**Online Consultation Questionnaire for the Development of the 2024-2026 Work Plan of the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (REDESCA): Strengthening ESCER in the Americas**

The Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (REDESCA) of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is in the process of developing its Work Plan for the next three years. In this process, the participation of individuals, authorities, and organizations connected to the Inter-American Human Rights System is considered crucial.

In this context, REDESCA-IACHR invites member states, international organizations, civil society organizations, social movements, activists, academia, and experts to participate in the consultation process for the construction of REDESCA's Work Plan. The goal is to present observations on the following topics:

1. **Impact of REDESCA during 2021-2023**

The objective of this section is to gather inputs on the progress over the past three years in promoting, protecting, and defending economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights (ESCER) in the Americas, considering the role of REDESCA for this purpose.

1.1 What do you consider to be the advances or setbacks in the promotion and protection of ESCER in the region over the last three years?

1.2 Do you identify any positive impact or transformation in the respect and guarantee of ESCER during the last 3 years that can be considered to a greater or lesser extent as a result of the actions of REDESCA-IACHR?

1.3 What aspects of REDESCA's work in the years 2021-2023 do you consider successful and should be maintained in the next plan?

1.4 What aspects of REDESCA's work in the years 2021-2023 do you think could be improved?

1. **Challenges of ESCER at the Regional Level**

The definition of priorities is crucial for the three-year plan of the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (REDESCA), given its broad mandate. Therefore, the work is proposed to focus on four main challenges affecting the region in the field of ESCER: Climate Change and Environmental Rights; the interaction between Businesses and Human Rights; the implementation of Economic, Fiscal, and ESCER Guarantee Policies; and the adoption of intersectional and differentiated approaches.

During the 2024-2026 period, REDESCA will focus on the effective implementation of Inter-American Standards through public policies. In addition, special attention will be given to technical rigor as a crucial element for ESCER progress, concentrating on the development of expert knowledge and the integration of a human rights approach into public policies.

2.1 What do you consider to be the main challenges in the field of economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights currently faced by countries in the hemisphere that should be considered in the 2024-2026 Work Plan of REDESCA?

2.2 Do you have suggestions for collaborative actions to address these challenges?

2.3 Please indicate in order of importance the topics on which you believe REDESCA should focus its work during the next triennium:

* Climate Change and Environmental Rights
* Businesses and Human Rights
* Fiscal and economic policies from a human rights perspective
* Public policies for the protection and guarantee of ESCER
* Intersectional and differentiated approaches

Do you think another priority theme should be added? If yes, what?

2.4 In terms of their current impact in the region, which of the mentioned topics do you think should be addressed more urgently?

1. **Rights and subjects of the mandate**

Do you think REDESCA should prioritize any sub-regional reality or population? If yes, what sub-regional realities or population groups would you propose?

1. **Strategic use of mechanisms**

What recommendations do you have to achieve greater impact and effectiveness in the use of each of the following mandate mechanisms?

* Participation in the system of petitions and cases
* Participation in the system of precautionary measures
* Promotional activities and academic visits
* On-site working visits
* Monitoring of ESCA in the region
* Preparation of reports on the state of rights related to the mandate of REDESCA
* Public hearings
* Development of expert knowledge
* Technical advice and public policy
* Press releases
* Letters requesting information

1. **Transversal Axes**

What do you think should be the priority axes to address cross-cutting issues and populations that REDESCA works with?

Do you have any recommendations regarding specific strategies or programs that REDESCA should address in the period 2024 - 2026?

1. **Additional Information**

1. **Information about the person/organization/state responding to the questionnaire**

Please provide the following information about yourself and the organization you represent.

Basic Contact Information:

* Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Area of expertise: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Organization/entity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Classification: Please indicate the category to which your organization belongs:

* State:
	+ Title in the State Institution:
	+ State Institution Represented:
* Human Rights Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ What is the main focus of the organization:
	+ Civil and political rights \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ ESCER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Rights of historically discriminated groups \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Human rights in general \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Justice and rule of law \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Socio-legal research \_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Private Organization:
	+ Name  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Sector/Industry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Academy: which? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Other.

REDESCA invites attaching extended or supporting documents to any of the questions. The questionnaire can be answered partially or in full, depending on the available information; you can submit research, reports, and other documents that are relevant to the topic.

REDESCA appreciates the contributions received for the elaboration of the Work Plan. Please send your responses and contributions to the email address: CIDH\_DESCA@oas.org with the subject "Work Plan Questionnaire REDESCA." The deadline for receiving responses is February 4, 2024, until 23:59 (Washington, D.C. time). Information can be sent in Spanish, English, French, and/or Portuguese.

We appreciate your participation and the dissemination you can give to this document.