Uruguay	Request for information on the fire in an older persons' care facility	Aug. 5, 2024	Yes	Art. 41
Venezuela	Human mobility and climate change in the Americas	Aug. 5, 2024	No	Art. 41

5. Published reports, studies and compendiums

80. In 2024, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights published a total of **three** country reports, **one** compendium and **one** study.



81. The following is a list of publications during this period.

Published reports, studies and compendiums in 2024								
Publications	Date of release							
Study: Inter-American Standards Concerning Freedom of Religion or Belief	February 14, 2024							
<u>Report: Social Cohesion: The Challenge to Consolidate Democracy in</u> <u>Bolivia</u>	March 14, 2024							
<u>Compendium: Integral Reparation with a Gender Perspective in</u> <u>Transitional Justice Contexts</u>	May 31, 2024							
Report: Situation of Human Rights in Honduras	August 30, 2024							
Report: State of Emergency and Human Rights in El Salvador	September 4, 2024							

II. PART B. PROMOTION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

82. The Inter-American Commission carries out its mandate to promote human rights in the region in keeping with the Charter of the Organization and the American Convention on Human Rights, as well as its Statute and Rules of Procedure. In this regard, it raises public awareness about human rights in the countries of the Americas, and it recommends measures that contribute to their protection to OAS Member States.

83. Within that framework, the Commission conducts its promotion and training activities on its working mechanisms and the inter-American human rights standards that have been established through the doctrine and jurisprudence of the inter-American human rights system. The aim is to promote a deeper understanding on the part of the civil society, the networks of social actors and the member states about their scope and, as relevant, about their application to and incorporation into decisions, regulatory frameworks and public policies with a human rights perspective.

84. In 2024, with the implementation of the new 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, the Commission established as one of its strategic objectives the strengthening of the capacity of state agents and civil society organizations to promote, respect and guarantee human rights. For that purpose, two programs were created; namely, Programs 20 and 21, focused on the development of an orderly strategy to disseminate information and provide training on Inter-American standards and the Commission's protection mechanisms to help promote respect for human rights in the countries of the region.

85. Throughout 2024, the Commission continued to offer promotion and training activities both virtually and in person. The wide range of virtual activities enabled a greater reach, dissemination and access



for the public, which was able to join the events by registering for them through the Commission's channels on X, Facebook and/or YouTube.¹⁴

86. In 2024, 279 events were held, comprising 69 training activities and 210 promotion activities, which included nine webinars or report releases. In addition, 38,238 people benefited from the activities held by the Commission in 2024. Out of these, 4,152 received training and 34,086 participated in the Commission's promotion activities through different means.

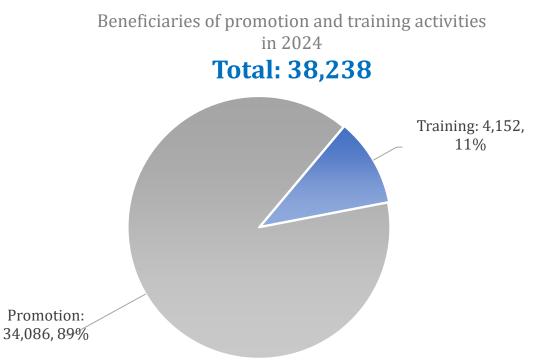
87. The data presented in the previous paragraph is displayed in the graphs below:

Promotion: 210, 75%

¹⁴ For the purposes of this report, whenever the total number of people attending promotion and/or training events virtually is mentioned, it will refer to the total that includes broadcasting media such as Zoom, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X.







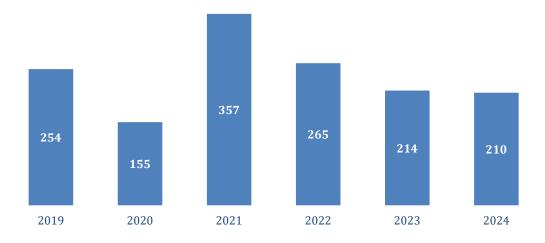
A. Promotional activities

88. The general objective of the promotion activities is to give publicity to the standards developed by the main bodies of the inter-American human rights system, as well as to the specific activities of the Commission and its decisions. These activities seek to contribute to the promotion of a culture based upon respect for and the protection of the human rights of all persons in the Americas.

89. In 2024, 210 events were held to promote and disseminate inter-American standards, reaching 34,086 people who joined them in person or virtually.

90. The following graph shows comparative data on the promotion activities carried out over the last five years (2019–2024):

Promotion activities 2019–2024



91. Examples of these promotion activities:

- 1. Sixty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- 2. Inter-American human rights system Forum Inter-American Court of Human Rights/Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- 3. Cycle of dialogue with the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico
- 4. Central American Forum on Human Rights
- 5. Thematic hearings competition before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights – International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (CIPDH)
- 6. Other promotion activities
- 7. Webinars and report releases of the Commission

1. Sixty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

92. Within the framework of the fifty-fourth General Assembly of the OAS, which took place in Asunción, Paraguay, on June 25, the Commission held a <u>meeting</u> with OAS member states and observers, where it paid tribute to the unwavering commitment to the promotion and defense of human rights in the region. This work has left an indelible mark on the Americas, especially on historically excluded populations, who have been given hope and dignity, and it has played a key role as an essential pillar in the efforts undertaken by the region to develop inter-American standards and jurisprudence, which are at the core of its strategic plans.

93. On July 15, during the 190th Period of Sessions of the Commission, the Commission's President, Commissioner Roberta Clarke, underscored the contributions of the Commission in the area of equality and nondiscrimination, made reference to the creation of thematic rapporteurships to address the situation of groups or rights of special interest to the Commission, and stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation with the States in the protection and promotion of a culture of human rights. The event was attended by ambassadors and representatives from the States.

94. Furthermore, on October 9, a special session was held at the Permanent Council of the OAS in which the Commission's President, Commissioner Roberta Clarke, spoke about the mandate of the Commission





and the development of the Commission's standards throughout its history, and also referred to its current challenges. The presentation took place within the framework of the commemoration of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the creation and establishment of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the fifty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the American Convention on Human Rights and the forty-fifth anniversary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

2. Inter-American human rights system Forum – Inter-American Court of Human Rights/Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

95. The Inter-American Human Rights System Forum is a joint initiative undertaken since 2017 by the main bodies of the Inter-American Human Rights System: the Commission and the Court. The forum aims to build a hemispheric-wide space for promoting awareness, interacting and sharing knowledge of human rights in the region with the different players that are part of the Inter-American human rights system and the general public.

96. On April 11, the sixth edition of the forum was held, which focused on democracy, the Rule of Law and human rights in the Americas and addressed the advancements and challenges in the region 75 years after the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, 65 years after the creation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and 45 years after the American Convention on Human Rights. The event featured three panels composed of experts, which reached 7,348 people combined.

97. The opening conference was presided over by the President of the Commission, Commissioner Roberta Clarke, and the Vice President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, and was moderated by Tania Reneaum Panszi, Executive Secretary of the Commission.

98. The first panel was titled "Contributions and Impact of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights in the Region," which featured Commissioner Andrea Pochak, Commissioner Arif Bulkan former Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito and the Chair of the OAS Permanent Council, Ambassador Chet Donovan Neymour. The panel was moderated by Gabriela Pacheco Arias, Director of Monitoring Compliance with Judgments at the Inter-American Court.

99. Later, the panel "Democracy and Human Rights: Impact of the Inter-American Human Rights System and Current Challenges" was held. This panel was composed of Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg, the Second Vice President of the Commission, Commissioner José Luis Caballero Ochoa, and Commissioner Stuardo Ralón. Helen Mack, President of the Myrna Mack Foundation, participated as a guest expert. Pedro Vaca, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Commission, moderated the panel.

100. The last panel, which focused on "Emerging Topics," featured Judge Verónica Gómez, the First Vice President of the Commission, Commissioner Carlos Bernal Pulido, and Commissioner Gloria De Mees. Likewise, Claudia Martin, from the American University, and Patrycja Sasnal, Rapporteur for the United Nations report on climate change, participated as guest experts. The panel was moderated by Javier Palummo, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights of the Inter-American Commission.

101. Finally, the First Vice President of the Commission, Commissioner Carlos Bernal Pulido, and Judge Verónica Gómez, closed the event by emphasizing that the work of the inter-American human rights system has been vital to consolidate inter-American standards for the protection of human dignity in the Americas and to promote concrete reparation measures in favor of victims, as well as state measures of a structural impact to guarantee human rights.

3. Cycle of dialogue with the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico

102. The Commission participated in the cycle of dialogue with the inter-American human rights system organized by the Human Rights Directorate of the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico.





103. In June 2024, the Commission participated in two in-person dialogues with the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico. One was about inter-American standards and the protection of women deprived of liberty, and the other addressed standards on human mobility. These dialogues were held in person in the cities of Puebla, Aguascalientes and Mexico City. They were also broadcast on synchronous virtual platforms and amassed a total of 14,800 views on Facebook and YouTube.

- 104. Data on each dialogue:
 - First Dialogue (June 6/Puebla), Conference on Due Process and Judicial Protection for Persons in Human Mobility: Inter-American Principles and Standards: 8,671 views and 180 in-person attendees; presentation by Commissioner Andrea Pochak.
 - Second Dialogue (June 20/Aguascalientes), Conference on Inter-American Standards on the Protection of Women Deprived of Liberty: 1,862 views and 60 in-person attendees; presentation by specialist George De Lima.
 - Third Dialogue (August 13/Mexico City), Judicial Independence in the Inter-American System: Actions Undertaken by the Commission and Challenges for the Region: 3,040 views and 167 in-person attendees; presentation by the Assistant Executive Secretary for the Petition and Case System, Jorge Meza.
 - Fourth Dialogue (November 21/Mexico City), Dialogue with the inter-American Human Rights System: Operation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights as Part of the Inter-American System: 774 views and 46 in-person attendees; presentation by the Assistant Executive Secretary for the Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation, Maria Claudia Pulido.

4. Central American Forum for Civil Society Discussion on Human Rights

105. The Central American Forum was held from May 14 to May 17 in association with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the European Union and Pro Derechos. The purpose of the event was to facilitate a space for discussion, reflection and analysis, as well as the identification of challenges and proposals to address the problems shared by Honduras and other Central American countries with regard to human rights. The forum was attended by 120 people. In parallel, as part of the Central American Forum for Civil Society Discussion on Human Rights, the Commission presented the Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Honduras issued from its *in loco* visit in 2023. The presentation took place on May 15 and was attended by Tania Reneaum Panszi, Executive Secretary of the Commission, and Andrea Pochak, Commissioner and Rapporteur for Honduras.

5. Thematic hearings competition before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights – International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (CIPDH)

106. The fifth edition of the thematic hearings competition before the Commission was held from October 13 to October 17. The purpose of this contest is for university students to delve deeper into the situation of human rights in the Americas as well as into the international systems for their protection, and, especially, for them to learn about the use of the Commission's mechanisms. The theme of the 2024 edition was "Dreams without Borders: Human Mobility due to the Effects of Climate Change with a Focus on the Protection of Human Rights". In 2024, 34 teams registered for the competition. Out of these, 28 were selected, which represented nine countries in the region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru and Paraguay). A total of 174 students and tutors took part in the competition. The Executive Secretariat of the Commission participated with its officials as jury in the semifinal and final rounds.

6. Other promotion activities



107. On March 14, the Commission participated as a panelist in a promotion activity organized by ParlAmericas in Washington, D.C. At the event, the Executive Secretariat spoke about the mandate of the Commission and its different mechanisms. In particular, the technical cooperation mechanism was explained to parliamentarians, and the Secretariat highlighted the importance of having legislation on public policies under a human rights approach. The event was attended by 22 people, nine of which were women.

108. On March 14, the fifteenth virtual meeting of Red Cuba was held with the purpose of strengthening the strategic monitoring of the human rights situation in Cuba as well as of promoting inter-American standards. The meeting was joined by 32.

109. On July 12, a promotion meeting on the inter-American system and its mechanisms was held for 17 officials of the African Commission on Human Rights, in which both regional bodies shared challenges and best practices in the monitoring, protection and promotion of human rights.

110. On August 1, the Commission presented the report *Public Policy with a Human Rights Approach* at a promotion event organized by the OAS School of Governance of the Department for Effective Public Management. A total of 80 people from 17 countries of the region and one observer country attended the event.

111. On September 18, the Commission participated in a side event within the framework of the period of sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council on the progressive closure of civic space in Venezuela and Nicaragua and the attacks on academic freedom.

112. On October 12, a promotion activity targeted at the civil society in the Caribbean was carried out with the purpose of raising awareness of public hearings before the Commission. A total of 36 people took part in the activity.

113. On October 29, a presentation was given on the standards of the inter-American system in the search for missing persons and forced disappearance. This activity took place as part of the release of Amnesty International's report *Searching without Fear*, in which 30 people from the civil society were present.

7. Webinars and report releases of the Commission

114. Among the promotion activities carried out by the Commission, in 2024, various events were held with a view to strengthening the capacities of States and the civil society in the region, emphasizing the importance of the applicable inter-American standards for the protection of human rights.

115. There were nine webinars or report releases in 2024, and more than 4,171 people participated either virtually or in person.

116. The table below provides further information on the different webinars held and reports released.

WEBINARS, REPORT RELEASES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS							
Name of webinar	Date	Attendees					
Release of five-year strategy for the Caribbean	January 30	N/A					
Release of the case law report Análisis de jurisprudencia de los tribunales superiores de justicia en materia de protección internacional en Chile	April 25	63					

Release of Resolution No. 05/23 on the participation of children and adolescents in the inter-American human rights system	August 14	155
Release of the report on the Situation of Human Rights in Honduras	May 15 and 17	100
New childhoods in the context of mixed movements and forced displacement	September 17	82
Webinar on the defense of human rights in Venezuela	October 3	507
Five years of the Inter-American Principles to Protect All Migrants and Reflections on the Future	November 12	81
Webinar on reproductive rights in Honduras	November 21	108
Presentation of the findings of the report on the state of emergency in El Salvador at a public hearing of the US House of Representatives Human Rights Committee led by Representative Tom Lantos.	December 12	3,075

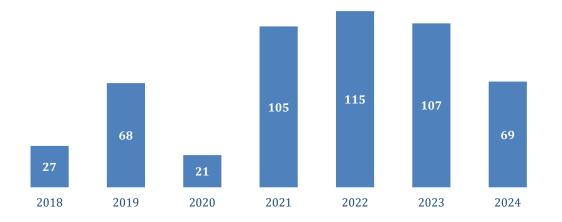
B. Training activities

117. The purpose of the training activities is to give to the civil society, social actors and States of the Americas a deeper understanding of the scope of the inter-American human rights system, the use of its mechanisms and the application of inter-American decisions and jurisprudence, as well as their incorporation into domestic regulations, policies and practices. Likewise, through capacity building, training activities seek to contribute to the adoption of public policies and the development of a culture under a human rights-based approach.

118. The Commission continued to consolidate its catalog of virtual, hybrid and in-person training activities during 2024, having developed a total of 69 trainings that included five MOOC/virtual classrooms. Three out of these MOOCs/virtual classrooms were supplemented with tutorials and live meetings, and the remaining two were completely self-directed. In 2024, the Commission trained a total of 4,152 people. The Commission also launched a pilot plan for paid courses that aims to make the virtual training programs offered by the Commission available to a wider audience.

119. A comparative graph of the training activities carried out over the last six years is presented below, followed by a description of some of the training sessions held in 2024.

Training activities 2018–2024



120. The following is a summary of the courses that were available to the public or to specific groups and whose main purpose was to increase knowledge of the decisions, jurisprudence and mechanisms of the inter-American human rights system.

1. Massive open online courses (MOOC)¹⁵

121. MOOC courses are designed for mass audiences. allowing people to access the platform and navigate the proposed contents as well as the suggested activities with complete autonomy, so that each participant can learn in their own time based on their availability. Such flexibility makes it possible for a greater number of people to access training activities and provides an alternative for those who have limited availability and cannot adapt to more structured courses. Participants are offered the possibility of simply exploring the content of the course or of obtaining a certification after completing a series of assessments of the topic. During 2024, 1,960 people took the two MOOC offered, and, out of these, 592 participants opted to obtain certificates.

122. With regard to gender, it is worth noting that more women than men enrolled in the MOOCs open in 2024, reaching a total of 1,277 women and 544 men.

1.1 MOOC – Inter-American Human Rights System – Fourth Edition

123. During 2024, the fourth edition of this course was open to all countries in the Americas. The MOOC on the inter-American human rights system is a self-directed short course that allows participants to discover the inter-American system and learn about its bodies, functions and mechanisms. It was developed

¹⁵ Hereinafter "MOOC". The acronym MOOC stands for "massive open online course." MOOCs are online courses that allow participants to learn at their own time and pace, according to their needs and circumstances. Since the courses do not provide support by tutors, they can reach a mass audience.



using simple language, thus making it accessible to anyone who wants to learn about the system. In addition, it includes additional material so that interested participants can study the system in greater depth.

124. Between January 1 and December 31, 962 people enrolled in the course. Out of these, 251 downloaded their certificate of completion (there are currently 435 people who are still in the process of completing the course and could receive their certificate shortly). Out of the total number of people who completed the course successfully, 73 percent were women. The country with the highest enrollment rates was Peru, with 131 participants (16 percent), followed by Mexico, with 109 (13 percent), and Colombia, with 85 (10 percent). Argentina came in fourth place, with 65 participants (8 percent). In addition, 48 percent of participants were linked to state agencies, whereas 16 percent were connected to civil society organizations, and 15 percent worked in academia. The satisfaction survey was responded to by 251 people. Out of these, 237 rated the course as extremely or very useful. Finally, 224 people indicated that what they had learned on the course would be extremely or very applicable in their work; and 204 considered that they had acquired new knowledge.

1.2 MOOC – Inter-American System of Human Rights – Second Edition in English

125. This MOOC is the first to be offered in English and is based on the Spanish-language MOOC on the inter-American human rights system but adapted to the legal system of English-speaking countries. The course seeks to bring the inter-American human rights system closer to States, the civil society and academia in English-speaking countries, by means of simple tools and by using accessible language as well as digital resources such as videos, audios, readings and practice activities that help participants to understand the concepts and their application.

126. The total course load of the second edition is 25 hours, to be completed in about five weeks. It is entirely self-directed, which allows participants to complete the activities at their own pace, on the days and at the times that best suit their personal and professional situation.

127. Between January 1 and December 31, 998 people enrolled in the course. Out of these, 341 downloaded their certificate of completion (there are currently 429 people who are still in the process of completing the course and could receive their certificate shortly). Out of the total number of people who completed the course successfully, 66 percent were women. The country with the highest enrollment rates was the United States, with 134 participants (13 percent), followed by Peru, with 114 (11 percent), and Brazil, with 84 (11 percent). Mexico came in fourth place, with 77 participants (8 percent). The countries with the highest certification rates were the United States, with 73; Guyana, with 61; Jamaica, with 26; and Peru, with 20. The satisfaction survey was responded to by 41 people. Out of these, 315 rated the course as extremely or very useful. Also, 299 indicated that what they had learned on the course would be extremely or very applicable in their work; and 288 considered that they had acquired new knowledge.

2. Virtual classrooms and short courses

128. During 2024, two virtual classrooms and three short courses were developed. The virtual classrooms are asynchronous courses that are combined with live sessions (synchronous) and are supported by an academic tutor (a subject-matter expert from the Commission) as well as a technical tutor. The Commission has offered virtual classrooms to specific countries, with limited spots and using donor funding. During 2024, 464 people participated in five virtual classrooms, including short courses.

2.1 Comprehensive program on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms

129. The comprehensive program on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms was designed to educate people from the civil society on the system and to offer hands-on training on how to





use its mechanisms. The program consisted of four training components and one practice component. Those who completed all five components received certificates for the four courses plus a certificate in the use of the inter-American human rights system mechanisms.

- 130. The four components of the program included:
 - a. **Massive open online course (MOOC)** –Introduction to the Inter-American Human Rights System: this is the introductory course to the system and its mechanisms, especially focused on the inter-American human rights system mechanisms included in section 1.1 of this report. The course consists of six modules and has an estimated duration of 30 hours.
 - b. **Short course on how to request a precautionary measure:** the objective of the course is for participants to acquire practical skills in requesting a precautionary measure to the Commission and in following up on the processing and resolution of the request. It was developed using simple language and with a focus on practice, so that participants can learn about the mechanism and are able to use it properly. Its estimated duration is 10 hours.
 - c. **Short course on how to submit petitions:** the aim of the course is for participants to acquire practical skills in filing a petition with the Commission and in following up on the processing of the petition/case until its archiving. It was developed using simple language and with a focus on practice, so that participants can learn about the mechanism and are able to use it properly. Its estimated duration is 10 hours.
 - d. **Short course on how to document human rights violations and gather testimonies:** the objective of the course is for participants to acquire practical skills in documenting human rights violations, and, particularly, gathering testimonies. Its estimated duration is 10 hours.

131. The first run of the program was fully virtual, with self-directed components and follow-up by tutors. The program was complemented by three synchronous sessions. This is the first time that the Commission has offered such a complete program virtually, which has constituted both an innovation and a great challenge.

132. The program aims to increase the capacity of the civil society to strategically use the mechanisms of the inter-American human rights system to facilitate their use by the participants. Specifically, this program seeks to develop the capacity of individuals to submit petitions and request precautionary measures to the Commission, as well as to follow up on their processing.

133. At this time, the program was aimed specifically at members of the civil society from Nicaragua and Venezuela. In total, 351 people enrolled in the program, and 187 out of these were selected to participate.

134. During the integral program, three synchronous sessions were held to delve deeper into specific mechanisms, such as the MESENI and the MESEVE, or into specific topics, such as the documentation of human rights violations. Synchronous sessions are very important in virtual programs, insofar as they are key to achieving a more concrete and real connection between users and the system. Many participants express their gratitude for coming into contact with staff from the Executive Secretariat, as well as for being able to identify specific areas they can reach out to whenever they need help in understanding the mechanisms or accessing information. In the case of this program, besides addressing the topics of the session, the synchronous sessions were an opportunity to answer general questions about the mechanisms and even about the components of the program. The participants mentioned that the structure, quality, sequence and extent of the



contents were quite complete. Furthermore, they appreciated the interaction with the teaching team, praising the promptness and ease with which they were able to move forward with the program.

2.2. Sixth edition of the Workshop on the Application of Inter-American Standards by the Judiciaries of Costa Rica, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay

135. Between September 24 and October 25, 2024, the Commission ran the sixth edition of the virtual Workshop on the Application of Inter-American Standards by the Judiciary, targeted at justice operators from Costa Rica (11), Ecuador (20), Panama (1), Paraguay (9), Peru (20), Dominican Republic (20) and Uruguay (19). Out of the 100 participants, 50 percent were women, 29 percent were men and 21 percent self-identified with other genders.

136. The virtual workshop comprised four modules, with a total load of approximately 10 hours. Its goal was to improve the capacity of justice operators to implement inter-American standards at the domestic level, especially by way of a conventionality control, to protect persons and prevent human rights violations, particularly among groups in vulnerable situations.

137. A total of 224 applications underwent a selection process. Out of these, 100 persons were enrolled, and 73 out of these opted to download the certificate of completion. Out of those who filled the satisfaction survey, 68 rated the course as extremely or very useful; 93 reported that what they had learned on the course would be extremely or very applicable in their work; and 81 considered that they had acquired new knowledge.

138. The materials offered in the virtual classroom were supplemented with two synchronous sessions delivered by an expert from the Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders and Justice Operators and by an expert from the Secretariat for the Petition and Case System of the Inter-American Commission.

3. Paid virtual courses pilot plan: Standards on memory, truth and justice, and inter-American standards on racial discrimination and Afro-descendants

139. In December 2023, the Commission approved a program of self-sustainable training through the offering of paid courses, which was first implemented in 2024 through the launching of a pilot plan. The aim of the paid courses program is twofold: on the one hand, it seeks to open courses that have been developed but cannot be offered due to insufficient funding; on the other, it seeks to finance the reopening and revision of existing courses for them to be free of charge, as well as the development of new courses.

140. The pilot plan began to be implemented in September 2024 with the opening of a virtual course on the inter-American system of human rights and its mechanisms from a perspective of memory, truth and justice in contexts of transitional justice. A total of 434 persons registered for the course and 177 vacancies were allocated to persons from 24 countries. Approximately 30 percent of them held positions in the public sector. Out of the total number of participants, 134 —including 103 women— opted to obtain the certificate of completion. The persons who took the course made up a diverse group, which comprised persons working in government positions and civil society organizations, as well as students, members of academia and private individuals. The satisfaction survey was filled by 137 persons. Out of that total, 121 reported that they had increased their knowledge, and 119 reported that the knowledge they had gained would be useful for the performance of their job duties.

141. The pilot plan was complemented by four synchronous sessions: an introductory lecture; a final evaluation; a lecture delivered by Commissioner Andrea Pochak, Rapporteur on Memory, Truth and Justice; and a lecture by María del Pilar Gutiérrez, Coordinator of the Cases Section of the Secretariat for the Petition and Case System of the Commission.

4. Training activities carried out with other institutions





- 4.1. Introduction to the inter-American system of human rights University of Oklahoma
- 4.2. Introductory training on the inter-American system of human rights National Defense University
- 4.3. Introductory training on the inter-American system of human rights Boston College Law School
- 4.4. International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights MERCOSUR Institute for Public Policy on Human Rights (IPPDH)
- 4.5. "Héctor Fix Zamudio" Diploma Program on the Inter-American System of Human Rights National Autonomous University of Mexico
- 4.6. Diploma Program of the OAS School of Governance
- 4.7. Inter-American Defense College
- 4.8. Training on the inter-American system of human rights for members of academia and the civil society in Canada

4.1. Introduction to the inter-American human rights system – University of Oklahoma

142. On March 19, 2024, the Commission held an on-site training workshop for 18 students from the College of International Studies of the University of Oklahoma.

143. The workshop included an introductory module on the inter-American system of human rights and its mechanisms, which was supplemented with a module on the petition and case system. In addition, during the workshop, a dialogue was held with students about careers they could pursue in the field of human rights.

4.2. Introductory training on the inter-American of human rights system – National Defense University

144. On March 19, 2024, the Commission held an on-site training workshop for 27 students from the National Defense University (William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies) in Washington, D.C. The workshop included an introductory module on the inter-American system of human rights and its mechanisms.

145. The students were mostly military or police officers from various countries in the region. The majority of participants were from the Caribbean (Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname). Twenty-seven persons were trained, 12 of whom were women.

4.3. Introductory training on the inter-American of human rights system – Boston College Law School

146. On March 24, 2024, the Commission held a training workshop for students from the International Human Rights Clinic at the Boston College Law School. A group of 14 students were trained.

147. The workshop included an introductory module on the Inter-American System of Human Rights and its mechanisms, which was supplemented with a module on the petition and case system and the precautionary measures mechanism.

4.4. International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights

148. On June 27, 2024, the call for applications was launched for the seventh edition of the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights, which is run jointly with the MERCOSUR Institute for Public Policy on Human Rights (IPPDH). On July 22, 2024, a list was published with the results. Eighty individuals were selected from a total of 2,061 applications from 33 countries.



149. The International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights is a comprehensive training course targeted at public officials responsible for devising, managing, implementing and assessing public policies, as well as at members of social organizations and movements, and scholars from MERCOSUR and OAS member states.

150. The first part of the course was delivered virtually between July and October and included an optional specialization workshop on the inter-American human rights system, which was held on October 22, 23 and 24 and was attended by 36 persons, 23 of whom were women. Subsequently, between December 2 and 6, the closing week of the course took place at the IPPDH headquarters, located in Espacio Memoria y Derechos Humanos ex ESMA, in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Persons from 26 countries of the region took part in the training and 47 participants met the passing criteria and received their certificate.

151. The virtual phase was structured around 13 synchronous sessions, including thematic modules on the human rights of children and adolescents, public and citizen innovation laboratories, migration and human trafficking, and corruption and human rights.

152. The in-person phase included spaces for exchange that were complemented by theory and practice lectures with experts in public policy evaluation, indicator systems, and budget and gender, so as to round off the course face to face; there was also a panel on participation in public policies, which featured activists and representatives of civil society organizations. During the closing week, the participants presented their final projects, which consisted in hypothetical drafts of public policies under a human rights-based approach.

4.5. "Héctor Fix Zamudio" Diploma Program on the Inter-American of Human Rights System

153. Between August 12 and November 13, the 12th edition of the "Héctor Fix Zamudio" Diploma Program on the Inter-American of Human Rights System was delivered in a hybrid format. It was run within the framework of a cooperation agreement with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). The program was organized by the Institute for Legal Research and the Office of the General Counsel of the UNAM, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Electoral Judicial School attached to the Electoral Tribunal of Mexico's Federal Judiciary.

154. The purpose of the training was for participants to learn about the general characteristics (origin, legal sources, bodies, mandate, mechanisms) of each of the bodies that make up the inter-American human rights system, as well as about the standards and jurisprudence that have been developed with respect to some human rights.

155. A total of 71 students —45 women and 26 men— attended the course. Sixty-eight of the students enrolled in the 2024 edition of this training were Mexican, one student was Brazilian, one was Colombian and one was Peruvian.

156. This training initiative comprised 133 sessions and a total load of 194 hours, with compulsory modules on international human rights law, the inter-American system of human rights, relevant inter-American jurisprudence and the protection of persons in vulnerable situations. Upon reaching the end of the core modules, students were able to choose between three optional modules on different topics: international standards on the right of women to a life free of violence; the link between the inter-American and universal systems of human rights and other regional systems, as well as other instances of International Human Rights Law; or political rights and conventionality control in connection to democracy and electoral processes.

157. During the course, Commissioners and Commission experts participated as lecturers in 23 classes, which covered topics such as the human rights of LGBTI persons, women, persons with disabilities and persons of African descent, as well as the fight against racial discrimination and the Commission's human rights monitoring and protection mechanisms, among others.

4.6. Diploma Program of the OAS School of Governance

158. Between September 23 and 27, as part of the OAS School of Governance Diploma Program "Governance, Management and Public Leadership in the Inter-American System," a hybrid training course was run on inter-American standards on democracy and human rights. Seventy-four persons from 18 OAS member states joined the course, who came from the public sector, the private sector and civil society organizations.

4.7. Inter-American Defense College

159. On October 16, in-person training was delivered to 51 students from the armed forces, police forces and civilian agencies of OAS member states. The purpose of the course was to provide an overview of key human rights issues, the international system of human rights and international human rights law.

4.8. Training on the inter-American system of human rights for members of academia and the civil society in Canada

160. On December 5, 2024, the Commission ran a workshop mostly targeted at members of the Canadian civil society and academia. The workshop was aimed at improving understanding of the inter-American system of human rights and, more specifically, the operation of the various mechanisms of the Commission, in particular the petition and case system and the precautionary measures system.

161. The training was delivered virtually and featured Commissioner Arif Bulkan, Rapporteur for Canada. Thirty-five persons attended the workshop, 24 of whom were women.

5. Training by geographic area

162. Below is a description of other training activities organized by geographic area.

5.1. Caribbean

5.1.1. CARICOM: Annual Seminar for CARICOM countries on the inter-American human rights system: mechanisms of the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights, with a special focus on climate change in the context of the right to development.

5.1.2. Haiti: Training delivered in collaboration with the OHCHR.

5.1.3. Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) – Training on the standards of the inter-American system on access to justice, equality and nondiscrimination.

5.1.4. Training on the inter-American system targeted at government officials and the civil society in Barbados.

5.1.5. Training on the inter-American system with a focus on indigenous peoples targeted at government officials and the civil society in Belize.

5.1.6. Training on hearings at the Commission targeted at the Caribbean Network.

5.1.7. Training for Caribbean civil society organizations on the rights of women deprived of liberty.

5.1.8. Strategic litigation seminar: Food, Nutrition and the Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean.

5.1.1 Annual Seminar for CARICOM countries on the inter-American human rights system: mechanisms of the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights, with a special focus on climate change in the context of the right to development

163. On October 30, 2024, the 13th Annual Seminar on Human Rights for CARICOM countries was held. The annual seminar is a joint initiative undertaken by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the George Washington University Law School (GWULS) that began in 2012.

164. The seminar was delivered virtually and was targeted at diplomatic officers and other state agents involved in the protection, promotion and monitoring of human rights. In this edition, the training course focused on the mechanisms of the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights with a special focus on climate change in the context of the right to development. The seminar also included two presentations: one on the Commission's Individual Petition System Portal and another one on the rights of older persons.

165. The seminar featured Commissioners Roberta Clarke and Gloria de Mees, alongside experts from the Commission's Executive Secretariat.

166. The training reached 116 officials representing eight CARICOM countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago). Out of the total number of participants, approximately 80 were women.

5.1.2. Haiti: Training delivered in collaboration with the OHCHR

167. Between April 25 and 26, 2024, training sessions targeted at human rights defenders were held jointly with the OHCHR on the inter-American system and its mechanisms. The purpose of these workshops was for participants to get a clearer understanding of the inter-American system of human rights and, more specifically, the operation of the various mechanisms of the Commission, in particular the human rights monitoring system, the petition and case system and the precautionary measures system.

168. The training was delivered virtually by experts from the Commission. Twenty-six persons joined the workshops, 10 of whom were women.

5.1.3. Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) – Training on the standards of the inter-American system on access to justice, equality and nondiscrimination

169. On June 5, 2024, a training session was run for members of the Caribbean Court of Justice. The session was also attended by other judges from the Caribbean (members of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers).

170. The training centered on the standards of the inter-American system on access to justice, equality and nondiscrimination.

171. It was led by Commissioners Jose Luis Caballero Ochoa and Gloria De Mees (alongside experts from the Commission's Executive Secretariat). Commissioner Caballero delivered a presentation on access to justice and Commissioner De Mees spoke about equality and nondiscrimination. Twenty-five persons joined the activity, 15 of whom were women.

5.1.4. Training on the inter-American system targeted at government officials and the civil society in Barbados



172. Within the framework of the technical cooperation visit to Barbados conducted between October 8 and 12, 2024, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights held two training sessions for state and non-state agents, both supported by Commissioner Gloria De Mees.

173. Both training sessions focused on the inter-American system of human rights, its origin, composition, mandate and function, as well as on its different mechanisms. The session for state agents also included a module on technical cooperation and a module on the Commission's Individual Petition System Portal; the latter was delivered virtually.

174. The session for state agents took place on October 10 and was attended by 12 persons, including 10 women. The session for non-state agents was run on October 11 and was attended by 21 persons, including 15 women. This session included a module during which a mock hearing was held. It was also an opportunity to discuss various human rights issues with participants.

5.1.5. Training on the inter-American system with a focus on indigenous peoples targeted at government officials and the civil society in Belize

175. Within the framework of the visit to Belize to provide technical assistance and follow up on recommendations, which was conducted between October 15 and 18, 2024, the Commission held two training sessions for state and non-state agents. Commissioner José Luis Caballero Ochoa participated in the session targeted at state agents.

176. Both training sessions focused on the inter-American system of human rights, its origin, composition, mandate and function, as well as on its different mechanisms. They also included a module on technical cooperation and one on standards regarding indigenous peoples.

177. The session for state agents took place on October 17, and a total of 21 persons joined, 13 of whom were women. The session for non-state agents was delivered on October 18, and was attended by 17 persons, including 13 women. It also provided an opportunity to discuss various human rights issues.

5.1.6. Training on hearings before the Commission targeted at the Caribbean Network

178. On August 12, 2024, the Commission delivered a virtual training session to Caribbean civil society organizations on the Commission's hearing mechanism. The purpose of this training was to help the civil society to better use said mechanism. The event took place in the context of the decision to give priority attention to the Caribbean region, in accordance with Program 17 of the Commission's Strategic Plan.

179. The session included information on the purpose of the hearings and how to request them. It reached 36 persons, 23 of whom were women.

5.1.7. Training for Caribbean civil society organizations on the rights of women deprived of liberty

180. On June 7, 2024, a training session was run for Caribbean civil society organizations on the Inter-American System of Human Rights, with a special focus on the rights of women deprived of liberty. This session was held in compliance with Programs 17 and 21 of the Commission's Strategic Plan (priority attention to the Caribbean and promotion and dissemination of mechanisms and standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System).

181. The session included an introduction to the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms, followed by presentations on the specific rights of women deprived of liberty and the particular challenges faced by women in prison in the Caribbean. Twelve persons attended the training, including 10 women.



5.1.8. Strategic litigation seminar: Food, Nutrition and the Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean

182. On November 7, a training session was held as part of the strategic litigation seminar Food, Nutrition and Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean. The seminar was organized in collaboration with the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) and the Global Center for Legal Innovation on Food Environments, an initiative of the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University.

183. The overall objectives of this workshop were to build legal and litigation capacity in the region and to explore possible avenues for promoting front-of-package labeling (FOPL) and other public policy priorities. The workshop focused on three aspects of food policy: healthy food environments at schools, restricting the marketing of unhealthy foods to children, and front-of-package warning labeling (FOPWL), which are not being implemented despite existing political will. Thirty-five persons from different Caribbean countries joined the workshop.

5.2. Mesoamerica

5.2.1. Guatemala: University of the Isthmus.

5.2.2. Mexico: Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education.

5.2.3. Panama: NGOs against human trafficking.

5.2.1. University of the Isthmus, Guatemala

184. On April 5, a training session was delivered to law students at the University of the Isthmus (Guatemala), with a special focus on the petition and case system and the monitoring mechanism. Five persons attended.

5.2.2. Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, Mexico

185. On April 2, a training session was delivered at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education on the mandate and operation of the Commission. The purpose of this activity was to provide information on the mandate and operation of the Commission to undergraduate law, political science and international relations students. By participating in the class, the students learned about the different mechanisms through which the Commission fulfills its mandate.

5.2.3. NGOs against human trafficking, Panama

186. On April 4, in cooperation with the OHCHR, a training session was delivered to 20 persons from nongovernmental antitrafficking organizations on the mechanisms of precautionary and provisional measures. The training was organized within the framework of a regional network of civil society organizations that provide legal advice and representation to victims of human trafficking in Latin America under a project of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR for the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants in Venezuela).

5.3. South America

5.3.1. Prosecutors from the Public Prosecutor's Office of Minas Gerais, Brazil

187. On October 1, a training session was held in Brazil for prosecutors from the Public Prosecutor's Office of Minas Gerais on the main mechanisms of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, that is, monitoring, technical cooperation, training, petitions and cases, and precautionary measures. Twenty persons attended.

C. Other promotion and training activities related to special procedures, thematic rapporteurships and follow-up of recommendations

188. Below is a summary of the promotion and training activities of the Commission's thematic rapporteurships and other work carried out throughout the year in relation to its human rights promotion mandate. Many of these activities were organized in cooperation with other actors, thus strengthening collaboration with civil society organizations, academia, regional and international institutions, and States.

189. As for the special rapporteurships, the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (REDESCA) carried out 57 activities this year. Out of these, 48 were related to promotion and nine were related to training. For more information on these activities, please refer to REDESCA's annual report. The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression (RELE) carried out 41 activities. Out of these, 38 were related to promotion and reached 782 persons, and three were related to training. For more information on these activities, refer to RELE's annual report.

1. Thematic rapporteurships

190. The mandate of the thematic rapporteurships is based on Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights and Article 18 of the Statute of the Inter-American Commission, which establish the Commission's specific functions in terms of human rights promotion. In addition, Article 15 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure sets forth that the Commission may create rapporteurships to contribute to a better performance of its functions, and it establishes guidelines on the operation of the rapporteurships (For more information on the rapporteurships' activities during 2024, see Chapter 3.A of this annual report.).

191. Below is a brief description of the various promotion and training activities carried out by each of the thematic rapporteurships in 2024.

1.1. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

192. In 1990, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights established the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for the purpose of focusing attention on the indigenous peoples of the Americas, who are especially exposed to human rights violations due to their situation of vulnerability, and to strengthen, drive and systematize the work of the Commission in this area. For more information, go to: <u>OAS</u>, <u>IACHR</u>, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (oas.org).

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PROMOTION ACTIVITIES									
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective			
Meeting on the right to water and health in the face of the impact of mining	CENDA, CEPA Oruro, Colectivo CASA and Plataforma de Acciones Populares de Defensa de la Madre Tierra	Civil society	Oruro, Bolivia	Blended	March 26	Disseminating inter- American standards on health issues related to mining activities in collaboration with indigenous organizations and communities 50 attendees			



Territorial Rights, the State and the Mapuche People: Perspectives in the Context of the Work of the Commission towards Peace and Understanding	Observatori o Ciudadano (OC), the Human Rights Center of the University of Chile School of Law and the Internationa I Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA). In collaboratio n with: IACHR, OHCHR	Mixed	Santiago de Chile and Temuco, Chile	In person	September 5–7	Disseminating inter- American standards on the land and territorial rights of indigenous peoples 324 attendees
Inter-American standards on the protection of the right to self- determination of indigenous peoples in Brazil	IACHR, the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office of Brazil and APIB (Articulatio n of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil)	Civil society	Brasília, Brazil	Blended	November 7	Disseminating in Portuguese the inter-American standards contained in the report <i>Right</i> <i>to Self-</i> <i>Determination of</i> <i>Indigenous and</i> <i>Tribal Peoples</i> 30 attendees

1.2. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women

193. In 1994, the Commission created the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, whose initial task was to analyze the extent to which the legislation and practices relating to women's rights in the member states were in line with the general obligations set forth in regional human rights instruments such as the <u>American Convention on Human Rights</u>, the <u>American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man</u> and the <u>Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women</u>, known as the Convention of Belém do Pará. The Commission addresses gender issues based on its mandate to promote and protect human rights in the American. Guided by the principles of equality and nondiscrimination, which are the cornerstone of the inter-American system's instruments, the Commission has identified the protection of women's rights as a priority for the region. For more information, go to: <u>OAS, IACHR, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Mandate (oas.org)</u>.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN PROMOTION ACTIVITIES



Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective
Crisis in Haiti: Women Human Rights Defenders in the Struggle for Women's Rights	IACHR, American University Academy on Human Rights and International Humanitaria n Law and the War Crimes Research Office	Mixed	Regional	Online	March 20	Raising awareness about issues impacting women as part of the Women's History Month series of panels 175 attendees

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN TRAINING ACTIVITIES								
Name of the Activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained		
Inter- American standards related to women's right to a life free of violence	Increasing knowledge to prevent violations of women's rights	Mixed	Honduras, Tegucigalpa	In person	August 14	75		
Course on access to justice with a gender perspective and under inter- American human rights standards	Increasing knowledge of inter- American human rights standards on access to justice with a gender perspective	State	Brazil, Brasília	In person	September 4–6	117		
Technical meeting with prosecutors from the Office of the Public Prosecutor of Minas Gerais, Brazil	Increasing knowledge of the main mechanisms of the IACHR	State	Washington, D.C.	In person	October 1	20		

1.3. Rapporteurship on Human Mobility



194. In 1996, in response to the critical situation faced by internally displaced persons and migrant workers and their families in several countries of the continent, the Commission created the Rapporteurship on Internally Displaced Persons and the Rapporteurship on Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. While these rapporteurships drew closer attention to the human rights of migrants, their families and internally displaced persons, since its inception, the Commission has also prioritized the protection and promotion of the human rights of other groups in a situation of vulnerability in the context of human mobility due to the forced migration of hundreds of thousands of persons who were compelled to flee or abandon their homes as a result of the dictatorships and armed conflicts in the region throughout the 20th century.

195. In 2012, the Commission decided to unify both rapporteurships and expand its mandate to address the multiple challenges posed by human mobility in the region, whether in the form of international, internal, forced or voluntary migration. The new mandate focuses on the respect and guarantee of the rights of migrants and their families, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, internally displaced persons, as well as other vulnerable groups in the context of human mobility. For more information, go to: <u>OAS, IACHR, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants (oas.org)</u>.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON HUMAN MOBILITY PROMOTION ACTIVITIES								
Name of the Activity	Organized by	Audience*	Location	Format	Date	Objective		
Best Practices for a Culture of Respect, Tolerance and Human Rights to Combat Xenophobia	OAS Committee on Migration Issues	State	Regional	Online	February 13	Sharing best practices to create a culture of respect, tolerance and human rights to combat xenophobia 23 attendees		
2024 World Conference on Statelessness	Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI), Nationality for All (NFA) and Development of Human Resources for Rural Areas (DHRRA) Malaysia	Mixed	Selangor, Malaysia	In person	February 26	Disseminating Resolution No. 02/23 on the right to nationality, the prohibition of arbitrary deprivation of nationality and statelessness		
Seminar "Protection of the Right to Nationality: Resolution No. 02/23 of the Inter-American	Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford	Mixed	Regional	Online	March 6	Disseminating inter-American standards on the obligations of States to ensure that all persons have a nationality and the urgent need		





Commission on Human Rights"						to adopt measures to prevent, reduce and eradicate statelessness 230 attendees
Review of the refugee status determination procedure conducted by the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic	Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Costa Rica	State	Costa Rica	Online	March 8	Disseminating inter-American standards on refugee status determination procedures 7 attendees
Presentation of the report La militarización del Instituto Nacional de Migración	IBERO	Civil society	Mexico	Blended	March 14	Disseminating inter-American standards on the adoption of migration policies based on a human rights approach rather than on border security concerns
Session "Specialized Assistance and Protection of Accompanied and Unaccompanied Children and Adolescents" by the Committee on Migration Issues	OAS Committee on Migration Issues	State	Regional	Online	March 21	94 attendees Disseminating Resolution No. 5/23 on the participation of children and adolescents and the mechanisms for its implementation by States in procedures related to the migration status of children and adolescents 33 attendees
First regional consultation on the protection of persons in situations of human mobility	State of Chile	Mixed	Mexico City	In person	April 5	Disseminating the Commission's role in the adoption of the Cartagena Declaration



and stateless persons						140 attendees
Presentation of the report No nos dejen morir aquí. Incendio en la estancia migratoria de Ciudad Juárez	Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho	Mixed	Mexico City	Online	April 8	Presenting the report one year after the fire at a migrant detention center in Ciudad Juárez, where 40 migrants lost their lives and 27 were injured 821 attendees
MIRPS session 1: Introduction to procedures suitable for children and adolescents	MIRPS and OAS Department of Social Inclusion	Mixed		Online	April 11	Disseminating inter-American standards on the protection of human rights 53 attendees
Release of the report Análisis de jurisprudencia de los tribunales superiores de justicia en materia de protección internacional en Chile	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), National Office in Chile; Supreme Court of Chile and Centro de Políticas Migratorias (CPM)	Mixed	Santiago, Chile	In person	April 25	Disseminating the most recent developments in Chilean case law as well as international and inter-American standards on matters such as determining the best interest of the child, collective expulsion, due process, legal status regularization and statelessness
Third Alianza Global del Ombusperson Local International Congress: "Human Mobility: a Local Perspective"	Alianza Global del Ombusperson Local	National human rights institutions	Buenos Aires, Argentina	In person	May 7–9	Disseminating the work of the Rapporteurship on Human Mobility of the Commission, the challenges identified and the protection standards for migrants, refugees, asylum



						seekers, stateless persons and victims of human trafficking 115 attendees
Second thematic consultation of the Cartagena+40 Process	State of Chile	Mixed	Brasília, Brazil	In person	May 16- 17	Participating in the second thematic consultation of the Cartagena+40 Process on inclusion and integration through alternative, comprehensive and sustainable solutions
Visibilizing the Invisible: Legal Identification, Nationality and Name of Children on the Move in the Americas	Inter- American Dialogue	Mixed	Regional	Online	May 16	129 attendees Discussing advances, challenges and recommendation s to guarantee the legal identification, nationality and name of children on the move in the Americas
Thirty-sixth online course on international refugee law	Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, International Institute of Humanitarian Law	Mixed	Regional	Online	June 3–28	230 attendees Disseminating inter-American standards on the protection and defense of the rights of refugees (the activity also aimed at refugees and displaced persons) 46 attendees
Third thematic consultation of the Cartagena+40 Process	State of Chile	Mixed	Bogota, Colombia	In person	June 19	Reflecting to identify and promote concerted solutions to strengthen the



Event on trafficking in persons, mixed migration and protection of migrants at sea	United Nations Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons	Mixed	Geneva, Switzerla nd	In person	June 25	protection of forcibly displaced people in the context of disasters and the effects of climate change 140 attendees Disseminating inter-American human rights standards relating to victims and persons at risk of human trafficking in the context of mixed migrant and refugee movements at sea and search and rescue operations
Dialogue on the Cartagena+40 process and launch of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	Mixed	Geneva, Switzerla nd	In person	June 25	Disseminating the Commission's role in the adoption of the Cartagena Declaration since 1984, emphasizing the complementarity between mechanisms for the regularization of legal status (migration status) and international protection mechanisms
Collaborative work to promote the protection of the human rights of asylum seekers and refugees	Platform of Independent Experts on Refugee Rights (PIERR)	Mixed	Geneva, Switzerla nd	In person	June 27	Disseminating inter-American standards to address the main challenges regarding human mobility in the region, focusing on border



First meeting of the IACHR	IACUD					outsourcing and militarization, migrant detention and summary expulsion procedures that fail to ensure due process guarantees 80 attendees Disseminating the work of the Commission in
Dialogue Network to combat human trafficking in the Americas	IACHR, Rapporteurshi p on Human Mobility	Civil society	Regional	Online	July 2	the monitoring of human trafficking in the region 31 attendees
Climate-related displacement: a women's rights- based approach	Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI)	Mixed	Mexico	Online	July 10	Discussing climate change and human mobility patterns in Northern Central America and the differentiated impact of the climate emergency on women
Regional workshop on national adaptation and human mobility plans in Latin America	International Organization for Migration	State	Antigua, Guatemal a	In person	August 28–29	Disseminating standards on human mobility and their incorporation into national adaptation plans and other relevant instruments in Latin America 25 attendees
Experiences, challenges and lessons on internal displacement in the region learned from	Department of Social Inclusion, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, OAS	Mixed	Washingt on, D.C.	Blended	Septembe r 10	Disseminating inter-American standards to address internal displacement in the region





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systems Inter-American Course on Migration and Protection, panel "Migration, Asylum and Forced Displacement in the Americas: Main Dynamics and the Role of International Organizations"	OAS Department of Social Inclusion and University of Notre Dame Keough School of Global Affairs	Mixed	Washingt on, D.C.	In person	Septembe r 11	Disseminating inter-American standards on human mobility to address ongoing challenges in the region 248 attendees
New childhoods in migration flows and forced displacement	Defense for Children International Costa Rica	Mixed	Regional	Online	Septembe r 17	Disseminating inter-American standards on children and adolescents in migration flows and forced displacement in the region 82 attendees
Regional event "Preventing and Eradicating Statelessness in the Americas"	Department of Social Inclusion, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, OAS	Mixed	Regional	Blended	October 11	Disseminating inter-American standards related to the eradication of statelessness and the protection of stateless persons in the Americas
Third regional meeting of public defender offices "Access to Territory and Public Defense"	Inter- American Association of Public Defenders	State	San José, Costa Rica	Blended	October 22–23	95 attendees Discussing access to territory and public defense in countries such as Venezuela, Mexico, Panama, Brazil and Ecuador 23 attendees
Migration in the Context of Socio-	ParlAmericas	Mixed	Regional	In person	October 23–25	Discussing recommendation s for the effective



Environmental Challenges (Eighth gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability, sixteenth meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality)						and inclusive incorporation of climate migration considerations 50 attendees
International forum "Human Mobility and Violation Patterns: Experiences for the Guarantee and Protection of Rights"	ICESI University, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Swisscontact, Public Actions Group of the ICESI university (GAPI)	Mixed	Cali, Colombia	Blended	Novembe r 19–20	Discussing the challenges surrounding human mobility, focused on the search for solutions that safeguard the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced persons
Workshop on the right to nationality and legal citizenship	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, National Human Rights Institution and Office of the Ombudsperson (INDDHH), UNHCR	Mixed	Montevid eo, Eastern Republic of Uruguay	Blended	Novembe r 19	Disseminating inter-American standards on legal citizenship based on an international human rights law approach, disseminating regional best practices to ensure the legal identity of persons
Regular meeting of the R4V Regional Protection Sector	Regional Protection Sector–R4V Platform	Mixed	Regional	Online	Novembe r 26	107 attendees Disseminating the mechanisms available to the Commission for addressing mixed migration movements (hearings,





precautionary measures, among others)

34 attendees

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS TRAINING ACTIVITIES								
Name of the Activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained		
Training on IACHR mechanisms for civil society organizations, IACHR Dialogue Network to combat human trafficking	Presenting the human rights defense mechanisms provided by the Commission to the public	Civil society	Regional	Online	November 25	19		

1.4. Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child

196. The Commission established the Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child during a session held between September 24 and October 13, 1998, for the purpose of bolstering respect for the human rights of boys, girls and adolescents in the Americas. The rapporteurship cooperates in the analysis and evaluation of the human rights situation of boys, girls and adolescents in the Americas and offers guidance to the Commission in proceedings involving individual petitions, cases and requests for precautionary and provisional measures related to children and adolescents' rights. Additionally, it conducts on-site visits to States and prepares studies and publications. For more information, go to: <u>OAS, IACHR, Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child, (oas.org)</u>.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD PROMOTION ACTIVITIES								
Name of the Activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective		
Thematic session "Specialized Assistance and Protection of Accompanied and Unaccompani ed Children and	OAS Committee on Migration Issues	State	Regional	Online	March 21	Disseminating recommendations and best practices of the inter-American system 33 attendees		





Adolescents," organized by the						
Committee on Migration						
Issues MIRPS session 1: Introduction to procedures suitable for children and adolescents	MIRPS and OAS Department of Social Inclusion	Mixed	Northern Triangle Mesoame rica	Online	April 11	Disseminating inter- American standards 53 attendees
Caribbean Dialogue Network Meeting	Monitoring Section 3	Civil society	Caribbea n	Online	May 2	Discussing inter- American standards related to corporal punishment against boys and girls 17 attendees
Visibilizing the Invisible: Legal Identification, Nationality and Name of Children on the Move in the Americas	Inter-American Dialogue	Mixed	Regional	Online	May 16	Discussing the legal identification, nationality and name of children on the move in the Americas 230 attendees
The Rights of Children and Adolescents in the Inter- American Human Rights System	Institute of Judicial Studies, Supreme Court of Justice of the Province of Buenos Aires	State	Argentina	Online	June 3	Disseminating inter- American standards 130 attendees
Regional event to commemorat e the thirty- fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child	UNICEF	Mixed	Panama	In person	Nove mber 20	Disseminating inter- American standards during the commemoration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20 (World's Children Day)
						89 attendees



RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD TRAINING ACTIVITIES									
Name of the Activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained			
Training and education course for lawyers specializing in children and adolescent law	Sharing a space for training and reflection with a human rights approach, incorporating a child and adolescent perspective, and addressing cross-cutting issues considering the challenges in this professional field; presenting the inter- American human rights system with a focus on the protection of children and adolescents' rights (the IACHR was in charge of this presentation)	Civil society	Argentina	Online	April 4	227			

1.5. Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders and Justice Operators

197. In March 2011, the Commission decided to create a rapporteurship on the situation of human rights defenders, considering the petitions it had received and with the aim of raising the visibility of the important role that human rights defenders and justice operators play in building a democratic society in which the Rule of Law is in full effect. As a result, the former unit established in 2001 became a rapporteurship which carries out various activities to monitor the situation of all persons engaged in the defense of rights in the region, including justice operators. For more information, go to: <u>OAS, IACHR, Rapporteurship on Human Rights</u> <u>Defenders and Justice Operators, (oas.org)</u>.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND JUSTICE OPERATORS PROMOTION ACTIVITIES							
Name of the Activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective	
Fourth regional meeting on	OHCHR and IACHR	Mixed	Bogota, Colombia	In person	April 15–16	Discussing the different challenges	





policies for the protection of human rights defenders in Latin America						faced by countries in the region for the protection of human rights defenders 80 attendees
Regional meeting on methodologies for investigations into attacks and homicides against human rights defenders in Latin America	OHCHR and IACHR	Mixed	Bogota, Colombia	In person	April 17–18	Disseminating inter- American human rights standards on the investigation of crimes against human rights defenders, as well as persisting challenges (best practices and areas for improvement were identified) 80 attendees
Challenges in defending and protecting human rights in the region and the role of the inter-American human rights system	Race and Equality	Civil society	Mexico City	In person	May 7	Disseminating the role of the inter- American human rights system in the protection of human rights defenders
Meeting of Central American and Mexican judges	Due Process of Law Foundation and others	Civil society	San José, Costa Rica	In person	Octobe r 28	Discussing the application and enforcement of international standards on judicial independence, with a special focus on Inter-American human rights standards
Intermechanis m meeting on environmental defenders	International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)	Civil society	Paris, France	In person	Octobe r 29– 30	Discussing guarantees for the protection of environmental defenders 15 attendees
Launch Declaration+25	RFK Human Rights and International Service for	Civil society	Washington , D.C.	In person	Novem ber 12	Disseminating the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights





	Human Rights					Defenders, the commemoration of its twenty-fifth anniversary and the presentation of Declaration+25 40 attendees
Fourth international seminar on policies for the protection of human rights defenders and journalists	Espacio OSC	Civil society	Mexico City	In person	Novem ber 13–14	Presenting standards related to mechanisms for the protection of human rights defenders

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND JUSTICE OPERATORS TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Name of the Activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Training on standards on human rights defenders for the Sales Pimenta Working Group	Increasing knowledge of inter- American standards for the protection of human rights defenders	Mixed	Brazil, Brasília	Online	June 11	30
Inter-regional discussion on protection mechanisms	Increasing knowledge of protection mechanisms in various countries	Mixed	Bogota, Colombia	In person	July 8- 12	20

1.6. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and to Prevent and Combat Torture

198. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty was established by the Commission in March 2004. Since then, it has monitored the situation of people subjected to any form of deprivation of liberty in OAS member states. To this end, and among other activities, the rapporteurship conducts visits to States, promotes the mechanisms of the Inter-American Human Rights System for protecting the rights of persons deprived of liberty and prepares reports with specialized recommendations for OAS member states to enhance the respect for and guarantee of the human rights of these persons. The mandate of the rapporteurship was expanded in 2019 to include the prevention and fight against torture. For more information, go to: <u>OAS, IACHR, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and to Prevent and Combat Torture (oas.org)</u>.



RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY AND TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TORTURE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES						
Name of the Activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective
Regional workshop "Towards the Humanization of Criminal and Penitentiary Policies for Minor Drug Offenses: A Path towards Proportionality and Criminal Alternatives"	COPOLAD	Mixed	Barcelona, Spain	In person	June 24– 25	Discussing the design of more equitable and effective criminal policies under inter-American human rights standards
Academic event "The Fundamental Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty"	Dominican Section of the Instituto Iberoameric ano de Derecho Constitucio nal and Georgetown University O'Neill Institute	Mixed	Dominican Republic	Online	July 3	Disseminating inter-American standards on the rights of women deprived of liberty
Hemispheric dialogue on human rights and drug policy: a perspective based on a risk management and harm reduction approach	Office of the President of Uruguay	State	Montevideo, Uruguay	Online	September 23	Discussing between countries of the region the implementation of drug policies and human rights, with a special focus on risk management and harm reduction strategies
Tenth International Congress of Public Defender Offices from Latin America	Office of the Public Defender of Costa Rica	Mixed	San José, Costa Rica	In person	October 24	Disseminating inter-American standards on access to justice for indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees and women deprived of





						liberty in Latin America
International Penitentiary Congress 2024	Querétaro State Penitentiar y System Commission	Mixed	Querétaro, México	In person	October 25	Discussing tools to guarantee the rights of persons deprived of liberty
Regional meeting "Enforcement of the Prohibition against Torture: the Role of the Judiciary in its Prevention from a Gender perspective"	Supreme Court of Chile, Committee for the Prevention of Torture of Chile (CPT) and Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)	State	Chile	In person	December 3	Discussing the role of the judiciary in preventing torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, with a special focus on the situation of women and LGBTI+ persons 50 attendees
Discussion on the situation of women deprived of liberty	Committee for the Prevention of Torture of Chile (CPT); School of Governance of the University of Chile and Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)	Mixed	Chile	In person	December 2	Discussing the situation of women in the penitentiary system 30 attendees
Latin America and the Caribbean regional consultation meeting on the implementatio n of the Bangkok rules	United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD)	Mixed	San José, Costa Rica	Online	November 26	Discussing progress and challenges in the implementation of the Bangkok Rules, from a local and regional perspective 200 attendees

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY AND TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TORTURE TRAINING ACTIVITIES										
Name of the Activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Modality	Date	Number of people trained				
Training for Caribbean civil society and organizations defending women deprived of liberty	Increasing knowledge of the Commission and its mechanisms, as well as of the topic of women in prison, with a special focus on the findings, standards and recommendatio ns of the thematic report on women deprived of liberty in the Americas	Civil society	Caribbean	Online	June 7	12				

1.7. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination

199. During its 122nd period of sessions, which took place between February 23 and March 11, 2005, the Commission created the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination. The main objectives of the Rapporteurship include working with OAS member states to raise awareness about their obligations to respect the human rights of Afro-descendants and to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, analyzing the current challenges the countries of the region face in this area, making recommendations designed to overcome the obstacles, identifying and sharing best practices in the region with respect to this matter, and providing any technical assistance requested by the member states in the implementation of the recommendations in domestic law and in practice. Its work with the civil society focuses on expanding knowledge of the guarantees and mechanisms that the inter-American human rights system offers for the protection of the rights of Afro-descendants and against racial discrimination. For more information, go to: <u>OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination (oas.org)</u>.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PROMOTION ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Organized by Audience Location Format Date Objective									
Suriname Human Rights 75 Film Tour Project	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),	Mixed	Paranimbo, Suriname	Blended	February 20	Disseminating inter- American standards related to gender,				





	Suriname Office					ethnicity and cultural issues
Opening ceremony VII Inter-American Week for People of African Descent	OAS, General Secretariat	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	In person	March 18	Holding commemorative activities; no information available on the number of attendees
Side event during the VII Inter-American Week for People of African Descent in the Americas, "Strategies for Economic Empowerment of Women of African Descent"	Permanent missions of Brazil and Colombia to the OAS and Geledés – Black Women Institute	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Online	March 21	Discussing strategies for and challenges to the economic empowerment of women of African descent, with a focus on key issues related to the invisibility of gender and race, as well as intergenerational poverty
Special Meeting of the OAS Permanent Council to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	OAS, Permanent Council	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Blended	March 25	Commemorating the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
RIAFRO Webinar "Why do we need a Declaration on the Rights of People of African Descent?"	Inter-American Network of High Authorities on Policies for Afro- descendant Populations (RIAFRO)	Mixed	Regional	Online	March 25	Disseminating the inter- American standards applicable to the draft of an American Declaration on the Rights of People of African Descent
Dialogue on a draft declaration on the rights of people of African descent in the context of the twenty- second period of sessions of the Intergovernme ntal Working	OHCHR Regional Office for South America and Latin American Council for the Decade for People of African Descent (ALDA)	Mixed	Regional	Online	May 17	Disseminating the promotion of and full respect for the human rights of Afro- descendants under the international human rights system





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Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action						
Securing Afro- Descendant Peoples' Land Tenure Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: An Effective Pathway to Conservation and Climate Change Action	The Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI), the Proceso de Comunidades Negras (PCN) and the Coordenação Nacional de Articulação das Comunidades Negras Rurais Quilombolas (CONAQ), in partnership with the Vice Presidency of the Republic of Colombia	Mixed	Bogota, Colombia	In person	June 11-14	Disseminating inter- American standards related to Afro- descendent people and their role in the protection of biodiversity in strategic ecosystems and the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change
Inter-American Forum against Discrimination within the framework of the fifty-fourth ordinary period of sessions of the OAS General Assembly	Race and Equality	Mixed	Paraguay	In person	June 25	Disseminating the inter- American system and its mechanisms
Promotional visit to the Dominican Republic	Race and Equality	Mixed	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	Online	October 1–5	Disseminating the inter- American system and its mechanisms
Thirty-fifth period of sessions of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent		Mixed	New York, U.S.A.	Online	December 2	Disseminating inter- American standards on the rights of Afro- descendants and the elimination of racial discrimination





RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TRAINING ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained				
First National Meeting of the Network of Afro-Honduran Lawyers	Increasing knowledge about access to the justice system	Civil society	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Online	May 10	Figure not available				
Training program "Achieving Equity: Tools from the Inter- American System and the Universal Human Rights Protection System." Panel "Equitable and Restorative Justice"	Broadening knowledge about the mechanisms offered by the inter-American and universal systems for the protection of human rights	Civil society	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	In person	October 2	Figure not available				
Program for raising awareness about the rights of persons and peoples of African descent	Driving knowledge about the mechanisms available under the inter- American system for the protection of human rights	National human rights institutions across the region	San José, Costa Rica	Online	September 25	Figure not available				

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

200. In November 2011, at its 143rd period of sessions, the Commission <u>created</u> a specialized unit in this area within its Executive Secretariat, which became fully operative on February 15, 2014. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Trans, Bisexual, and Intersex (LGBTI) Persons started up on <u>February 1, 2024</u>, giving continuity to the main lines of work of the LGBTI Unit, addressing issues of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and body diversity. For more information, go to: <u>OAS :: IACHR</u> <u>:: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Persons (oas.org)</u>.



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RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF LGBTI PERSONS PROMOTION ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective				
Building an LGBTIQ+ database in Latin America and the Caribbean	Red Sin Violencia LGBTI	Mixed	Colombia	Online	March 14	Discussing the creation of a regional LGBTIQ+ statistical database in the region				
Release of a Guía de lenguaje incluyente y buenas prácticas para erradicar los discursos de odio en materia de diversidad sexual by the Human Rights Commission of the state of Jalisco (CEDHJ)	CEDHJ	Mixed	Jalisco, Mexico	Online	March 19	Releasing the Guía de lenguaje incluyente y buenas prácticas para erradicar los discursos de odio en materia de diversidad sexual				
Commemoration of International Transgender Day of Visibility at an OAS Permanent Council meeting	LGBTI Core Group of the OAS	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Blended	April 17	Commemorating the International Transgender Day of Visibility (CP/INF. 10164/24)				
Roundtable and technical dialogue on how to end the so- called conversion therapy	LGBTI Core Group of the OAS	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Blended	April 19	Discussing the causes and consequences of the practices known as "conversion therapy"				
Police, Law Enforcement, and LGBTI+ Communities: Best Practices in Training and Capacity-Building	LGBTI Core Group of the OAS	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Blended	May 10	Facilitating a technical dialogue and the exchange of information, experiences, tactics and strategies on the treatment afforded by the police and law enforcement officials to LGBTI persons, so that the audience has a new "tool kit" available to understand the realities faced by LGBTI persons				
International relations, foreign	Ministry of Foreign	Mixed	Brasília, Brazil	Blended	June 25	Disseminating inter- American standards in				





policy and LGBTQIA+ Rights	Affairs of Brazil					the context of the International LGBTQIA+ Pride Day
Caribbean Dialogue Network meeting on the rights of LGBTI+ persons in the Caribbean	IACHR	Civil society	Caribbean	Online	October 11	Disseminating inter- American standards in connection with the rights of LGBTI+ persons
Regional Forum "Towards a Regional Protocol on the investigation of killings of LGBTIQ+ persons"	OHCHR	Civil society	City of Guatemala, Guatemala	In person	November 7–8	Disseminating guidelines for the criminal investigation of violent deaths of LGBTIQ+ persons 50 attendees
Annual Forum on Human Rights, "Building Freedom: Political Strategies for LGBTIQ+ Rights and an Inclusive Future"	Fundación Iguales, Panama	Civil society	Panama City, Panama	In person	December 4–5	Disseminating inter- American standards

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF LGBTI PERSONS
TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Name of the activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Training course on gender violence against LGBTIQ+ persons	Broadening knowledge about the mechanisms designed to investigate and punish violence in all spheres of life and guarantee the protection of victims and their families through fair and efficient proceedings	State	Ecuador	Online	May 9	88
Workshop on LGBTI jurisprudence	Improving understanding of the standards laid down by jurisprudence on the rights of LGBTI persons	Civil society	Regional	Online	May 14– June 14	30
Seminar "Reinforcing the Capacities of LGTBIQ+ Civil	Broadening knowledge about the mandate of the IACHR and about international standards	Civil society	Honduras	Online	May 30	12





Society	on the human rights of					
Organizations in Honduras"	LGBTI persons					
Training course organized by the International Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex for Latin America and the Caribbean (ILGA-LAC) on 1) IACHR monitoring mechanisms and 2) inter- American standards on the protection of the rights of LGBTI persons	Improving knowledge by the civil society on 1) IACHR monitoring mechanisms and 2) inter-American standards on the protection of the rights of LGBTI persons	Civil society	Regional	Online	June 10	12
Workshop on LGBTI jurisprudence	Improving knowledge about inter-American jurisprudence with LGBTI activists	Civil society	Asunción, Paraguay	In person	June 26	60
Training session on inter-American standards for the protection of the human rights of LGBTI persons	Strengthening knowledge by the civil society about 1) IACHR monitoring mechanisms and 2) inter-American standards on the protection of the rights of LGBTI persons	Mixed	Belém, Brasília, Brazil	In person	September 2–3	47
Training sessions to reinforce capacities, targeted at officials from the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) of Uruguay: "Sexual Diversity under a Human Rights- and Nondiscriminati on-Based Approach"	Drafting a set of practical recommendations and specific actions that can be implemented by public agencies to improve inclusion of LGBT+ persons in the labor market; reinforcing collaboration networks among several players interested in promoting diversity and equality in the workplace	State	Montevideo, Uruguay	In person	September 12–13	80





1.9. Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice

201. The Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights was created in 2019 following an analysis of the challenges to the implementation of legal and policy measures in the region in response to serious human rights violations. The Commission considered that the issue continued to be a priority for the region's countries and required close follow-up. Accordingly, it determined that the rapporteurship would support contributions to fight impunity and promote integral reparations, truth and memory in the Americas, shedding light on the structural ties between the past and the present. For more information, go to: <u>OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice</u>.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON MEMORY, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective				
II International Conference on Transitional Restorative Justice: Healing, Transforming and Building Peace, panel "New Frontiers of Transitional Restorative Justice and Dialogues Driven by Different Sources of Knowledge"	Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP)	Mixed	Bogotá, Colombia	In person	July 2- 3	Discussing "transitional restorative justice" from different perspectives				

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON MEMORY, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE TRAINING ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained				
Course "Public Policies of Memory, Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Nonrepetition," Module 4: Justice Proceedings	Discussing justice proceedings in the context of policies on memory, truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of nonrepetition, and the actions taken by the IACHR on the subject	Mixed	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Online	June 18	Figure not available				

1.10. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

202. In February 2019, the Commission created the Thematic Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to build the technical and institutional capacities necessary so that persons with disabilities are able to ensure the effective protection of their rights across the region, to create new mechanisms and to identify dynamics to achieve progress in the development of inter-American standards in line with the inter-American conventions. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities





objective is to give visibility to the human rights challenges and violations that persons with disabilities in the Americas face to ensure the effective promotion and protection of their human rights, through the different mechanisms available under the inter-American system, and to identify synergies and new opportunities to move forward in the development of robust inter-American standards and promote laws, policies and practices that guarantee the effective and equal enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities on an equal footing). For more information, go to: <u>OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (oas.org)</u>

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROMOTION ACTIVITIES											
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective					
Webinar "Information Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities"	Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection (INAI)	Mixed	Central America	Online	September 10	Disseminating inter- American standards as part of the commemoration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information 178 attendees					
Webinar "2024 International Day of Persons with Disabilities"	Mexican Federation of Human Rights Public Agencies, Federal Public Defender's Office of Brazil, Federación Iberoamericana de Ombudsman (FIO), IACHR and Public Ombudsperson Office of Colombia	Mixed	Regional	Online	December 3	Raising awareness and driving conversations about the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as the challenges and opportunities they face, in commemoration of the 2024 International Day of Persons with Disabilities; reinforcing the commitment to inclusion, equal opportunities and accessibility; and emphasizing good practices and innovative initiatives that allow persons with disabilities to fully participate in all aspects of society					





RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABIL	TIES
TRAINING ACTIVITIES	

Name of the activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Presentation by the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: "Main obstacles to punishment and reparation in cases of violence against persons with disabilities and/or structural obstacles"	Improving the exchange of significant legal, institutional and jurisprudential advances; facilitating technical support and training between the IACHR and the CCJ	Mixed	Caribbean	Online	November 7	35

1.11. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons

203. At its 171st period of sessions, held in February 2019, the Commission decided to create the Thematic Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons to expand and deepen the existing institutional framework for monitoring the protection of the rights of older persons. Previously, in March 2017, the Unit on the Rights of Older Persons had been created, during the 162nd period of sessions and within the framework of the 2017–2021 Strategic Plan, after having performed a diagnosis which highlighted that the protection of the rights of older people continued to be a priority challenge in the region that demanded close monitoring by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, also considering the adoption of the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons in 2015.

204. In 2024, in addition to the promotional activities of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons reported, the work of the Rapporteurship focused on the dissemination of the report *Human Rights of the Elderly and National Protection Systems in the Americas*. To that effect, Rapporteur De Mees participated in several promotion events about the inter-American standards on the rights of older persons in general and, specifically, on the care and autonomy of older persons, their protection against violence and abuse, and the experience of the Commission in the adoption and promotion of the Inter-American Convention on Protecting





the Human Rights of Older Persons. For more information enter: <u>OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights</u> <u>of Older Persons (oas.org)</u>

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS PROMOTION ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective				
Challenges and gaps in international human rights law and mechanisms concerning violence, abuse, and neglect of older persons in all settings, including private, public, and institutional settings, as well as specific contexts like armed conflicts, natural disasters, and pandemics	OHCHR	Mixed	Geneva, Switzerland	In person	June 14	Deepening the awareness of state agents of structural problems that give rise to human rights violations in the hemisphere and of Program 14 (Attention to the structural factors that give rise to discrimination and violence against persons in situation of exclusion, in this case, concerning older persons)				
Dissemination of the report Human Rights of the Elderly and National Protection Systems in the Americas	Network of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the American Continent (RINDHCA)	States	Regional	Online	June 6	Disseminating inter- American standards on the rights of older persons and their protection				
The World Congress, Adult Support and Care: "From Adult Guardianship to Personal Autonomy"	International Guardianship Network	Mixed	Buenos Aires, Argentina	In person	October 27- 30	Discussing international human rights standards and ethics on the support and care of adults, gender perspective and ageing, sanitary and biotechnological approaches, self- protection acts, living wills and notarized powers of attorney, financial decision- making, judicial proceedings and legal responsibility, among others				



2. Special mechanisms

2.1. Mechanism to Monitor the Recommendations Issued by the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI) for Bolivia (MESEG)

SPECIAL MONITORING MECHANISM FOR BOLIVIA (MESEG)										
		TRAININ	G ACTIVITIES							
Name of the activity	Objective	Audience*	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained				
Training on the inter- American human rights system (IAHRS), Part I	Training members of the civil society form La Paz on the IAHRS, the country report and the follow-up of the recommendations made by the GIEI	Civil society	La Paz	In person	July 1	12 (5 women)				
Training on the IAHRS, Parts I and II	Training members of the organizations of victims of La Paz on the IAHRS, the country report and the follow-up of the recommendations made by the GIEI	Civil society	La Paz	In person	July 1–2	15 (8 women)				
Training on the IAHRS, Parts I and II	Training members of organizations of victims of El Alto on the reparation mechanism and the criteria for its determination	Civil society	La Paz	In person	July 2–3	15 (8 women)				
Training on the IAHRS, Parts I and II	Training members of NGOs from Cochabamba on the reparation mechanism and the criteria for its determination	Civil society	Cochabamba	In person	July 3–4	6 (4 women)				
Training on the IAHRS, Parts I and II	Training members of organizations of victims of Cochabamba on the IAHRS, the country report and the follow-up of the recommendations made by the GIEI	Civil society	Cochabamba	In person	July 4–5	10 (6 women)				
Training workshop of	Training on the precautionary	Civil society		Online	July 1–31	N/A				





some NGOs measures from Bolivia mechanism

2.2. Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI)

SPECIAL MONITORING MECHANISM FOR NICARAGUA PROMOTION ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective				
Response of Protection Bodies to the Stripping of Nationality and Other Reprisals against a Sector of the Population Identified as Opposition	Race and Equality	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	In person	February 8	Holding conversations a year after the forced exile of 222 Nicaraguan citizens, the deprivation of nationality suffered by other 94 Nicaraguan citizens and the situation of over 91 persons who are still arbitrarily deprived of liberty for political reasons in Nicaragua				
Resisting to Continue Defending Human Rights: Reflections One Year after Forced Exile and Stripping of Nicaraguan Nationality	Race and Equality	Mixed	San José, Costa Rica	In person	March 8	40 attendees Holding conversations a year after the forced exile of 222 Nicaraguan citizens, the deprivation of nationality suffered by other 94 Nicaraguan citizens and the situation of over 91 persons who are still arbitrarily deprived of liberty for political reasons in Nicaragua				
International Solidarity for Nicaragua: Setbacks, Advancements and Future Challenges	Race and Equality	State, civil society	Geneva, Switzerland	In person	September 12	Disseminating and raising the visibility of the situation of Nicaragua in the context of the forthcoming Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and promoting the work of the MESENI				





50 attendees

SPECIAL MONITORING MECHANISM FOR NICARAGUA TRAINING ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Objective	Audience*	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained				
Training on international advocacy for human rights defenders	Training Nicaraguan human rights defenders on international advocacy concerning the serious human rights violations that have been committed in Nicaragua since 2018	Civil society	San José, Costa Rica	Blended	February 24	28				

2.3. Special Monitoring Mechanism for Venezuela (MESEVE)

SPECIAL MONITORING MECHANISM FOR VENEZUELA PROMOTION ACTIVITIES										
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience*	Location	Format	Date	Objective				
What Venezuelan migrants go through in the face of xenophobia and the absence of rights	Centro de Justicia y Paz (CEPAZ)	Civil society	Venezuela	Online	January 31	Holding a dialogue about human mobility and current migration policies, especially in the United States 35 attendees (29 women)				
The impact of Venezuela's "NGO law" on humanitarian aid and human rights	Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Blended	March 15	Holding a dialogue on the draft Law on Control, Regularization, Operations and Financing of Nongovernmental and Related Organizations. 76 attendees (37 women)				
Electoral participation in	MESEVE	Civil society	Washington, D.C.	In person	March 20	Discussing effective strategies for democratic players				





Project for Venezuela						to communicate with voters 9 attendees (4 women)
International justice in Venezuela	MESEVE	Civil society	Bogotá, Colombia	Blended	August 21– 22	Discussing the work of the Commission concerning the situation in Venezuela 54 attendees
Fifty-seventh session of the UN Human Rights Council #HRC57 on #Venezuela	MESEVE	Mixed	Geneva, Switzerland	Blended	September 20	Presenting the work of the Commission related to Venezuela

3. Follow-up on recommendations and SIMORE

205. During 2024, the Follow-up on Recommendations and Impact Section (SRI) carried out a series of promotion and training activities whose purpose was to share and publicize the features of the inter-American SIMORE. Those activities were intended to encourage member states, civil society organizations and autonomous entities to create accounts and publish information on the follow-up of recommendations on the SIMORE platform. Chapter I of this annual report contains more information on the activities undertaken in the context of the inter-American SIMORE, as well as additional activities involving joint roundtables with civil society organizations to optimize recommendation follow-up.

206. The following is a list of the main training and promotion activities conducted to disseminate and publicize the SIMORE online tool. Some additional activities related to recommendation follow-up are also listed.

207. During 2024, based on the training strategy for the use of SIMORE, the Commission continued to conduct training sessions for potential users from OAS member states, the civil society, autonomous organizations and academic institutions. Over the course of the year, the Commission organized and conducted a total of nine online sessions to provide training on the use of the inter-American SIMORE. Out of those training exercises, three were addressed to member States (June 7, July 17 and December 3), three were targeted at civil society organizations (May 9, October 31 and November 28) and three at autonomous human rights organizations (February 28, April 3 and May 8).

FOLLOW-UP SECTION PROMOTION ACTIVITIES							
Name of the activity	Organized by	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Objective	
Follow-up methodologies: SIMORE	IACHR	The Danish Institute for Human Rights	Washington, D.C., USA	Online	February 28	Sharing information on the operation of the inter-American SIMORE	





						2 attendees
Follow-up methodologies: SIMORE	IACHR	National Recommendations Tracking Database (NRTD)	Washington, D.C., USA	Online	April 3	Informing the OHCHR team about the SIMORE features 1 attendee
Follow-up methodologies: SIMORE	IACHR	The Danish Institute for Human Rights	Washington, D.C., USA	Online	May 8	Exploring collaboration and joint work areas with regard to the SIMORE 2 attendees
Follow-up of IACHR recommendations and decisions	IACHR	Chilean National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture (MNPT)	Washington, D.C., USA	Online	May 9	Informing about recommendation follow-up mechanisms, including the SIMORE 1 attendee
Caribbean Dialogue Network meeting on the follow-up of recommendations	IACHR	Civil society	Washington, D.C., USA	Online	October 31	Educating the Caribbean civil society on the work of the IACHR related to the follow-up of its recommendations 32 attendees

FOLLOW-UP SECTION
TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Name of the activity	Objective	Audience	Location	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Training on the follow-up of recommendations and precautionary measures under a gender-based approach targeted at officials of the Brazilian State	Expanding knowledge of the follow-up of recommendations and precautionary measures under a gender-based approach for officials of the Brazilian State who work specifically in the reporting of information about compliance to the IACHR	State	Brasília	In person	June 7	15
Training on the inter-American SIMORE.	Informing about the SIMORE and its use	State of Bolivia	Washington, D.C., USA	Online	July 17	7
Training on the inter-American SIMORE	Explaining how to upload the information required for Chapter V of the annual report to the SIMORE	State of Peru	Washington, D.C., USA	Online	December 3	2





Recommendation follow-up methodologies	Providing information on the process to issue and follow up on recommendations, including the use of the SIMORE	Civil society	Guatemala	In person	November 28	30
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208. In terms of the results of the strategy for the dissemination of and training on the system, at the end of 2024, the Commission had recorded a total of 228 active user accounts, with which stakeholders are able to publish information on the follow-up of the Commission's recommendations. Out of those accounts, 53 were created for 12 OAS member states (four of these were created for the State of Bolivia and two for Peru in 2024). Moreover, there are 143 active accounts for civil society organizations and universities. One of those accounts was activated in 2024 for an organization in Colombia. Finally, as of this date, there are 32 active accounts for 14 independent organizations, one of which was activated in 2024 for the MNPT. These numbers are highly significant in that they provide an important base of strategic actors allied to the inter-American SIMORE who are able to upload information on recommendation compliance through this online platform.