

CHAPTER III

Activities of Thematic and Country Rapporteurs and Promotion and Training Activities



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I. ACTIVITIES OF THE THEMATIC AND COUNTRY RAPORTEURSHIPS

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 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 Rights),² among other instruments.

2. Additionally, the Commission carries out training and promotion activities through 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 promote greater understanding and comprehension of these standards by the civil society, networks of social players and member states, 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 vulnerable situation and the historical discrimination against them. The purpose of having thematic rapporteurships is to strengthen, promote and systematize the work of the Inter-American Commission on specific issues, and raise human rights awareness among the peoples of the Americas.³ The rapporteurships also support the Commission's work in developing legal standards; contribute to disseminate 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 the provisions set forth in 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 Commission in which its rapporteurships participate. These

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

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

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

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

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 issue reports on the human rights measures they adopt.⁷ They also issue recommendations for the adoption 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 carry out working visits to States and participate in *in loco* visits by the Commission, with the consent of or invitation by 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 the Rights of Migrants (1996);
- Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child (1998);
- Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders (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 a Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression (RELE).¹³ This is a permanent office, with an independent operational structure and functions, working within the legal framework of the Commission.

8. On April 3, 2014, the Commission decided to create a Special Rapporteurship 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 strengthen and deepen its 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 the OAS Member States and other parties to the inter-American system had expressed their interest in directing greater attention to the issue of economic, social and cultural rights. These actions resulted in the Commission creating specialized institutional spaces. It was during its 146th regular period of sessions, held from October 29 to November 16, 2012, that the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commission created a Unit on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR Unit), which later became the current Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights.

9. Regarding the latest changes in the structure of the Commission's thematic rapporteurships, it should be noted that, during its 171st regular period of sessions, held from February 7 to February 16, 2019, in Bolivia, it was decided to broaden and deepen the existing institutional framework to follow up on certain matters. Specifically, the Commission decided that the Units on Memory, Truth and Justice, on Older Persons, and on Persons with Disabilities were to be transformed into rapporteurships and added to the eight existing thematic rapporteurships. In addition, the mandate of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty was expanded to include the prevention of and fight against torture, and the mandate of the Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders was expanded to include justice operators.

10. The rapporteurships have used their mandate to promote initiatives on priority issues in the region relevant to their focal areas. These regional initiatives have been strengthened through participatory information-gathering processes, including the views of States and civil society; the preparation and presentation of regional reports on pressing issues; outreach activities to disseminate knowledge about 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 a coordinated and strategic manner, taking into consideration intersectionality and the heightened risks of human rights violations against certain individuals, groups and collectives 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 their liberty, among others, which has led to actions 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 includes reports on training and promotional activities (B).

A. IACHR observation and monitoring activities in 2023

1. In loco visits

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

a. In loco visit to Bolivia

14. The Commission conducted an *in loco* visit to Bolivia from March 27 to March 31, 2023. Its goal was to observe the human rights situation in the country, focusing on the democratic institutional framework that governs relations between state bodies; the challenges faced in terms of access to justice and judicial guarantees; economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights (ESCR); and structural discrimination against groups in vulnerable situations, devoting special attention to gender and ethnic-racial discrimination, among other issues.

15. The Commission's delegation was composed of its President, Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay, and its First Vice-President, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, also Rapporteur on

the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Commissioner Joel Hernández, Rapporteur for Bolivia; Commissioner Julissa Mantilla, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and on Memory, Truth and Justice; Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty; Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum and the team of the Executive Secretariat; Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; and Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Soledad García Muñoz.

16. The Commission held several meetings in the country, including meetings with high-level state authorities such as the President and Vice-President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; authorities of the Ministries of the Presidency, Government, Foreign Affairs, Justice and Institutional Transparency, Environment and Water, Hydrocarbons and Energy, Education, Rural Development and Land, Health, and Mining and Metallurgy; directors of the executive branch departments; authorities of the Plurinational Electoral Body; speakers and members of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly; authorities from the Office of the Public Prosecutor; authorities of the judiciary and the Plurinational Constitutional Court; the governors of the departments of Santa Cruz, Chuquisaca and Cochabamba; members of the Departmental Legislative Assembly of Santa Cruz, the Office of the Mayor of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, the Office of the Ombudsperson, the Office of Vital Records; authorities of the penitentiary system; indigenous peoples' leaders; representatives of international missions to Bolivia; civil society organizations; journalists; and victims of human rights violations.

17. The Commission then issued its preliminary observations on the visit, included in Press Release No. 059/2023. In addition, following the visit, the Commission drafted a country report, which, at the time of preparing the instant chapter, was at the approval stage. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Bolivia
Dates / Locations	March 27–31, 2023; La Paz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Cochabamba and Sucre
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Democratic institutions Access to justice and judicial independence Economic, social, cultural and environmental rights Freedom of Expression Rights of Women Rights of LGBTI Persons Rights of Indigenous Peoples Rights of Afro-Descendants Human Rights Defenders
Institutions visited	The President and Vice-President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; authorities of the Ministries of the Presidency, Government, Foreign Affairs, Justice and Institutional Transparency, Environment and Water, Hydrocarbons and Energy, Education, Rural Development and Land, Health, and Mining and Metallurgy; directors of the executive branch departments; authorities of the Plurinational Electoral Body; speakers and members of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly; authorities from the Office of the Public Prosecutor; authorities of the judiciary and the Plurinational Constitutional Court; the governors of the departments of Santa Cruz, Chuquisaca and Cochabamba; members of the Departmental Legislative Assembly of Santa Cruz, the Office of the Mayor of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, the Office of the Ombudsperson, the Office of Vital Records; authorities of the penitentiary system; indigenous peoples' leaders.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	The Commission's delegation was composed of its President, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, and its First Vice-President, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, also Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Commissioner Joel Hernández, Rapporteur for Bolivia; Commissioner Julissa Mantilla, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and on Memory, Truth and Justice; Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty; Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum and the team of the Executive Secretariat;

	Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; and Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Soledad García Muñoz.
Observations	<p>During this visit, 17 years after the last time it had been to Bolivia, the Commission was able to observe unprecedented progress in terms of social inclusion and participation, given the constitutional recognition of a plurinational, multicultural State and the adoption of a productive community-based social and economic model. However, the Commission identified structural challenges that persist in the country, as well as the concerning escalation of political violence arising from extreme polarization, which has caused a rift in Bolivian society that must be overcome as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Read the preliminary observations on the visit: Link to press release</p>

b. In loco visit to Honduras

18. The Commission conducted an *in loco* visit to Honduras from April 24 to April 28, 2023. Its purpose was to observe the general human rights situation in the country.

19. The Commission’s delegation was composed of its President, Margarette May Macaulay; Second Vice-President Roberta Clarke; Commissioner Carlos Bernal Pulido, Rapporteur for Honduras; Commissioner Julissa Mantilla Falcón; Commissioner Joel Hernández; and Commissioner Stuardo Ralón. The delegation was accompanied by Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum Panszi; Chief of Staff Patricia Colchero; Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido; Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Soledad García Muñoz; and expert members of the Executive Secretariat.

20. The Commission met with different authorities from the executive branch, headed by President Xiomara Castro, and from the legislative branch and the judiciary, as well as with civil society organizations and victims of human rights violations. It also met with the national human rights institution and international human rights organizations, as well as with the international community.

21. The Commission then issued its preliminary observations on the visit, included in Press Release No. 080/2023. In addition, as a result of the visit, the Commission will prepare a country report in the coming months. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Honduras
Dates / Locations	April 24–28, 2023; La Esperanza, Tegucigalpa, Tela, San Juan and San Pedro Sula, and four penitentiary centers
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	General situation of human rights
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	The Commission’s delegation was composed of its President, Margarette May Macaulay; Second Vice-President Roberta Clarke; Commissioner Carlos Bernal Pulido, Rapporteur for Honduras; Commissioner Julissa Mantilla Falcón; Commissioner Joel Hernández; and Commissioner Stuardo Ralón. The delegation was accompanied by Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum Panszi; Chief of Staff Patricia Colchero; Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido; Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; and Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Soledad García Muñoz.
Observations	Read the preliminary observations on the visit:

	Link to press release
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2. Working, promotional and technical cooperation visits

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

a. Working visit to Peru

23. The Commission conducted a working visit to Peru from January 11 to January 13, 2023, which was preceded by a preparatory technical mission by the Executive Secretariat from December 20 to December 22, 2022. Its purpose was to meet with victims of human rights violations and their families in order to receive testimonies, complaints and information about the events that had taken place between December 7, 2022 and January 23, 2023.

24. The Commission’s delegation was composed of Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Country Rapporteur and Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty; Commissioner Joel Hernández García; and Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca.

25. The Commission held several meetings during this visit, including meetings with state authorities, civil society organizations, victims and unions.

26. Then, following the visit, it issued a country report. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Peru
Dates / Locations	January 11–13, 2023; Lima, Ica, Arequipa, Juliaca, Ayacucho and Cusco
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Democratic institutions and citizen security Freedom of Expression
Institutions visited	President of the Republic; Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, and Defense; Presidency of the Council of Ministers; Congress speaker and party representatives; authorities from the judiciary; Office of the Ombudsperson; authorities from the National Police; Office of the Public Prosecutor; and authorities from regional governments.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	The Commission’s delegation was composed of Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Country Rapporteur and Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty; and Commissioner Joel Hernández García.
Observations	Over 60 meetings were held with victims and their families, high-level government authorities and other state institutions at different levels, as well as with civil society organizations, social movements, trade unions and business associations. A total of 55 individual testimonies were received from persons claiming to be victims of human rights violations. Read the report <i>Situation of Human Rights in Peru in the Context of Social Protests</i> , prepared with information obtained during this visit. https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/informes/pdfs/2023/Informe-SituacionDDHH-Peru.pdf

b. Technical cooperation and promotional visit to Suriname

27. The visit to Suriname took place from February 6 to February 8, 2023, with the purpose of promoting cooperation actions with the State, providing information on the Commission’s working mechanisms, prioritizing the ratification of instruments and providing training on the inter-American system of human rights.

28. The Commission’s delegation was headed by its President, Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay; Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Country Rapporteur; and expert members of the Executive Secretariat.

29. The Commission released its observations on the visit in its Press Release No. 23/23. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Suriname
Dates / Locations	February 6–8, 2023; Paramaribo, capital of the country
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Strengthening of institutions through technical cooperation Capacity building on the inter-American system of human rights, its mechanisms and the universalization of inter-American instruments Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty
Institutions visited	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Police, National Assembly, Superior Court of Justice, Constitutional Court, Office of Gender Affairs and Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing The delegation also met with 25 representatives of the civil society, including representatives of indigenous peoples, staff from Anton de Kom University and from the bar association, and human rights lawyers.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	President Margarete May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons and on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination; Commissioner Stuardo Ralón, Country Rapporteur and Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty
Observations	The Commission conducted this visit in accordance with its 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, particularly in line with Program 17 on the Caribbean, and with the purpose of achieving a closer collaboration with the inter-American protection system and to encourage the State to get more involved in the work of the Commission to guarantee the enjoyment of human rights in the country. The Commission reaffirmed its commitment to increase its collaboration with state and non-state actors, especially with regard to technical cooperation, capacity building and the promotion of the ratification of inter-American conventions. IACHR concludes technical cooperation and promotional visit to the Republic of Suriname

c. Promotional visit to Paraguay

30. The promotional visit to the Republic of Paraguay took place from March 20 to March 22, 2023, with the purpose of strengthening the Commission's relation with the State, in addition to raising awareness among state actors about the work of the Commission and the principles and standards of the Inter-American system of human rights on the matter of children and adolescents. In particular, an in-person workshop was held on the right of children and adolescents to live in a family. Moreover, meetings were held with authorities, civil society organizations and adolescents on the topic of rights of children and adolescents. Lastly, the implementation of the Children First software system was discussed, as part of the tripartite agreement reached by Paraguay, the non-governmental organization Both Ends Believing and the Commission.

31. The Commission's delegation was headed by Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, First Vice-President and Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child.

32. The Commission released its observations on the visit in its Press Release No. 057/2023. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Paraguay
Dates / Locations	March 20–22, 2023
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Children and adolescents
Institutions visited	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility Ministry of Children and Adolescents Ministry of Social Development Ministry of Women Office of the Public Defender Supreme Court of Justice Committee on Children, Adolescents and Youth, Congress of Paraguay Civil society organizations
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño
Observations	Link to press release

d. Working visits to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay

33. The working visits to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay took place from June 5 to June 9, 2023, with the purpose of strengthening collaboration between the Inter-American Commission and these States with respect to the rights of Afro-descendants and the elimination of racial discrimination. The Commission's delegation provided training to officials on access to justice for Afro-descendants. It also met with Afro-descendant civil society organizations. Furthermore, the Commission issued the report *Human Rights of the elderly and national protection systems in the Americas* alongside Uruguay's National Human Rights Institution and Office of the Ombudsperson.

34. The Commission's delegation was headed by President Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination, and was accompanied by expert members of the Executive Secretariat.

35. The Commission released its observations on the visit in its Press Release No. 166/2023. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

States	Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay
Dates / Locations	June 5–9, 2023; Buenos Aires, Asunción and Montevideo
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination Rights of Older Persons
Institutions visited	<p>In Uruguay, a high-level dialogue was held with authorities from the Office of the Attorney General; the Ministries of the Interior, Social Development, Public Health, National Defense, Labor, Foreign Affairs, and Education and Culture; the National Human Rights Institution and the Office of the Ombudsperson; the National Institute for Children and Adolescents; the National Public Education Administration; and representatives of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).</p> <p>In Paraguay, the Commission took part in various high-level dialogues, including meetings with the Office of the Public Defender, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Paraguay, authorities from the National Secretariat of Culture and representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the OHCHR.</p> <p>In Argentina, the Commission held high-level meetings with the National Secretary of Human Rights, the President of the National Commission for Refugees (CONARE) and the Director of the National Institute against Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism (INADI), as well as with authorities from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. The delegation also provided training on access to justice for Afro-descendants to members of the School of the State Bar Association and officials from the Office of the Public Prosecutor and the judiciary. The Commission also held meetings with civil society organizations.</p>
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	President Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination; and expert members of the Executive Secretariat
Observations	<p>In her capacity as Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons, President Macaulay presented the report <i>Human Rights of the elderly and national protection systems in the Americas</i> in an event held jointly with Uruguay’s National Human Rights Institution and Office of the Ombudsperson.</p> <p>Link to press release</p>

e. Technical cooperation and promotional visit to St. Lucia

36. The technical cooperation and promotional visit to Saint Lucia took place from June 27 to June 30, 2023, with the purpose of tightening the Commission’s institutional relations with the country and enhancing the State’s technical cooperation ties and institutional strengthening efforts with respect to the inter-American system of human rights.

37. The Commission’s delegation was headed by its President, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay; and expert members of the Executive Secretariat.

38. The Commission released its observations on the visit in its Press Release No. 156/23. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Saint Lucia
Dates / Locations	June 27–30; Castries, capital of the country
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Strengthening of institutions through technical cooperation Capacity building on the inter-American system of human rights, its mechanisms and the universalization of inter-American instruments Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination
Institutions visited	The Office of the Prime Minister; the Attorney General; the Ministers of Public Service, Internal Affairs, Labor, and Gender Affairs; the Speaker of the Senate; the Speaker of the Assembly; the Director of the Family Court; the Parliamentary Commissioner, and the National Coordinating Committee for Human Rights. The Commission’s delegation also met with several representatives of civil society organizations.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	President Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons and 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, particularly in line with Program 17 on the Caribbean, in order to foster technical cooperation and capacity building, and to promote the ratification of the main inter-American conventions related to discrimination, racial discrimination, the rights of persons with disabilities and the rights of older persons. IACHR concludes technical cooperation and promotional visit to Saint Lucia

f. Promotional visit to New Mexico, United States

39. The promotional visit to the United States took place from July 26 to July 27, 2023, with the purpose of promoting inter-American standards to end all forms of discrimination and fostering the work of the Commission. During the visit, the delegation met with representatives from local communities, including Paguete Village, Red Water Pond Road, Crownpoint and Church Rock, as well as with Navajo Nation officials and grassroots leaders.

40. The Commission’s delegation was composed of Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, First Vice-President and Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Commissioner Roberta Clarke, Second Vice-President and Country Rapporteur; and the technical team of the Executive Secretariat. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	United States of America
Dates / Locations	July 26–27, 2023; New Mexico

Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Institutions visited	No state institutions were visited; promotional meetings were held with representatives of local communities, including Paguate Village, Red Water Pond Road, Crownpoint and Church Rock, as well as with Navajo Nation officials and grassroots leaders.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, First Vice-President and Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and Commissioner Roberta Clarke, Second Vice-President and Country Rapporteur

g. Promotional visit to Costa Rica

41. The promotional visit to Costa Rica took place from August 28 to August 29, 2023, with the aim of participating in the international symposium “Promoting the rights of Afro-descendant populations: National and international legislation and mechanisms for its implementation,” hosted by Costa Rica’s Office of the Ombudsperson. The objective of this symposium was to create a high-level space for visibility and dialogue on the rights of Afro-descendants in Costa Rica.

42. The Commission’s delegation was headed by its President, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Costa Rica
Dates / Locations	August 28–29, 2023; San José
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination
Institutions visited	No institutions were visited, but the Commission took part in the symposium, which was attended by officials from different government agencies and civil society organizations.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	President, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons and on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination
Observations	The President of the Commission participated as a panelist in the opening panel of the symposium, as well as in a panel on the complementarity of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination and Related Forms of Intolerance and a draft declaration within the United Nations. The Commission shared information on inter-American standards on the rights of Afro-descendants and the fight against racial discrimination.

h. Promotional visit to Mexico

43. The promotional visit to Mexico took place from August 30 to August 31, 2023, with the aim of participating in a #MariposasdeEsperanza meeting held by Movimiento por Nuestros Desaparecidos and in a meeting with ALDEA on collective rights of indigenous peoples.

44. The Commission’s delegation was headed by Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, First Vice-President, Country Rapporteur and Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. During the visit, a meeting was held with Secretary of Foreign Affairs Alicia Bárcena.

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

State	Mexico
Dates / Locations	August 30-31, 2023
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Missing persons Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Institutions visited	Secretariat of Foreign Affairs
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño

i. Promotional visit to Brazil

46. The promotional visit to Brazil took place from September 18 to September 23, 2023, with the purpose of providing in-person trainings and broadening the knowledge of representatives from civil society organizations in Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo about the inter-American mechanisms for the protection of human rights and about the inter-American standards for preventing, fighting and eradicating violence based on prejudice against non-normative sexual orientations and gender identities.

47. In addition, a series of courtesy visits were made to state authorities with the purpose of presenting the mandate of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI Persons to authorities from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to authorities working in areas linked to equality and nondiscrimination, such as those addressing issues related to LGBTI persons, women and racial discrimination.

48. The Commission’s delegation was headed by Commissioner Roberta Clarke, Second Vice-President and Rapporteur for the Rights of LGBTI Persons. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Brazil
Dates / Locations	September 17-23, 2023; Brasília, Ceará and Rio de Janeiro
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Right to equality and non-discrimination Rights of LGBTI Persons
Institutions visited	Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship; National Secretariat for the Rights of LGBTQIA+ Persons; Ministry of Women; Ministry of Racial Equality; Ministry of Indigenous Peoples; Federal Supreme Court; National Council of Justice Meetings were also held with the Secretariat for Diversity of the state of Ceará and with authorities from the state government of Rio de Janeiro and the program for human rights defenders. Moreover, training and advocacy activities were conducted with civil society organizations in Brasília, Ceará and Rio de Janeiro, including a meeting with the National LGBTI+ Council.

Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	Commissioner Roberta Clarke, Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Persons
Observations	By means of a series of thematic trainings, human rights defenders were provided with tools to approach the inter-American system. Through visits to state authorities, the Commission presented its strategic plan and the priority areas of work for the Rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI Persons.

j. Technical cooperation and promotional visit to Mexico

49. The Commission conducted a promotional visit to Mexico from September 25 to September 27, 2023, to participate in activities related to the Ayotzinapa case. A meeting was also held with Mexican authorities.

50. During the visit, a meeting was held with representatives from the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and the Secretariat of Home Affairs.

51. The Commission's delegation was headed by its President, Margarette May Macaulay; First Vice-President Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Country Rapporteur; Commissioner Julissa Mantilla; Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum; Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido; Assistant Executive Secretary Jorge Meza; Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; and Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Javier Palummo.

State	Mexico
Dates / Locations	September 25-27, 2023
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Special Mechanism for Follow-up of the Ayotzinapa Case Situation of human rights in Mexico
Institutions visited	Secretariat of Foreign Affairs Secretariat of Home Affairs
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	President Margarette May Macaulay; First Vice-President Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño; Commissioner Julissa Mantilla; Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum Panszi; Assistant Executive Secretary María Claudia Pulido; Assistant Executive Secretary Jorge Meza; Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Pedro Vaca; Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights Javier Palummo

k. Technical cooperation and promotional visit to Guyana

52. The technical cooperation and promotional visit to Guyana took place from November 28 to December 1, 2023, with the purpose of advancing cooperation and technical assistance, formalizing cooperation agreements and prioritizing the ratification of inter-American human rights instruments.

53. The Commission's delegation was headed by its President, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay; Second Vice-President, Commissioner Roberta Clarke; and two expert members of the Executive Secretariat.

54. The Commission issued its observations on the visit in its Press Release No. xx/23. A fact sheet on the visit is included below.

State	Guyana
Dates / Locations	November 28–30 and December 1, 2023; Georgetown
Topic(s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Strengthening of institutions through technical cooperation Formalizing cooperation agreements Prioritizing the universalization of inter-American human rights instruments Rights of Older Persons Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination Rights of LGBTI Persons
Institutions visited	Office of the President of Guyana; Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs and Governance, Finance, Education, Health and Human Services, Social Security, Housing and Water, Amerindian Affairs, Natural Resources, and Home Affairs; Office of the Attorney General/Ministry of Legal Affairs; Department of Climate Change; Civil Defense Commission; Police Force; Prison Service; Office of the Public Prosecutor; constitutional agencies and human rights commissions; UN agencies; CARICOM; and the University of Guyana The Commission’s delegation also met with several representatives of civil society organizations.
Commissioner(s) / Rapporteur(s)	IACHR President, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons and on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination; Second Vice-President Roberta Clarke, Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Persons and Country Rapporteur
Observations	The Commission made observations on the following: The Commission’s commitment to increase technical cooperation with state and non-state actors – in accordance with its 2023–2027 Strategic Plan –, to formalize cooperation agreements, to provide institutional strengthening and capacity building on inter-American human rights standards, and to prioritize the promotion and ratification of inter-American conventions. Link to press release

I. Visit to Canada

55. The promotional visit was held from December 11 to December 14, 2023, to strengthen the ties between the Commission and state and nonstate actors, and to promote inter-American standards on human rights and the Commission’s mechanisms.

56. The delegation was led by the President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, who was accompanied by specialists from the Executive Secretariat.

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

State	Canada
Dates / Locations	December 11–14, 2023; Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.
Topic (s) / Rapporteurship(s)	Strengthening institutions through dialogue with state actors. Prioritizing the universalization of inter-American human rights instruments. Promoting the inter-American human rights system, especially for civil society organizations. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child, Rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI Persons, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African-Descent and against Racial Discrimination.
Institutions visited	Global Affairs Canada Department of Justice Department for Women and Gender Equality Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Heritage Canada University of Ottawa University of Quebec at Montreal University of Toronto Toronto Metropolitan University York University The delegation also met with representatives from civil society organizations.
Commissioner / Rapporteur	IACHR President and Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons and on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay.

3. Press releases

58. As part of its mandate to monitor the situation of human rights in the Americas, during 2023, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights issued 135 press releases. Through these, the Commission had the opportunity to pronounce itself on specific situations regarding human rights violations, as well as on emerging and structural crises; to strengthen the promotion of and adherence to inter-American standards; and to recognize the good practices of the States. This contributed to broadening the Commission’s position in favor of the protection of human rights. Through this mechanism, the Commission addressed the situation of human rights in 24 of the region’s countries (Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, United States and Venezuela).

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

60. Likewise, the Commission had the opportunity to pronounce itself on various topics and situations, including human rights defenders; the rights of LGBTI persons; older persons; women; children and adolescents; migrants; persons deprived of liberty; indigenous peoples; citizen security; access to justice; and matters related to memory, truth and justice, democratic institutions, the right to freedom of expression, and economic, social and cultural rights.

61. With respect to the **rights of indigenous peoples**, the Commission followed up on the situation through 6 press releases. The Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights and the Commission urged Brazil to guarantee the survival of the Yanomami people; expressed concern about the “temporal landmark” judicial doctrine on the demarcation of indigenous territories, which will eventually put the human rights of indigenous peoples in Brazil at risk; and then welcomed the fact that the aforementioned judicial doctrine was declared unconstitutional. Moreover, the Commission voiced its concern over the situation of violence in the Pacific region of Colombia and its impact on indigenous peoples and Afro-descendant and peasant communities, and condemned the murder of indigenous adolescent members of the Murui-Muina people by armed groups in the country. In addition, alongside its Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression, the Commission called for an end to the repression against indigenous communities on the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua.

62. In relation to the **rights of women**, the Commission monitored the situation through 6 press releases, whereby it called for progress in the recognition and protection of reproductive rights in the region; called for reflection on the differentiated impacts faced by women in contexts of dictatorships and armed conflicts, and for dialogue on the importance of a gender-based approach in the processes of truth, memory and justice, by means of opening the exhibition “Being Women in the ESMA;” finally, it presented the report *Women deprived of liberty in the Americas*, which is the first regional study by the Commission on the imprisonment of women. The Commission also condemned the deaths of at least 46 women deprived of their liberty in Honduras and urged the United States’ federal and state governments to adopt measures to guarantee access to reproductive health services and prevent irreparable harm to the health and lives of women in the country.

63. The Commission also monitored the situation of **migrants** in the region through 10 press releases, by which it called on States to ensure access to fair and effective procedures for recognizing refugee status; urged the Dominican Republic to eradicate statelessness; and urged Mexico to find those responsible for the events that had taken place in the fire at the migrant detention center in Ciudad Juarez, provide reparations to the victims and adopt urgent measures to ensure nonrepetition. It also welcomed the expiration of the Title 42 public health order and called on the United States to adopt measures to ensure access to asylum and other immigration regularization mechanisms for persons in human mobility. Furthermore, the Commission released the subregional report *Human Mobility and the Obligation to Protect* and the report *Migrants and Refugees from Venezuela*.

64. Regarding the situation of **freedom of expression**, the Commission issued 24 press releases, through which it addressed specific situations related to this matter in different countries of the region. The **Commission and the Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression** rejected attacks on freedom of association in Venezuela; called for respect for standards on the use of force and on freedom of expression during social protests in Peru, and condemned the violent evictions and mass arrests at Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos; expressed their concern regarding reports of illegal surveillance of communications in the Dominican Republic; called on the State of Panama to guarantee the right to freedom of peaceful assembly, association and expression, in accordance with inter-American standards; urged the State of Guatemala to guarantee the right to protest and assembly, and rejected the persistent abuse of power for political-electoral purposes by the Office of the Public Prosecutor in that country; monitored the protests in Santa Cruz de la Sierra in Bolivia; voiced their concern over the persistent state repression against demonstrators in Cuba; and called on the State of Honduras to guarantee international standards of independence, impartiality, transparency and gender parity during the selection process of the head and deputy head of the Office of the Attorney General. In addition, the Commission urged the State of Nicaragua to cease its persecution against the Catholic Church; called to guarantee free and fair elections in Guatemala; called on Chile to ensure that a participatory process is adopted to amend laws on the use of force; and called on Argentina to respect the right to freedom of expression and inter-American standards on the use of force, and to carry out an effective, inclusive and intercultural dialogue process wherein the rights of trade unions and indigenous peoples are respected. Moreover, the Commission welcomed the release of political prisoners in Nicaragua, issued the report *Closure of civic space in Nicaragua* and condemned the arbitrary interference with academic freedom observed in the country.

65. The Commission also continued to monitor the situation of the **rights of children and adolescents**. In this regard, 7 press releases were issued, in which the Commission expressed its concern over the excessive use of force and condemned the deaths of children and adolescents in police operations in Brazil; it also expressed its solidarity with the victims of the fire at the dormitory of the Mahdia Secondary School in Guyana. The Commission also released a report with a regional analysis on organized crime and the rights of children, adolescents and young people, the challenges faced and lines of state action, and another report on the impact of organized crime on women, girls and adolescents in the countries of northern Central America, with the aim of analyzing the various forms of violence and discrimination to which these groups are exposed in the contexts of violence and insecurity in these territories. The Commission also visited Paraguay in order to deepen and strengthen its collaboration with the State and promote inter-American standards regarding the rights of children and adolescents.

66. Another issue of particular interest to the Commission is the situation of **human rights defenders**. The Commission addressed this matter through 6 press releases, whereby it noted and expressed its concern over the persistence of violence against human rights defenders. Alongside the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Latin America, the Commission warned about the persistence of impunity in cases of violations committed against human rights defenders in connection with their work, and thus urged States to prevent, investigate, punish and repair these crimes in order to guarantee the full and free exercise of the right to defend human rights. In addition, the Commission issued a report on the situation of environmental defenders in the countries of northern Central America, which analyzes the human rights environment in which defenders stand in defense of land, territory and the environment in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

67. With respect to the rights of **persons deprived of liberty**, the Commission issued 5 press releases addressing different challenges and concerns in the region. The Commission condemned the acts of violence that had taken place at the National Women's Penitentiary for Social Adaptation (PNFAS) in Honduras and urged the State to adopt immediate and effective gender-sensitive measures to guarantee the rights to life and humane treatment of women in its custody. Moreover, the Commission welcomed the release from prison of more than 200 persons deprived of their liberty for political reasons in Nicaragua but rejected their deportation and arbitrary deprivation of nationality on the part of the State. The Commission also issued the report *Women deprived of liberty in the Americas*, in which it analyzes the situation faced by incarcerated women in the region, along with the factors that led to their detention, the obstacles to accessing alternative measures and the challenges to their reintegration into society.

68. The Commission monitored the situation of the **rights of Afro-descendants and the fight against racial discrimination** through 6 press releases. On the International Day for People of African Descent, the Commission called on the States of the region to adopt concrete measures to promote respect for and recognition of the justice systems of Afro-descendant tribal communities. Furthermore, on the International Afro-Latin American, Afro-Caribbean and Diaspora Women's Day, the Commission called on States to adopt concrete measures aimed at mitigating the overrepresentation of Afro-descendant women in prison systems and to incorporate ethnic-racial and gender perspectives and apply an intersectional approach to criminal and prison policies. The Commission also expressed its concern over the impact on the rights of indigenous peoples and Afro-descendant and peasant communities, given the high levels of violence observed in the Pacific region of Colombia. In addition, the Commission released a thematic report on the economic, social, cultural and environmental rights of indigenous and tribal peoples of African descent in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, with a view to analyzing – in light of inter-American standards – the situation of the rights to collective property, a healthy environment, food and water, health and education of indigenous and Afro-descendant tribal peoples in said countries. Likewise, with the aim of strengthening the collaboration between the Inter-American Commission and States with regard to the rights of Afro-descendants and the elimination of racial discrimination, the Commission conducted working visits to Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina.

69. Regarding the **rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex persons**, the Commission followed up on their situation through 7 press releases. The Commission called on OAS member states to

promote the principle of equality and non-discrimination by developing educational programs and awareness campaigns to address prejudice and violence against lesbian women. The Commission also urged States in the region to guarantee the human rights of intersex persons – those whose bodies do not appear to conform to the medical and/or socio-cultural binary “standard” of male/female bodies – and to adopt measures aimed at ensuring a dignified life for them. In this regard, the Commission, its Special Rapporteurs, independent experts and working groups of the United Nations’ special procedures called on States to defend the inherent dignity of all persons, with no distinction whatsoever, by implementing measures to eradicate racial discrimination, exclusion, intolerance, hatred, violence and stigmatization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender-diverse (LGBT) persons. Moreover, the Commission expressed its concern over arbitrary actions and abuse of authority by Venezuelan security agents, which evidenced prejudice related to people’s sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression. The Commission also regretted the decision of the Supreme Court of Justice of Panama that did not recognize the right to civil marriage for same-sex couples and noted the wave of laws and policies submitted in the United States that sought to restrict access to healthcare for LGBTI persons. However, the Commission welcomed the ruling that declared unconstitutional the criminalization of consensual same-sex sexual relations in Barbados.

70. Additionally, regarding **memory, truth and justice**, the Commission issued 2 press releases. It commemorated the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims and highlighted the need to acknowledge the aging of victims and their families as they strive to build memory, learn the truth and achieve justice. Still, the Commission expressed its concern over the closure of the Special Commission on Political Deaths and Disappearances (CEMDP) of Brazil, and called on the State of Brazil to restore efforts to search for victims of forced disappearance during the civilian-military dictatorship within the framework of a comprehensive public policy focused on victims and family members.

71. With respect to the **rights of older persons**, the Commission issued 6 press releases, whereby it highlighted the importance of recognizing people as subjects of rights and the States’ obligation to guarantee dignity, autonomy and social security for the elderly, and encouraged all OAS member states to accede adhere to the Inter-American Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. The Commission also released the report *Human Rights of the elderly and national protection systems in the Americas*, the first report that specifically addresses the human rights of older persons in the region and describes the mechanisms provided by the States to guarantee them. The Commission also welcomed the accession of Mexico and Suriname to the Inter-American Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

72. In addition, 4 press releases were prepared on the monitoring of the situation of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights. The Commission and its Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights urged States to adopt comprehensive measures to guarantee the effective protection of homeless people in the Americas. They also expressed their solidarity with the victims of the devastating forest fires that had severely affected the state of Hawaii in the United States and voiced their concern over the occurrence of these events, which are related to multiple factors, including climate change and its impact on the weather conditions. Moreover, the Commission and its Special Rapporteurship (REDESCA) expressed their concern about violations to the right to property and access to economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, especially the right to social security of Nicaraguans who have been arbitrarily deprived of their nationality, many of them older persons whose livelihood and dignified old age was reportedly affected. In addition, the Commission and REDESCA released a thematic report on labor and trade union rights in Cuba, which aims to give visibility to the human rights violations faced by workers in the country and provide recommendations to the State to contribute to the protection of labor and union rights, as well as access to justice in relation to such rights. Moreover, the Commission released a thematic report on the economic, social, cultural and environmental rights of indigenous and tribal peoples of African descent in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, with the main goal of assessing the situation of the rights to collective property, a healthy environment, food and water, health and education of indigenous and Afro-descendant tribal peoples in said countries in view of inter-American standards.

73. Furthermore, the Commission continued to monitor **human rights crisis situations in the region**. In this regard, it observed situations of violence in the context of social protests and the deterioration of democratic institutions and human rights. The Commission repudiated the attacks against democratic institutions in Brazil; expressed its concern over the challenges faced in Bolivia during the election processes to appoint authorities for the Supreme Court of Justice, the Plurinational Constitutional Court, the Agro-environmental Court and the Council of the Judiciary; called on Chile to ensure that a participatory process was conducted to amend laws on the use of force; closely followed the situation of democratic institutions in Ecuador; and condemned the serious acts of violence observed during the general elections in Ecuador, which constitute an attack against democracy itself and against the Rule of Law. The Commission also called on the State of El Salvador to reestablish the full exercise of the rights and guarantees that had been suspended during the state of emergency declared in the country for reasons of citizen security; expressed its concern over interference in the electoral process in Guatemala, in a context of lack of independence of the Office of the Public Prosecutor and the Attorney General, and called for respect for the results of the general elections and urged the Office of the Public Prosecutor to cease all actions that jeopardized the constitutional order and the independence of the branches of government. Furthermore, the Commission voiced its concern over impeachment proceedings against justice operators in Peru. Similarly, it warned about the Congress of Peru having opened a summary investigation against the National Justice Board (JNJ), an autonomous body that is key to guaranteeing the independence and suitability of justice operators and electoral authorities in the country; it condemned the restrictions on the right to political participation and freedom of association of opposition candidates and people claiming for their rights in Venezuela; it recognized the importance of the dialogue and agreements reached between the Venezuelan government and Plataforma Unitaria, a political alliance of opposition parties, and indicated that, for the dialogues to contribute to overcoming the crisis, the State had to ensure the political participation of the opposition in the 2024 presidential elections. The Commission also condemned the violent death of at least 16 people during a police operation in the Baixada Santista region, in the state of São Paulo, Brazil, and urged the State to promptly, diligently and thoroughly investigate the events taking into account the entire chain of command, to punish those responsible and to provide full reparation to the victims and their families. Moreover, the Commission condemned the murders of Tyre Nichols and Keenan Anderson, which had occurred as a result of police violence in the United States; it condemned the massacre that had taken place in Canaán, a province north of the capital of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in the context of the ever-rising violence in the country, and urged the State to conduct a serious and unbiased investigation into the facts, to punish the perpetrators and masterminds, and to provide reparations to the victims and their families. Similarly, the Commission repudiated the acts of violence that had been recorded in several cities in Honduras and called on the State to investigate the facts in a serious, impartial and effective manner, and to draft a public policy on citizen security focused on the protection of individuals.

74. The following is a list of all press releases issued by the Commission in 2023. This list includes the 135 press releases related to its monitoring mandate, which are also included in Chapter I, where all of the Commission’s 2023 press releases are listed.

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Regional: Various Topics	Total: 40	
Title	Date	Number
<u>IACHR Issues Report on the Pandemic and Human Rights</u>	Apr. 17, 2023	66
<u>Joint Declaration for Security with Human Rights and Judicial Guarantees in the Americas</u>	Nov. 15, 2023	267
<u>The IACHR Joins the International Community to Call for Urgent Protection of the Human Rights of Civilians in International Conflicts</u>	Nov. 14, 2023	265
<u>IACHR calls to guarantee the rights of intersex older persons</u>	Oct. 26, 2023	250

<u>IACHR Notes Persistently Alarming Violence Against Rights Defenders Over the Period May–August 2023</u>	Oct. 20, 2023	248
<u>IACHR Holds Fifth Dialogue with National Human Rights Institutions from the Americas</u>	Oct. 17, 2023	247
<u>IACHR: Aging with Dignity is a Human Right in the Americas and the Caribbean</u>	Oct. 1, 2023	233
<u>IACHR Releases Subregional Report on Human Mobility and the Obligation to Protect</u>	Sept. 28, 2023	229
<u>IACHR calls on States to guarantee full enjoyment of the right to nationality</u>	Sept. 7, 2023	212
<u>The IACHR Calls on States to Respect the Justice Systems of Afro-Descendant and Tribal Communities</u>	Aug. 31, 2023	206
<u>IACHR and UN Human Rights Call on States to Guarantee Access to Justice for Defenders Who are Victims of Human Rights Violations</u>	Aug. 10, 2023	178
<u>States Must Take Concrete Action to Address the Overrepresentation of Afro-Descendant Women in Penitentiary Systems, IACHR Says</u>	July 26, 2023	170
<u>IACHR: Ongoing Violence Against Human Rights Defenders in the First Four Months of 2023</u>	June 27, 2023	138
<u>IACHR Presents Report on Women Deprived of Liberty in the Americas</u>	June 26, 2023	135
<u>IACHR: States Must Guarantee Access to Fair and Effective Procedures for Refugees</u>	June 20, 2023	128
<u>Experts Demand Data on Gender-Based Violence Against Older Persons</u>	June 14, 2023	119
<u>Sixth International Course on Public Human Rights Policies Completed</u>	June 2, 2023	111
<u>IACHR Issues Report on National Protection Systems and the Human Rights of Older Persons</u>	May 23, 2023	90
<u>States must tackle racism and stigma against LGBT persons</u>	May 16, 2023	87
<u>IACHR and REDESCA Urge States to Adopt Comprehensive Measures to Provide Effective Protection for Unhoused Persons in the Americas</u>	May 11, 2023	85
<u>IACHR: States must promote comprehensive strategies to address violence against lesbian women</u>	Apr. 28, 2023	79
<u>IACHR Presents Report on Organized Crime and the Rights of Children, Adolescents, and Young People in Northern Central America</u>	Apr. 26, 2023	77
<u>IACHR Publishes Report on Situation of Environmental Defenders in Northern Central American Countries</u>	Apr. 25, 2023	76
<u>IACHR Presents Report on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Indigenous Peoples and People of African Descent in Central American Countries</u>	Apr. 25, 2023	75
<u>IACHR Presents Report on Impact of Organized Crime on Women, Girls, and Adolescents</u>	Apr. 24, 2023	73
<u>IACHR and REDESCA: States must guarantee the human rights of trans persons and end regressive measures</u>	Mar. 31, 2023	53

IACHR: States Should Consider the Impact of the Passing of Time as an Obstacle to Access to Justice and Truth for Victims and Their Families	Mar. 24, 2023	46
IACHR and OSRESCER: Education with an Intercultural Perspective is Necessary to Eradicate Racial Discrimination	Mar. 21, 2023	42
States must protect the rights of women searching for missing persons	Mar. 8, 2023	38
2022 Was a Violent Year for the Defense of Human Rights in the Americas, IACHR Says	Feb. 21, 2023	26
IACHR calls for progress in the recognition and protection of reproductive rights in the region	Jan. 31, 2023	11
IACHR Launches "Women at the ESMA" Exhibition in Washington, DC.	Feb. 27, 2023	28
IACHR Presents Report on Women Deprived of Liberty in the Americas	June 26, 2023	135
IACHR: States Must Guarantee Access to Fair and Effective Procedures for Refugees	June 20, 2023	128
Jointly, by country: Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Visits Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay to Discuss the Rights of Afro-Descendant Persons	July 24, 2023	166
By country: Argentina	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR: Argentina Must Respect Standards for Use of Force During Protests in Jujuy Province	June 20, 2023	127
By country: Barbados	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR welcomes decision declaring criminalization of consensual same-sex relations unconstitutional in Barbados	June 19, 2023	126
By country: Bolivia	Total: 4	
Title	Date	Number
Bolivia: IACHR calls on the State to guarantee judicial elections	Sept. 26, 2023	223
IACHR Issues Preliminary Observations of On-Site Visit to Bolivia	Apr. 11, 2023	59
IACHR Announces On-Site Visit to Bolivia	Mar. 23, 2023	45
Protests in Bolivia: IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Monitor Events in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia	Jan. 17, 2023	5
By country: Brazil	Total: 7	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Welcomes the Fact That Brazil's Temporal Landmark Judicial Doctrine on the Demarcation of Indigenous Territories Has Been Declared Unconstitutional	Oct. 6, 2023	240
IACHR Concerned About Violence Against Children in Police Raids in Brazil	Sept. 28, 2023	228

<u>IACHR Condemns the Violent Deaths of at Least 16 People in Police Operations in Brazil</u>	Aug. 8, 2023	177
<u>IACHR Concerned About Brazil's Temporal milestone Judicial Doctrine which would jeopardize the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</u>	May 31, 2023	103
<u>IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights Stress That Brazil Must Ensure the Survival of the Yanomami People</u>	Feb. 8, 2023	15
<u>IACHR Condemns Attacks on Brazil's Democratic Institutions</u>	Jan. 23, 2023	6
<u>IACHR: Brazil Needs to Adopt Public Policies to Search for Victims of Forced Disappearance During the Dictatorship</u>	Jan. 12, 2023	4
By country: Canada	Total: 1	
<u>IACHR begins a Promotional Visit to Canada</u>	Dec. 11, 2023	285
By country: Chile	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
<u>IACHR Calls on Chile to Ensure Transparent, Participatory Process to Reform Legislation Concerning the Use of Force</u>	Apr. 4, 2023	55
By country: Colombia	Total: 4	
Title	Date	Number
<u>Colombia: IACHR Commends New Nationality Law</u>	Nov. 1, 2023	257
<u>IACHR Concerned About Violence in Colombia's Pacific Region and About the Impact It Has on Indigenous Peoples and on Afro-Descendant and Peasant Communities</u>	Sept. 1, 2023	208
<u>IACHR Condemns Murders of Indigenous Adolescents of the Murui-Muina People By An Illegal Armed Group in Colombia</u>	June 15, 2023	120
<u>IACHR Completes Working Visit to Colombia</u>	May 30, 2023	100
By country: Cuba	Total: 3	
Title	Date	Number
<u>IACHR and RFOE: 2 Years on from July 11 Protests, the State Must Stop Repression in Cuba</u>	Oct. 17, 2023	157
<u>IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Concerned About Persistent State Repression of Protests in Cuba</u>	May 12, 2023	86
<u>IACHR and REDESCA present the Report on Labor and Union Rights in Cuba</u>	Apr. 21, 2023	71
By country: Ecuador	Total: 2	
Title	Date	Number
<u>Ecuador: IACHR Condemns Political Violence and Warns of Attacks on Democracy</u>	Aug. 11, 2023	180
<u>IACHR closely monitors situation of democracy in Ecuador</u>	May 19, 2023	88
By country: El Salvador	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
<u>IACHR Calls on El Salvador to Reestablish Rights and Guarantees Suspended a Year Ago Under the State of Emergency</u>	Apr. 6, 2023	58

By country: United States		Total: 7
Title	Date	Number
United States: IACHR and REDESCA Express Solidarity with the Victims of the Wildfires in Hawaii	Aug. 18, 2023	187
IACHR urges the Supreme Court of the United States to Ensure Equal Rights and Non-Discrimination	July 26, 2023	169
IACHR: The United States must protect and guarantee women's right to reproductive health	June 24, 2023	134
IACHR condemns the execution of Michael Tisius, sentenced to death in the United States	June 16, 2023	124
End of Title 42: IACHR calls on United States to protect rights of migrants and refugees	May 26, 2023	99
IACHR warns against regressive health care measures that impact trans and intersex youth in the United States of America	May 25, 2023	95
IACHR condemns the deaths of Tyre Nichols and Keenan Anderson due to police violence in the United States of America	Feb. 9, 2023	19
By country: Guatemala		Total: 8
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Adopts Resolution on Human Rights and Serious Risks for the Rule of Law in Guatemala	Dec. 11, 2023	287
Guatemala: IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Reject Persistent Criminalization and Abuse of Authority for Political and Electoral Purposes in Guatemala	Nov. 18, 2023	268
The IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Urge the State of Guatemala to Protect the Right to Protest and the Right to Peaceful Assembly	Oct. 30, 2023	255
Guatemala: IACHR Urges State to Respect Constitutional Order	Oct. 4, 2023	239
IACHR Urges State of Guatemala to Respect General Election Results	Aug. 31, 2023	207
IACHR Urges State of Guatemala to Guarantee Right to Participate in General Elections and Avoid Undue Interference	Aug. 21, 2023	163
IACHR and RFOE Express Concern Over the Conviction of José Rubén Zamora in Guatemala	June 21, 2023	131
IACHR Calls for Guarantees for Free and Fair Elections in Guatemala	Mar. 3, 2023	35
By country: Guyana		Total: 3
Title	Date	Number
IACHR concludes promotional and technical cooperation visit to Guyana	Dec. 10, 2023	284
IACHR begins a Technical Cooperation and Promotional Visit to Guyana	Nov. 28, 2023	277
IACHR expresses its solidarity to the victims of the fire at the Mahdia Secondary School dormitory in Guyana	May 26, 2023	98
By country: Haiti		Total: 2

Title	Date	Number
Haiti: IACHR Condemns Massacre in a Context of Ever-Rising Violence in Haiti	Sept. 12, 2023	216
IACHR Releases Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti	Jan. 5, 2023	1
By country: Honduras	Total: 7	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Reminds Honduras that the Appointment of the Attorney General Is Crucial to Preserve Judicial Independence	Dec. 21, 2023	312
IACHR and RFOE: Honduras Must Guarantee International Standards During Selection of Attorney General	Aug. 30, 2023	204
IACHR Condemns Violence in Several Cities in Honduras	July 20, 2023	158
IACHR Condemns Deaths of At Least 46 Women in Honduran Prison	June 28, 2023	139
IACHR Presents Preliminary Observations Following On-Site Visit to Honduras	Apr. 28, 2023	80
IACHR Announces On-Site Visit to Honduras	Apr. 14, 2023	60
IACHR Condemns Murders of Rights Defenders in Honduras	Feb. 14, 2023	22
By country: Jamaica	Total: 1	
Jamaica: IACHR expresses concern regarding the proposed increase in minimum sentences for children	Dec. 28, 2023	324
By country: Mexico	Total: 6	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Calls on Mexico to Apply International Standards to the Selection of a New Member of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation	Nov. 21, 2023	269
IACHR: Nine Years After 43 Students from Ayotzinapa Went Missing, Mexico Must Persist in the Search for Truth	Sept. 26, 2023	226
IACHR Welcomes Legal Reform to Protect the Right to Autonomy of Persons with Disabilities in Mexico	June 13, 2023	118
IACHR Expresses Concern Over the Increase in Cases Concerning the Use of Pegasus Spyware in Mexico	June 2, 2023	109
Mexico: One Month After Fire at Migrant Detention Center, IACHR Urges State to Identify Responsible Parties and Ensure Nonrepetition	May 1, 2023	81
IACHR Welcomes Mexico's Ratification of the Inter-American Convention on the Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons	Apr. 19, 2023	68
By country: Nicaragua	Total: 10	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Publishes Report on Closure of Civic Space in Nicaragua	Nov. 9, 2023	262
IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Urge Nicaragua to End Repression Against Indigenous Communities in Its Caribbean Coast	Oct. 10, 2023	243
IACHR Urges State of Nicaragua to End Repression Against Roman Catholic Church	Sept. 15, 2023	218

<u>IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurships Condemn Arbitrary Interference with Academic Freedom in Nicaragua</u>	Aug. 29, 2023	201
<u>Nicaragua: IACHR and OHCHR Urge the State of Nicaragua to Release Monsignor Rolando Álvarez and Guarantee His Human Rights</u>	Aug. 18, 2023	184
<u>IACHR Rejects Ongoing Repression and Human Rights Violations in Nicaragua</u>	June 16, 2023	123
<u>Five Years into Nicaragua's Human Rights Crisis, the IACHR Calls for the Restoration of Democracy and Stresses Its Solidarity with Victims</u>	Apr. 18, 2023	67
<u>Nicaragua: IACHR and REDESCA Express Concern About Violations of Property and Social Security Rights</u>	Apr. 14, 2023	61
<u>IACHR and OHCHR Condemn Escalation of Human Rights Violations in Nicaragua</u>	Feb. 17, 2023	24
<u>IACHR Welcomes Release of Political Prisoners in Nicaragua but Rejects Arbitrary Deprivation of Nationality</u>	Feb. 13, 2023	21
By country: Panama	Total: 2	
Title	Date	Number
<u>The IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Call on the State of Panama to Protect the Right to Peaceful Protest</u>	Nov. 9, 2023	261
<u>IACHR calls on Panama to guarantee marriage equality and the right to equality and non-discrimination</u>	Mar. 24, 2023	47
By country: Paraguay	Total: 1	
Title	Date	Number
<u>IACHR Concludes Promotional Visit to Paraguay</u>	Apr. 5, 2023	57
By country: Peru	Total: 7	
Title	Date	Number
<u>IACHR Rejects Peru's Constitutional Court Decision to Implement Pardon for Alberto Fujimori</u>	Dec. 8, 2023	281
<u>Peru: IACHR expresses concern over investigation against National Justice Board and calls for due process</u>	Sept. 25, 2023	222
<u>Peru Must Respect the Applicable Standards on the Use of Force and Protect Freedom of Expression During Social Protests, the IACHR and Its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Say</u>	Aug. 3, 2023	174
<u>Peru: IACHR expresses concern over constitutional accusations against justice operators and calls for respect for due process guarantees</u>	June 21, 2023	129
<u>IACHR Releases Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Peru</u>	May 3, 2023	83
<u>Peru: IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Condemn Violent Crowd Dispersions Within National University of San Marcos</u>	Jan. 27, 2023	10
<u>IACHR to Conduct Observation Visit to Peru</u>	Jan. 9, 2023	3
By country: Dominican Republic	Total: 2	
Title	Date	Number

Dominican Republic: IACHR urges the State to Eradicate Statelessness	Sept. 29, 2023	232
IACHR and RFOE: Dominican Republic Must Investigate Spying on Investigative Journalist Using Pegasus Spyware	June 1, 2023	106
By country: Saint Lucia	Total: 2	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR concludes technical cooperation and promotional visit to Saint Lucia	July 14, 2023	156
IACHR Announces Technical Cooperation and Promotional Visit to Saint Lucia	June 27, 2023	137
By country: Suriname	Total: 3	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Welcomes Suriname's Accession to the Inter-American Convention on the Rights of Older Persons	May 24, 2023	94
IACHR concludes technical cooperation and promotional visit to the Republic of Suriname	Feb. 17, 2023	23
Human Rights Commission Announces Technical Cooperation and Promotion Visit to Suriname	Feb. 6, 2023	14
By country: Venezuela	Total: 7	
Title	Date	Number
IACHR Welcomes Release of Political Prisoners in Venezuela	Dec. 29, 2023	330
IACHR Rejects Persecution of Opposition Leaders Using Criminal Law in Venezuela	Dec. 26, 2023	315
IACHR Launches "Migrants and Refugees from Venezuela", a New Report	Nov. 8, 2023	260
Venezuela: IACHR Urges State to Implement Agreements, Including Guarantees for Political Participation	Oct. 27, 2023	253
IACHR and RFOE Reject Attacks on Freedom of Association in Venezuela	Aug. 21, 2023	189
IACHR Urges Venezuela to Refrain from Criminalizing LGBTI People	Aug. 7, 2023	176
Venezuela: Condemns Politically Motivated Persecution of Individuals in Run-Up to Elections	July 14, 2023	155

Summary:

2023 Press Releases By Numbers and Categories			
Regional: Various Topics	Jointly, by Country	By Country	TOTAL
40	1	94	135

4. Requests for Information

75. In exercising its monitoring functions, the Commission sent **81 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 Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela). Out of these letters, **66** were issued under Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights and **15** in under Article 18 of the Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

76. Through this follow-up mechanism, the Commission paid particular attention to situations related to **freedom of expression**. Of particular note were 12 requests for information on topics such as alleged risks arising from indirect restrictions on the free exercise of journalism in Colombia, the regulation of digital platforms in Brazil, the alleged interception of communications in the framework of judicial investigations in Costa Rica, statements about journalists made by the president and broadcast to the whole country, the refusal to register candidates of the Movimiento para la Liberación de los Pueblos political party in Guatemala, the disappearance of journalists in the state of Guerrero, in Mexico, the situation of freedom of expression and freedom of the press in Argentina, the Protocol for Inter-Institutional Action on the Coordination and Assistance to Journalists and Social Communicators in the Context of Disturbance to Public order in Peru, among others.

77. The situation of **persons in the context of human mobility** was another topic addressed by the Inter-American Commission. The Commission sent requests for information on the humanitarian crisis in the border between Chile and Peru; the fire at a migrant detention center in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico; and the situation of migrants in the Chaguaramas Heliport, Trinidad and Tobago.

78. With regard to the situation of **Afro-descendants and indigenous peoples**, the Commission sent a request for information on the impact of the armed conflict on indigenous peoples and Afro-Colombian and peasant communities in the Pacific region of Colombia. Likewise, the Commission sent a request for information to Suriname due to concerns over the draft law on land conversion and its effects on the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples in the country.

79. Additionally, the Commission made requests for information on **human rights defenders**. Among these, the Commission highlights the arrest of Claudia González and the raids on the homes of the relatives of Juan Francisco and Eva Siomara Sosa in Guatemala, the raid on the premises of the Movement of Dominican-Haitian Women (MUDHA) in the Dominican Republic and the murder of land defenders in Honduras.

80. Regarding **persons deprived of liberty**, the Commission sent a request for information on the situation of justice operators deprived of liberty in Guatemala.

81. Furthermore, the Commission made a request for information on Bill No. 242 of 2022 on **women** and persons searching for victims of forced disappearance in Colombia.

82. Regarding **memory, truth and justice**, the Commission made a request for information on the search for missing persons in Mexico.

83. Additionally, the Commission sent letters requesting information on the human rights situation in the country for the *2023 Annual Report* to the 35 States.

84. The following is a list of all requests for information issued by the Commission during 2023, showing the countries, dates, and topics of those requests.

Requests for Information issued in 2023				
Country(ies)	Title	Issue Date	Response	Basis
Antigua and Barbuda	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 18
Argentina	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Argentina	Request for information on the situation of freedom of expression and freedom of the press in Argentina	Aug. 30, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Bahamas	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 18
Barbados	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41
Belize	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 18
Bolivia	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Bolivia	Additional information subsequent to on-site visit	May 4, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Brazil	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Brazil	Request for information on the Regulation of Digital Platforms	May 12, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Brazil	Request for information on the investigations and proceedings conducted by the Federal Supreme Court and the Superior Electoral Court on the alleged abusive exercise of the right to freedom of expression	Oct. 12, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Canada	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 18
Chile	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Chile	Situation in borders and bills impacting migrants	July 7, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Colombia	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41

Colombia	Request for information on alleged risks arising from indirect restrictions on the free exercise of journalism	Mar. 15, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Colombia	Bill No. 242 of 2022 on women and persons searching for victims of forced disappearance	Apr. 21, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Colombia	Impact of the armed conflict on indigenous peoples and Afro-Colombian and peasant communities in the Pacific region	June 22, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Costa Rica	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Costa Rica	Request for information on the alleged interception of communications in the framework of judicial investigations	June 2, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Cuba	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 18
Dominica	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41
Ecuador	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Ecuador	Request for information on statements about journalists made by the president and broadcast to the whole country	Feb. 24, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
El Salvador	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
El Salvador	Request for information on the exceptional framework and its effects on human rights - El Salvador	May 3, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
United States	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 18
United States	United States - Excessive use of force by law enforcement	Sept. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 18
Grenada	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41
Guatemala	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Guatemala	Guatemala - Refusal to register candidates of the Movimiento para la Liberación de los Pueblos political party	Feb. 22, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Guatemala	Request for information on statements about journalists made by the president and broadcast to the whole country	Mar. 6, 2023	Yes	Art. 41

Guatemala	Guatemala - Suspension of the official announcement of the general election results	July 7, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Guatemala	Situation of justice operators deprived of liberty	July 24, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Guatemala	Arrest of Claudia González and raids on the homes of the relatives of Juan Francisco and Eva Siomara Sosa in Guatemala	Sept. 18, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Guatemala	Bill No. 6099, the Law on the Strengthening of Peace (Article 41, American Convention on Human Rights)	Oct. 2, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Guyana	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 18
Guyana	Request for information on reported freedom of expression concerns related to harassment and intimidation against journalists	May 15, 2023	Yes	Art. 18
Haiti	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41
Honduras	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Honduras	Murder of rights defenders in Honduras	Feb. 23, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Honduras	Request for information - On-site visit to Honduras	June 15, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Honduras	Threats and surveillance against the staff of the Office of the National Human Rights Commissioner (CONADEH) in Honduras	Aug. 4, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Jamaica	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41
Jamaica	Jamaica – Deportation of Haitian citizens	Aug. 11, 2023	No	Art. 41
Mexico	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Request for information on the disappearance of journalists in the state of Guerrero, Mexico, and on implemented prevention and protection measures	Jan. 13, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Follow-up on the fire at a migrant detention center in Ciudad Juárez	July 7, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Request for information on violations of the right of access to public information	Aug. 4, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Mexico	Search for missing persons in Mexico	Nov. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41

Nicaragua	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41
Panama	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Paraguay	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Paraguay	Human rights situation in the post-general election context	June 15, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Additional information subsequent to working visit	Jan. 24, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Peru - Amendments to Legislative Decree No. 1,350 which amends the Legislative Decree on Migration	Feb. 24, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Considerations on the Protocol for Inter-Institutional Action on the Coordination and Assistance to Journalists and Social Communicators in the Context of Disturbance to Public Order	Apr. 13, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Bill proposing amendments to Law No. 28,736 on the protection of indigenous peoples in isolation and initial contact in Peru	Apr. 17, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Request for information on Bill No. 2,862/2022	May 12, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Opening of disciplinary proceedings against prosecutors	May 22, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Situation on the border with Chile	July 7, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Peru - Humanitarian crisis in the southern border	July 7, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Peru - Human rights and demonstrations	July 18, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Peru	Peru - Human rights and demonstrations (ii)	July 26, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Dominican Republic	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Dominican Republic	Raid on the premises of the MUDHA in the Dominican Republic	Feb. 23, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic - Expulsion of pregnant Haitian women	Aug. 14, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 18

Saint Lucia	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 18
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 18
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	St. Vincent and the Grenadines – Gaps covering legal protection of children under the Criminal Code	Oct. 19, 2023	No	Art. 18
Suriname	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41
Suriname	Request for information on social protests in Suriname	Feb. 27, 2023	No	Art. 41
Suriname	Concerns about the draft law on land conversion and its effects on the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples in Suriname	July 26, 2023	No	Art. 41
Suriname	Investigations on the use of force in the context of indigenous demonstrations	Sept. 27, 2023	No	Art. 41
Trinidad and Tobago	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 18
Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago – Situation of persons in the context of human mobility at the Chaguaramas Heliport facility	June 21, 2023	Yes	Art. 18
Uruguay	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Uruguay	Request for information on the situation of Senator Charles Carrera Leal	Aug. 30, 2023	Yes	Art. 41
Venezuela	Request for information on the human rights situation in the country for the <i>2023 Annual Report</i>	Oct. 1, 2023	No	Art. 41

5. Reports published and approved in 2023

85. In 2023, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights published and approved **2** country reports and **10** thematic reports.

86. The following is a list of all the reports that were published and approved during this period.

2023 Reports	
Published reports	Date of Publication
Report on the Pandemic and Human Rights	Apr. 17, 2023

Report on Labor and Union Rights in Cuba	Apr. 21, 2023
Situation of Human Rights in Peru in the Context of Social Protests	Apr. 23, 2023
The Impact of Organized Crime on Women, Girls and Adolescents	Apr. 24, 2023
Report on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights of Indigenous Peoples and People of African Descent in Central American Countries	Apr. 25, 2023
Report on the Situation of Environmental Defenders in Northern Central American Countries	Apr. 25, 2023
Report on Organized Crime and the Rights of Children, Adolescents and Young People in Northern Central America	Apr. 26, 2023
National Protection Systems and the Human Rights of Older Persons	May 23, 2023
Report on Women Deprived of Liberty in the Americas	June 26, 2023
Report on Closure of civic space in Nicaragua	Sep. 23, 2023
Subregional Report on Human Mobility and the Obligation to Protect	Sept. 28, 2023
Migrants and Refugees from Venezuela	Nov. 8, 2023

II. PROMOTION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

87. The Inter-American Commission carries out its mandate to promote human rights in the region in keeping with the Organization’s Charter and its own Statute and Rules of Procedure. Through those efforts, it raises public awareness about human rights in the countries of the Americas, and it recommends measures that contribute to their protection to the OAS member states.

88. Within that framework, the IACHR conducts promotional and training activities on its work mechanisms and on the inter-American human rights standards that have been generated through the doctrine and jurisprudence of the IAHRs. The aim is to promote a greater understanding of their scope among civil society, networks of social actors, and member states and, as relevant, for their application and inclusion in decisions, legislation, and public policies with a human rights perspective.

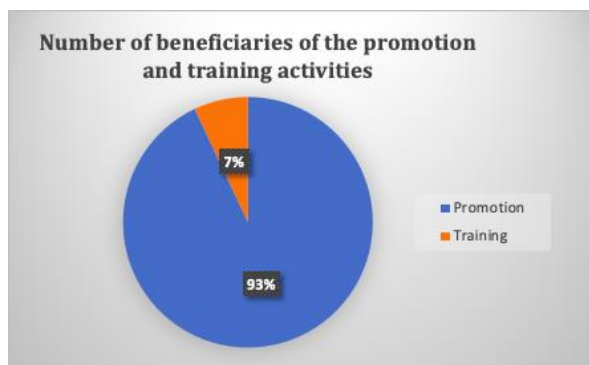
89. In 2023, with the launch of the new 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, the IACHR identified strengthening the capacity of state agents and civil society organizations to promote, respect, and guarantee human rights as one of its strategic objectives. To this end, two programs were developed: Program 20 and Program 21. They are focused on creating an orderly strategy to disseminate information and train states and

civil society on inter-American standards and the IACHR’s protection mechanisms in order to contribute to building their capacities to promote respect for human rights in the region’s countries.

90. Over the course of 2023, the IACHR continued to offer online and on-site promotional and training activities. The diversity of its online offerings allowed for greater outreach, dissemination, and accessibility by interested members of the public, who could also register for events or follows transmissions over the IACHR’s channels on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

91. A total of 321 activities were carried out during 2023: 107 training activities and 214 promotional activities, including 15 webinars. Notably, 82,959 people were able to benefit from the activities organized by the IACHR in 2023. Of that overall figure, 5,729 people were trained and 77,230 accessed IACHR promotional activities through various channels.

92. The following graphs portray the data referred to in the previous paragraph.

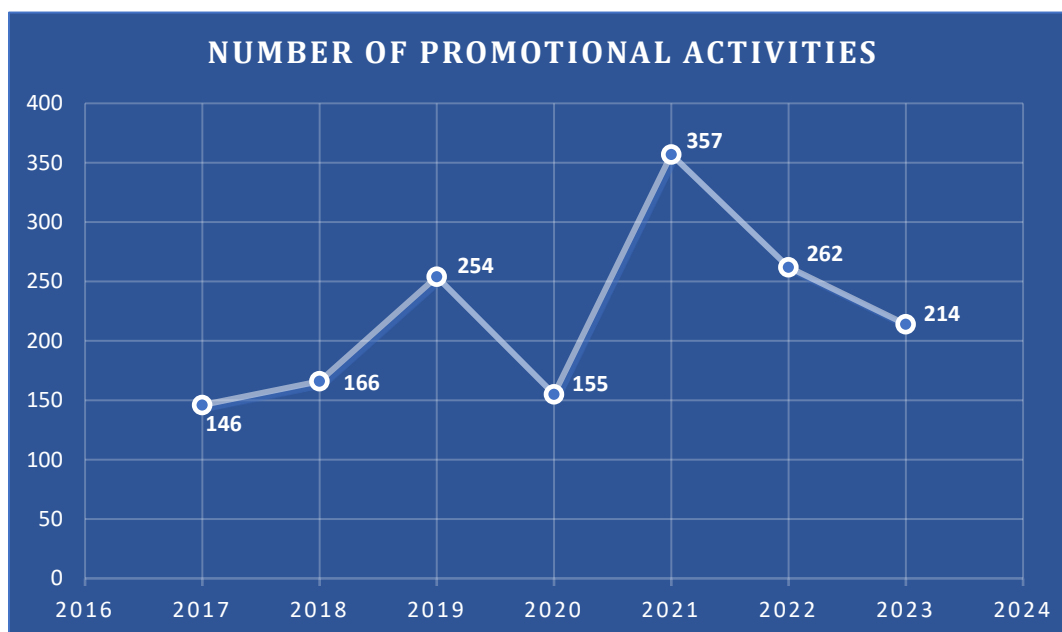


A. Promotional activities

93. The general objective of the IACHR’s promotional activities is to publicize the standards developed by the main bodies of the IAHRs and as well as the Commission’s activities and rulings, to reach as many people in the Hemisphere as possible and to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights for all people.

94. As part of the promotional activities carried out by the IACHR, 214 events were held in 2023 to promote and disseminate inter-American standards for the protection of human rights. The events reached 77,230 people who viewed them either in person or virtually.

95. The following graph shows comparative data for the promotional activities conducted over the last seven years (2017-2023).



96. The IACHR's promotional activities organized directly with other institutions are identified below:

1. Dialogue Cycle with Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice
2. Competition on thematic hearings before the IACHR – International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (CIPDH)
3. "Being Women" exhibit at ESMA
4. Other promotional activities
5. Webinars and IACHR report launches

1. Dialogue Cycle with Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice

97. Under a cooperation agreement signed by the IACHR and the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico (SCJN), the IACHR participated in the Dialogue Cycle with the Inter-American Human Rights System organized by the Supreme Court's Human Rights Directorate.

98. Between April and October 2023, the IACHR participated in four thematic sessions on the protection of human rights defenders, the right to a healthy environment, due process in procedures for determining refugee status and statelessness and the granting of complementary protection, and transformative reparations with a gender perspective. The different sessions were transmitted over synchronous virtual platforms and received a total of 65,805 views on Facebook and YouTube.

99. Data breakdown of the final impact numbers:

- 1st Dialogue (April 13): Protection of human rights defenders – 9957 views.
- 2nd Dialogue (June 8): The right to a healthy environment – 11159 views.
- 3rd Dialogue (August 24): Due process in procedures for determining refugee status and statelessness and the granting of complementary protection – 25,474 views.
- 4th Dialogue (October 4): Transformative reparations with a gender perspective – 19,215 views.

2. Competition on thematic hearings before the IACHR – International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (CIPDH)

100. The fourth edition of the Competition on thematic hearings before the IACHR was held on November 13 to 17. The activity was carried out under a pre-existing cooperation agreement with the CIPDH. The aim of the contest is for university students to explore the human rights situation in the region and the international protection systems, and, in particular, to learn about the use of the IACHR's mechanisms.

101. A total of 34 universities applied and 24 teams were selected, with more than 100 students participating from 12 of the region's countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela).

102. The theme of the 2023 competition was "Women and the right to land. Towards equity in the guarantee of rights." The situations related to the topic focused on three specific countries—Guatemala, Paraguay and Brazil—which were selected by the joint organizing institutions.

3. "Being Women" exhibit at ESMA

103. During March, the "Being Women" exhibit was organized at ESMA. This is a cultural initiative that analyzes how the Navy Mechanics School (ESMA) operated as a clandestine detention, torture, and extermination center during the last Argentine military dictatorship (1976-1983). The installation focused on women's own experiences, with survivors' testimonies that reveal the different forms of gender-based violence meted out and the initiatives of care and resistance that the women organized among themselves. It also included information on the IACHR's historic visit to the clandestine center at ESMA in 1979. This initiative was organized in commemoration of March 8, International Women's Day, and March 24, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims.

4. Other promotional activities

104. On May 25, the IACHR carried out a promotional activity on the rule of law and freedoms in Cuba and the effects of the embargo, which was organized by the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights and held in Brussels, Belgium.

105. On June 8, the Commission gave a presentation on its 2022 annual report and on corruption and human rights at the opening conference of the Seventh Ibero-American Seminar on International Justice in The Hague.

106. On June 22, a public event was held on the democratic decline in Guatemala, organized by the Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF) and the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL). During the event the IACHR presented Chapter IV.B on Guatemala and highlighted the importance of international human rights commitments and the defense of the rule of law and representative democracy.

107. On August 9, an online promotional activity organized by Amnesty International and the Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF) was held to address the issue of Prosecutions without Justice: Criminal Law Reforms in El Salvador, and to publicize the applicable inter-American standards.

108. On August 30, a promotional event on Cuba: Five Years after the Universal Periodic Review was organized by Race & Equality. The event, aimed at civil society, was held in parallel to the UN pre-sessions at which the IACHR's monitoring mechanisms with respect to Cuba were publicized.

109. On December 11 to 14, three promotional activities on the inter-American system and its mechanisms were held for 80 state and non-state actors and members of academia in the cities of Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto.

5. Webinars and IACHR report launches

110. Among the IACHR’s promotional activities in 2023, several events were held with a view to strengthening the capacities of the region’s states and civil society, with an emphasis on the relevance of the inter-American standards applicable to the protection of human rights.

111. The Commission’s webinars seek to prioritize dialogue with national institutions, international organizations, academics and intellectuals, different branches of government, diplomatic services, and regional human rights protection systems, and to highlight specific situations and social needs by inviting the participation of grassroots and community organizations, regional bodies, and human rights groups.

112. In 2023, 15 webinars were held with more than 6,888 people participating online and in person.

113. The following table provides further information on the different webinars held.

WEBINARS AND REPORT LAUNCHES		
Webinar name	Date	Attendees
Launch of the first follow-up report on the recommendations of the 2021 working visit to Colombia	January 27	624
Promotional event on labor and union rights violation patterns in Cuba	March 9	345
Pre-release of the Report on Labor and Trade-union Rights in Cuba	April 18	197
Presentation of the Report on Labor and Trade-union Rights in Cuba (Presented in Miami – on-site format)	April 21	62
Presentation of the thematic report on Organized Crime and the Rights of Children, Adolescents, and Youth: Challenges and State Actions (Presented in Honduras – on-site format)	April 24	30
Presentation of the thematic report on the Impact of Organized Crime on Women, Girls, and Adolescents in Northern Central America (Presented in Honduras – on-site format)	April 25	30

Presentation of the thematic report on Environmental Defenders in the Northern Central American Countries (Presented in Honduras – on-site format)	April 25	30
Presentation of the thematic report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Tribal People of African Descent (Presented in Honduras – on-site format)	April 25	30
Presentation of the report on the Situation of Human Rights in Peru in the Context of Social Protests (online)	May 3	4007
Presentation of the report on the Human Rights of Older Persons and National Protection Systems in the Americas (online and on-site in Uruguay)	May 23 (online) and June 6 (on-site)	405 (online) 21 (on-site)
Launch of the report on Women Deprived of Liberty in the Americas (online and on-site in Washington, D.C.)	July 20	453 (online) 13 (on-site)
Launch of the report on Human Mobility and Protection Obligations: Towards a Subregional Perspective (online and on-site in Mexico)	September 28	196 (online) 40 (on-site)
Launch during the IACHR's 188th Period of Sessions of the report on Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (online and on-site in Washington, D.C.)	November 8	1,436 (X) 263 (Facebook) 141 (YouTube)
Launch during the IACHR's 188th Period of Sessions of the Report on the Closure of Civic Space in Nicaragua (online and on-site in Washington, D.C.)	November 9	1,122 (X) 498 (Facebook) 161 (YouTube)

B. Training activities

114. The IACHR's training activities aim to build a greater understanding among civil society, social actors, and states of the Americas about the scope of the IAHRs, the use of its mechanisms, and the application and incorporation of inter-American decisions and jurisprudence into states' internal regulations, policies, and practices and into the adoption of public policies and a culture with a human rights approach, thereby contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights for all persons.

115. During 2023, the Commission continued to strengthen the online, hybrid, and on-site face training activities it offers; it conducted a total of 107 training courses, including six MOOCs/virtual classrooms,

three of which were accompanied by tutorials and live meetings and three of which were completely self-managed. In 2023, the IACHR trained a total of 5,729 people.

116. The figure below illustrates the training activities carried out over the last seven years, after which some of the training activities conducted in 2023 are described.



117. Thus, the Commission has continued to offer introductory and in-depth courses, both general and specialized. In particular, the MOOCs are developed to reach the widest possible audience, using simple and accessible language and with activities that allow the application of the mechanisms available within the system.

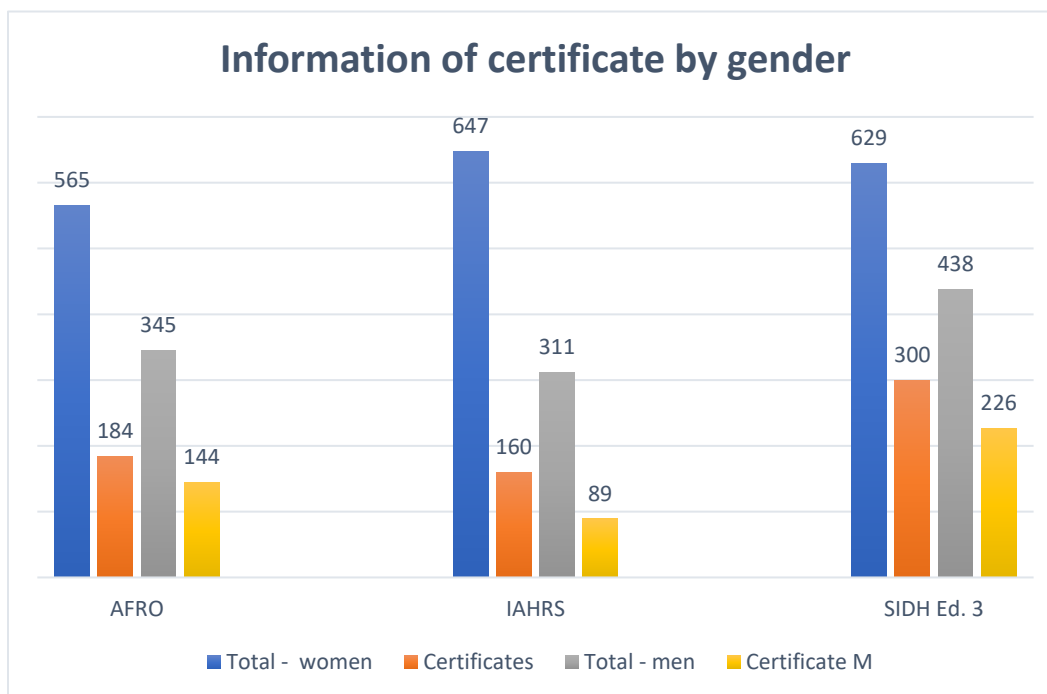
1. Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)¹⁴

118. Three massive open online courses (MOOCs) were organized during 2023. The first was the introductory MOOC on the Inter-American Human Rights System, which this year held its third edition. The second was the English-language version of the same course. The third was the MOOC on Inter-American Standards on Racial Discrimination and People of African Descent. These tools were developed through a joint effort with the OAS specialized body for virtual training platforms, the Educational Portal of the Americas.

119. MOOCs are designed for massive audiences and allow people to access the platform, the contents on offer, and the suggested activities with total autonomy, according to each participant's time and availability. This flexibility allows a greater number of people to access training activities and enables participation by those who do not have the time needed to follow more structured courses. These courses allow students to simply explore their contents or to opt for seeking certification after completing a series of evaluations of the subject matter. During 2023, a total of 2,935 people took the three MOOC courses on offer, with 1,103 of them choosing to pursue certification.

¹⁴ MOOC is an acronym for Massive Open Online Course. MOOCs are online courses that allow people to study at their own time and pace, according to their needs and situations. Since no tutors are provided, they can reach massive numbers of members of the public.

120. As regards the gender dimension, more women than men enrolled in the 2023 MOOCs, with a breakdown of 1,841 women to 1,094 men.



a. MOOC on the Inter-American Human Rights System – 3rd Edition

121. In 2023, the third edition of this course was open to all the Hemisphere's countries. The MOOC on the inter-American human rights system is a self-managed short course that allows participants to discover the inter-American system and learn about its agencies, functions, and mechanisms. It was developed using simple language to facilitate access by all persons wishing to learn about the system. It also offers in-depth material so that interested participants can learn more about the system in greater detail.

122. In total, 1,067 participants registered between January 1 and December 31, of whom 629 were women. Of the total number of participants, 526 opted to obtain the certificate. The countries with the highest certification rates were Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Ecuador, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Venezuela, Honduras, and El Salvador.

123. A targeted enrollment was open until June and, from July onwards, the MOOC was opened massively by means of an invitation published on the IACHR website.

b. MOOC on the Inter-American Human Rights System – in English

124. This MOOC, the first in English, is based on the Spanish-language MOOC on the inter-American human rights system, with adaptations to the legal systems of the English-speaking countries. The course aims to bring the IAHRS closer to states, civil society, and academics in English-speaking countries, through simple tools, using accessible language, and by means of digital resources, such as videos, audio recordings, readings, and practical activities to assist in understanding the concepts and their application.

125. The total course load is approximately 25 hours, to be completed in around five weeks. It is completely 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 situations.

126. Between January 1 and December 31, 958 participants were registered, of whom 647 were women. Of the total number of participants, 249 opted to obtain the certificate. The countries with the highest certification rates were Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Suriname, Guyana, Argentina, the United States, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, and Guatemala.

c. MOOC on Inter-American Standards on Racial Discrimination and People of African Descent

127. This course is aimed at people wishing to learn about the rights of Afro-descendants in the framework of the inter-American system and the standards it sets for the prevention, combat, and eradication of structural racial discrimination in the countries of the Americas. The course load is 30 hours, which students can complete at their own pace and at the times most convenient to them. The material uses simple and accessible language, making it suitable for different audiences.

128. The MOOC consists of five modules that explore basic concepts on the course topics, followed by a tour of the system's standards applicable to access to justice, access to representation and participation, and the labor, health, and education rights of people of African descent. Specific standards related to Afro-descendent women and LGBTI people are also analyzed in a crosscutting manner.

129. A total of 910 participants enrolled between January 1 and December 31, of whom 565 were women. Of the total number of participants, 328 opted to obtain the certificate. The countries with the highest certification rates were Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, El Salvador, and Uruguay.

2. Virtual classrooms and microcourses

130. During 2023, two virtual classrooms and one microcourse were organized. The virtual classrooms are asynchronous courses that are combined with live (synchronous) sessions; they are also equipped with an instructional tutor (from the IACHR, a specialist in the subject) and a technical support tutor. The IACHR offered virtual classrooms for specific countries, with limited participant numbers, using donor funding. Over the course of the year, 320 people participated in these three training activities.

a. Virtual classroom: Inter-American Human Rights Standards with a Focus on Human Mobility

131. Between February 15 and March 24, 2023, the IACHR conducted the Virtual Classroom on Inter-American Human Rights Standards with a Focus on Human Mobility, aimed at members of civil society organizations and public employees from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras who work on issues related to human mobility and at officials responsible for migration and refugee issues, social security, education, and health systems wishing to deepen their knowledge of the inter-American system, particularly with regard to inter-American standards on human mobility.

132. The course lasted approximately 30 hours and consisted of six modules, beginning with an introduction to the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms, including the main functions of the Commission and the Inter-American Court. It also included a review of the subject's main concepts and the system's standards related to states' specific rights and duties in different situations of human mobility.

133. The contents available on the platform were supplemented with two synchronous Zoom meetings with IACHR specialists. The training process brought together 97 people who registered to take the course: 36 from Honduras (37%), 30 from Guatemala (31%), 30 from El Salvador (31%), and one whose country was unknown (1%). In terms of gender distribution, 62 (64%) of the participants were women, 30 (31%) were men, two identified as non-binary, one was a trans woman, one was a trans man, and one preferred not to say (5%).

134. Of the 97 people who enrolled, 78 opted for certification. Significantly, 80% of the participants obtained certification, making this the virtual course with the highest completion rate and a milestone in IACHR online training.

b. Fifth edition of the Workshop on the Application of Inter-American Standards by the Judiciary: Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Panama

135. Between September 20 and October 18, 2023, the IACHR conducted the fifth edition of the online course on the Application of Inter-American Standards by the Judiciary, a virtual workshop aimed at justice operators from Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Panama.

136. The virtual classroom consisted of four modules with a total duration of approximately 10 hours. The purpose of the training was to improve the capacity of justice operators to implement inter-American standards domestically, particularly through conventionality control, in order to protect people and prevent human rights violations among vulnerable groups in particular.

137. A selection process was carried out among the 861 applicants. A total of 122 were enrolled, of whom 84 downloaded the certificate of completion.

138. The virtual classroom's materials were supplemented with two synchronous activities given by IACHR specialists on October 2 and 11.

c. Microcourse on investigation and testimony gathering for human rights defenders

139. The microcourse *Investigation of human rights violations: Documentation of cases and taking of testimonies* was conducted between November and December 2023. This first edition of the course was aimed at human rights defenders from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.

140. Microlearning is a technique that strengthens knowledge acquisition processes by prioritizing video and audio materials to assist information retention and facilitate long-term learning.

141. This course's objective is for participants to acquire practical skills in documenting human rights violations. It also seeks to familiarize them with inter-American standards on the protection of human rights defenders in the countries of northern Central America.

142. Enrollment for this first edition was 101 people, of whom 72 were women. Of the total number of participants, 54 opted to download the certificate.

143. Other training activities organized by geographic area and those provided in conjunction with other institutions are described below.

d. By geographic area:

1. Caribbean

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 focus on economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights.

1.2. CAROA and Caribbean National Human Rights Institutes (NHRIs): Training on the IAHRs and its mechanisms.

- 1.3. Haiti: Training exercises conducted jointly with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- 1.4. Saint Lucia: The work of the IACHR on the rights of persons with disabilities.
- 1.5. Suriname: Training for various public agencies, including officials with the Human Rights Office of the Ministry of Justice and Police.
- 1.6. Caribbean Dialogue Network.
- 1.7. Jamaica: On-site training on the inter-American system and its mechanisms.

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 focus on economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights

144. On October 26, 2023, the annual human rights seminar for CARICOM countries was held once again. The annual seminar, launched in 2012, is a joint project of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the George Washington University Law School (GWULS).

145. This twelfth seminar was aimed at diplomatic agents and other public employees involved in the protection, promotion, and monitoring of human rights. In this edition, the training focused on the mechanisms of the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights, with a particular focus on economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights.

146. The seminar was attended virtually by Commissioners Margarette May Macaulay and Roberta Clarke and by the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights, Javier Palummo.

147. Training was given to 36 officials from seven CARICOM countries (the Bahamas, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Suriname). Women accounted for 25 of the participants.

1.2. CAROA and Caribbean National Human Rights Institutes (NHRIs): Training on the IAHRs and its mechanisms

148. On October 18, 2023, a training exercise was held for members of the Caribbean Ombudsman Association (CAROA) and the National Human Rights Institutes (NHRIs) of the Caribbean countries. Annual human rights training for CAROA began in 2022 as a result of a meeting between the Executive Secretariat of the IACHR and the President of CAROA, at which the IACHR was asked to provide human rights training and assistance on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms.

149. The objective of this second training session was to familiarize the participants with the mechanisms of the inter-American system, particularly those of the Commission, to help them better understand how the system works, leading to the increased use of the IACHR's tools and mechanisms for the protection of human rights by Caribbean ombudspersons. This year the training focused on the filing of petitions and precautionary measures. A total of 22 people received the training, of whom 11 were women.

1.3. Haiti: Training exercises conducted jointly with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

150. Training sessions on the inter-American system and its mechanisms for human rights defenders were held jointly with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on November 13-14 and December 13. The purpose of these workshops was to improve understanding of the

inter-American human rights system (IAHRS) and, more specifically, the functioning of the IACHR's different mechanisms, in particular the human rights monitoring system, the system of petitions and cases, and the precautionary measures system. The training was in a hybrid format, with the participants at an OHCHR office in Haiti and IACHR specialists providing the training remotely. A total of 29 people were trained, of whom 12 were women.

1.4. Saint Lucia: Cooperation program for human rights capacity-building for public officials – Introduction to the inter-American human rights system

151. During its technical cooperation and promotional visit to Saint Lucia in June 2023, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted two training sessions for public officials and members of the public.

152. The topics of the training exercises were the IAHRS and its origins, composition, mandate, functions, and different mechanisms. Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay accompanied the training sessions and taught a module on the strategic use of the IAHRS for both groups.

153. The training for members of the public was held on June 29 and was attended by 15 people, all women. The training for public officials took place on June 30. A total of 18 people received training, 12 of whom were women.

1.5. Suriname: Training for various officials from the Human Rights Office of the Ministry of Justice and Police, public officials from other ministries and departments, and members of the public

154. In response to the Government of Suriname's 2020 and 2021 requests for the IACHR to conduct a technical cooperation and promotional visit, and in accordance with the continued prioritization of the Caribbean in the Commission's work plan, an IACHR delegation visited Suriname from February 6 to 8, 2023.

155. The delegation conducted three training sessions for the following groups: officials from the Human Rights Office, public officials from various other ministries and departments, and members of the public. In each instance, the training focused on defining human rights, the origin, development, and scope of the inter-American human rights system, the composition and functions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, an overview of their mechanisms (petitions and cases, precautionary measures, monitoring mechanisms), and technical cooperation. In addition, the participants were asked to model a public hearing, which was evaluated by Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay. The government officials received additional training on the specific mechanisms available to states, such as holding bilateral meetings, consultations, dialogues, and hearings, nominating candidates for the Commission, and responding to requests for information, participating in surveys, and contributing to thematic and annual reports. A total of 46 public officials and 22 members of the public received training.

156. On October 11, an online training course on the SIMORE recommendation follow-up system was held for public officials. Seven people were trained.

1.6. Suriname: Training for officials from the Human Rights Office of the Ministry of Justice and Police on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms

157. On February 7, an on-site training exercise on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms was organized for authorities of the Human Rights Bureau and staff of the National Human Rights Institute. On February 8, a second training session on the inter-American system and its mechanisms was held for 25 public employees and, on the same day, a third training session was organized for 22 participants from civil society, 19 of whom were women.

158. On May 25 and 26, a training exercise on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms was held for officials from the Human Rights Office of the Ministry of Justice and Police. The aim of this training was for participants to understand the IAHRs and, in particular, to learn how the system's different mechanisms work, especially the precautionary measures mechanism and the petition and cases system. The training sessions were attended by 14 people, of whom 12 were women. Some of the participants had attended previous training activities organized by the Commission and sought to broaden their knowledge of the system.

1.7. Jamaica: On-site training on the inter-American system and its mechanisms

159. On February 14, a training on the inter-American system and its mechanisms was held for civil society organizations; it was attended by 16 people, of whom 12 were women.

1.8. Caribbean Dialogue Network

160. On September 12, a training session was held on the inter-American system and its mechanisms, with emphasis on the use of the tools of the petitions and cases system and precautionary measures. The training was received by 30 participants, 20 of whom were women.

2. Mesoamerica

2.1. Honduras: Training for Garifuna communities in Honduras.

2.2. El Salvador: Workshop on the inter-American human rights system for nongovernmental organizations, academics, professional associations, and independent human rights defenders.

2.3. Nicaragua: Online training workshops on the petitions and cases mechanism for representatives of civil society organizations in Nicaragua.

2.4. Panama: Training for officials from the National Border Service of Panama (SENAFRONT).

2.5. Costa Rica: Workshop with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

2.1. Honduras: Training for Garifuna communities in Honduras

161. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted three training sessions for Garifuna communities in Honduras as part of its on-site visit in April 2023.

162. Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, together with IACHR specialists, provided training on the inter-American standards for combating structural racial discrimination to the communities of San Pedro Sula, Puerto Cortés, and Tegucigalpa. In particular, the course addressed the new standards set out in the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of People of African Descent.

163. Each activity used an expository-participatory methodology, which facilitated the exchange of knowledge and experiences through opportunities for dialogue during and after the presentations of the course topics. The training was received by 70 people.

2.2. El Salvador: Workshop on the inter-American human rights system for nongovernmental organizations, academics, professional associations, and independent human rights defenders

164. On October 28, the IACHR conducted a practical workshop for 40 people from non-governmental organizations, academia, professional associations, and independent human rights defenders in

El Salvador under the aegis of the Human Rights Update and Specialization Diploma organized by the Rights and Dignity Project and the Department of Legal Sciences of the UCA.

165. The training's goal was to strengthen and deepen the technical capacity of human rights defenders for activating inter-American protection mechanisms in cases of serious and urgent human rights violations. In particular, the workshop focused on the formal and substantive requirements for filing requests for precautionary and provisional measures and there was an opportunity for practical exercises and strategy design.

166. The course lasted four hours and was conducted in hybrid format.

2.3. Nicaragua: Training on the IAHR's mechanisms and petitions and cases system for Nicaraguan civil society

167. On June 13, 16, and 20, 2023, the IACHR held three online training sessions for members of Nicaraguan civil society to increase their knowledge of the inter-American system's mechanisms and facilitate their use. The main objective of this training was for participants to develop skills for submitting petitions to the IACHR and for following up on the entire processing of a petition or case until its conclusion.

168. The sessions were led by IACHR specialists, who gave a theoretical presentation of the subject matter, with time for questions and exchanges with the participants and practical activities for applying the knowledge acquired. The workshops were attended by 45 people, 29 of whom were women.

2.4. Panama: Training for officials from the National Border Service of Panama (SENAFRONT)

169. On September 25, 2023, the IACHR conducted an online training session for 50 officials from the National Border Service (SENAFRONT) of Panama.

170. The training was requested by SENAFRONT and was channeled through the Panamanian Mission to the OAS. The training was intended to develop skills to facilitate a clearer understanding of the inter-American human rights system, which will lead to a greater use of the IACHR's tools and mechanisms by officials of Panama's National Border Service.

2.5. Costa Rica: Workshop with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

171. On November 30, 2023, a workshop was held for people working in the area of human mobility in Costa Rica, focusing on precautionary measures with the support of UNHCR, at which 35 people from civil society received training.

3. Andean Region and South America

- 3.1** Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay: Training on inter-American standards on access to justice and protection of Afro-descendants for officials of the judiciary, public defenders' offices, and prosecution services
- 3.2.** Colombia: Training and eighth training workshop for officials on procedural aspects of friendly settlements
- 3.3.** Brazil: Workshops on basic concepts of the petitions and cases system website, and classes on the IAHR and IACHR – Discipline of public international law and on the inter-American human rights system and the IACHR's mandate
- 3.4.** Ecuador: Training workshop about standards on the rights of persons deprived of liberty for staff from Ecuador's executive branch

3.5. Peru: Online training workshop on precautionary measures targeted at the Sacred Watersheds of Peru organization

3.1 Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay: Training on inter-American standards on access to justice and protection of Afro-descendants for officials of the judiciary, public defenders' offices, and prosecution services

172. On June 5, 7, and 8, 2023, officials from judicial branches, public defenders' offices, and prosecution services in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay received training on inter-American standards, access to justice, and the protection of people of African descent. The aim of the training sessions was to raise awareness and increase the knowledge of civil servants regarding access to justice and the rights of Afro-descendants.

173. The training sessions were conducted in person in the three countries and were attended by Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay, who welcomed the participants before giving way to presentations by IACHR specialists who examined the Commission's mechanisms, particularly those relating to unlawful stereotypes based on ethnic and racial origin.

174. The participants also took part in a practical activity in which a hypothetical case was presented. Eighteen people were trained in Argentina, 25 in Paraguay, and 20 in Uruguay.

3.2. Colombia: Training and eighth training workshop for officials on procedural aspects of friendly settlements

175. On May 17, an on-site training session was held on the friendly settlement mechanism and its transformative impact in Colombia at the Universidad Externado de Colombia. The purpose was to inform sectors of civil society, academia, and Colombian government officials about the transformative impact of the friendly settlement mechanism. The training was received by 300 people.

176. On May 19, a training workshop was held for officials of the National Agency for the Legal Defense of the Colombian State. Eighty Colombian government officials in charge of negotiating and/or executing friendly settlement agreements received training in the theoretical and practical procedural aspects of the friendly settlement mechanism in accordance with its regulatory framework.

3.3. Brazil: Workshops on Basics of the Petitions and Cases System Website

177. Between April and September 2023, the User Support and Information Management Section conducted six training workshops for public defenders and other officials from the states of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Pará. The workshops were intended to train public defenders in the use of the IACHR's petitions and cases system website, emphasizing it out as the main tool for presenting complaints and/or requesting precautionary measures from the inter-American human rights system and their subsequent procedural follow-up. The specifics of filing petitions and requesting precautionary measures were also explored in depth. The training exercise was complemented with the analysis of a practical case study. A total of 84 defenders were trained, 42 of whom were women.

- Other workshops for IAHR users in Brazil

178. On May 9, a class was held in Brasília on the IAHR and IACHR – Discipline of public international law for academics as part of the IESB's international relations course. A total of 21 people were trained, of whom 15 were women.

179. On May 17, two classes on the inter-American human rights system and the mandate of the IACHR (intersecting with the discipline of public international law) were held at the west and north campuses of the Brasília Higher Education Institute (IESB). A total of 94 people were trained, of whom 56 were women.

180. On November 28, an online training course on the inter-American system and its mechanisms was held for the Feira de Santana Academy of International Relations and Human Rights Studies in Brazil. A total of 16 people received the training, of whom six were women.

3.4. Ecuador: Training workshop about standards on the rights of persons deprived of liberty for staff from Ecuador's executive branch

181. On June 15 and 29, 2023, two three-hour online training sessions on the rights of persons deprived of their liberty were held for personnel from Ecuador's executive branch. The training sessions were part of the commitments assumed under the Work Plan for implementing the cooperation agreement with the State of Ecuador on capacity-building regarding the rights of persons deprived of liberty, signed in September 2022 (see [Memorandum of understanding with Ecuador \(oas.org\)](#)). Specifically, the workshop was aimed at personnel of the National Service for the Comprehensive Care of Adults Deprived of their Liberty and Adolescent Offenders (SNAI), including prison security, medical, technical, and administrative staff; and applicants to the Penitentiary Security Corps, personnel of the Ministry of Women and Human Rights, Ministry of Government, Ministry of National Defense (armed forces), and the National Directorate of Human Rights of the Attorney General's Office.

182. The aim of the workshop was to promote capacity-building for Ecuadorian officials regarding the inter-American human rights system and the rights of persons deprived of their liberty. In particular, the topics covered dealt with the use of the various mechanisms offered by the inter-American human rights system, the main inter-American standards applicable to persons deprived of their freedom, and the use of pretrial detention.

183. The sessions involved presentations given by specialists from the IACHR and opportunities for questions and dynamic exchanges with the participants. A total of 70 people received the training, of whom 41 were women.

3.5. Peru: Online training workshop on precautionary measures targeted at the Sacred Watersheds of Peru organization

184. On March 31, an online training workshop on precautionary measures was held for the Sacred Watersheds of Peru organization, intended to provide basic knowledge about the IACHR's precautionary measures system and to strengthen the capacities of indigenous communities belonging to the Alliance of Sacred Watersheds of Peru in the use of that IACHR mechanism. The workshop was attended by 23 people from civil society, of whom 12 were women.

e. Training with other institutions

1. Héctor Fix Zamudio Training Course on the Inter-American Human Rights System – National Autonomous University of Mexico
2. International Course on Public Human Rights Policies – MERCOSUR Institute of Public Human Rights Policies (IPPDH)
3. Training workshop on the inter-American human rights system, standards on indigenous peoples, and IACHR mechanisms – Pan-Amazonic Ecclesial Network (REPAM)
4. Introductory training on the inter-American human rights system – Boston College School of Law
5. Training workshops for officials of institutions that provide free legal assistance in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic – OAS Department of Public Security

6. Training on the inter-American system and its mechanisms under the cooperation agreement between the IACHR and the International Institute for Social Responsibility and Human Rights (IIRESODH)

1. **Héctor Fix Zamudio Training Course on the Inter-American Human Rights System**

185. Between September 12, 2023, and February 6, 2024, the eleventh edition of the Héctor Fix Zamudio Training Course on the Inter-American Human Rights System was held in hybrid format. This activity is carried out under the collaboration agreement between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) that was signed in 2013 and renewed in 2021. The course was convened 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 Mexico office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the Electoral Judicial School of the Federal Judiciary's Electoral Court.

186. The aim of the diploma course was to provide instruction on the general characteristics (origin, legal sources, organs, mandate, mechanisms) of each of the organs that make up the inter-American human rights system, in addition to the standards and jurisprudence that have been developed with respect to certain specific human rights.

187. The course was attended by 168 students, of whom 56 were men and 112 women. Mexico contributed 163 participants, with the remaining five from Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.

188. This academic activity lasted 140 hours, with 104 hours dedicated to the mandatory modules on international human rights law, the inter-American human rights system, relevant inter-American jurisprudence, and the protection of persons in vulnerable situations. At the end of the common core modules, students could choose between three optional modules of 36 hours each on international standards on the human right of women to a life free of violence; the links between the IAHRs, the universal human rights system, and other regional systems; and other aspects of international law for the protection of the human person or political rights: conventionality control in democratic and electoral matters.

189. Between September 18 and 28, IACHR commissioners and specialists taught a total of 22 classes.

2. **International Course on Public Human Rights Policies**

190. The sixth edition of the International Course on Public Human Rights Policies, held jointly with the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Human Rights Policies (IPPDH), was announced on November 14, 2022. On January 20, 2023, the 100 people selected to attend were announced, representing 20 countries: Argentina, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

191. The International Course on Public Human Rights Policies is a comprehensive training course aimed at public sector officials responsible for the design, management, implementation, and evaluation of public policies, members of organizations and social movements, and academics from MERCOSUR and OAS member states.

192. The course held a preliminary online phase between February and April, including an optional specialization workshop on the inter-American human rights system that was attended by 63 people, 42 of

whom were women. Then, between May 29 and June 2, a week-long course was held at IPPDH headquarters, located at the Espacio Memoria y Derechos Humanos ex ESMA in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, attended by 56 participants from 15 of the region's countries. The participants at the on-site week were those who obtained the course certificate, having fulfilled the approval criteria.

193. Venues for dialogue were supplemented with theoretical and practical classes with specialists in public policy evaluation, indicator systems, and specific principles of the rights-based approach in policies to complete the course contents in classroom format, and with a panel on participation in public policies with activists and representatives of civil society organizations. During the on-site week, the participants presented their final papers with hypothetical proposals for public policies with a human rights approach.

194. The complete course consisted of 23 synchronous and on-site classes with expert speakers. The topics addressed included the following: (i) economic, social, and environmental rights, and the fight against inequality in the region; (ii) systems for the comprehensive protection of the rights of children and adolescents; (iii) communication and human rights; (iv) effective judicial protection: autonomy, protection, and integral redress for women victims of gender violence; (v) the human rights approach in public policies and their guidelines; (vi) evaluation of public policies: production, access to information, and indicator systems; and (vii) participation in public policies, among others.

3. Training workshop on the inter-American human rights system, standards on indigenous peoples, and IACHR mechanisms – Pan-Amazonic Ecclesial Network (REPAM)

195. On April 25 and 26, a training workshop was held on the inter-American human rights system, standards on indigenous peoples, and the IACHR's mechanisms, intended for representatives of territorial communities, members of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM), and human rights defenders in the pan-Amazon region. The training was carried out under the cooperation agreement signed with REPAM.

196. The training took place at IACHR headquarters and was intended to strengthen the capacities of territorial actors to promote the enforceability of their rights and for human rights defenders to accompany their searches and needs. It was complemented by a general introduction to the petitions and individual cases system and the precautionary measures system. Seven people were trained, five of whom were women.

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

197. On March 24, 2023, the IACHR held a training workshop at its headquarters for Boston College Law School students. The group consisted of 14 students, six of whom were women. The request was made by the director of the International Human Rights Protection Law Clinic at Boston College Law School.

198. The workshop was given by specialists from the IACHR and included an introductory module on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms, which was complemented with a module on the petitions and cases system and the precautionary measures system.

5. Training workshops for officials of institutions that provide free legal assistance in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic – OAS Department of Public Security

199. Between May and August 2023, IACHR specialists gave four training workshops to officials from institutions that provide free legal aid in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic. The request came through the Department of Public Security (DPS), which requested the training as part of the implementation of the project "Strengthening Access to Justice for Victims of Crime in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic – Phase II."

200. The aim of the workshops was to train agents and officials of the entities that provide free legal assistance in those four countries on issues of legal assistance to victims and victims’ rights and needs, to enable them to provide efficient services that are suited to the victims’ particular situations. In addition, the workshops followed a gender perspective and provided the attendees with training on victimization issues and on the needs of women affected by crime and violence.

201. The workshops trained 158 people (38 from Honduras, 35 from El Salvador, 44 from the Dominican Republic, and 41 from Guatemala), of whom 116 were women (27 from Honduras, 16 from El Salvador, 40 from the Dominican Republic, and 33 from Guatemala).

6. Training on the inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms within the framework of the cooperation agreement between the IACHR and the International Institute for Social Responsibility and Human Rights (IIRESODH)

202. On November 28, the Commission participated in six training sessions at the International Strategic Litigation Clinic on Evidence and Orality in the Inter-American Human Rights System, organized by the IIRESODH. The activities were carried out under a cooperation agreement signed by the IACHR and the IIRESODH, and 34 people received training.

3. Other promotional and training activities on special procedures, thematic rapporteurships, and recommendation follow-up

203. Below, the IACHR provides a summary of the promotional activities carried out by the rapporteurships and other working areas of the Commission over the course of the year in the exercise of their function of promoting human rights. Many of these activities were organized in conjunction with other actors, thereby strengthening collaboration with civil society organizations, regional and international institutions, and states.

204. During 2023, the Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (ESCER) carried out 59 activities: 50 involving promotion and nine involving training. For further information on these activities, see the REDESCA annual report. The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression (RELE) conducted 38 activities: 35 for promotion and three for training. For further information on these activities, see the RELE annual report.

C. Special Mechanisms

1. MESENI – Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua

SPECIAL MONITORING MECHANISM FOR NICARAGUA PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Nicaragua: Five years of crimes against humanity	Race & Equality	Mixed	Nicaragua	On-site	April 17	Dialogue on the human rights situation in Nicaragua
Nicaragua: Political crisis and its impact on	Wilson Center	Mixed	Nicaragua	On-site	April 18	Dialogue on the human rights situation in Nicaragua

the United States of America						
Inter-American Principles on Civil Non-Profit Entities: A regional response to the closure of civic space	DPLF, WOLA, Alianza Regional, ICNL, Race & Equality, COFAVIC, Electoral Transparency, and Coalition for Freedom of Association	Mixed	Nicaragua	On-site	June 21	Presentation as part of a side event at the 53rd OAS General Assembly
The crisis in Nicaragua: A threat to democracy throughout the region	Race & Equality	Mixed	Nicaragua	On-site	June 22	Presentation on politically motivated arbitrary imprisonment and other reprisals against dissidents and those exercising their religious freedom
International justice for Nicaragua: Existing cases and new possibilities	Nicaragua Lucha Coalition	Mixed	Nicaragua	On-site	June 22	Presentation on the IACHR's actions vis-à-vis the human rights situation in Nicaragua
Session on universities and the shrinking of civic space in Nicaragua	Parliament of Nicaraguan Universities	Academia	Nicaragua	Online	July 30	Dialogue on the reduction of civic space in Nicaragua
Dialogue on the situation in Nicaragua, which has provoked a massive outflow of people from that country to other countries in the region	Technical secretariat of the Regional Integrated Framework for Protection and Solutions (MIRPS)	State	Nicaragua	Online	August 16	Dialogue for subregional cooperation such as the MIRPS
Reflections on the deepening of the Nicaraguan crisis	Race & Equality	Civil society	Nicaragua	Online	October 24	Presentation on the role of MESENI/IACHR in the protection of human rights during the Nicaraguan crisis: achievements and challenges

SPECIAL MONITORING MECHANISM FOR NICARAGUA TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience*	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Training on IAHR mechanisms: petitions and cases system for Nicaraguan civil society	Raise awareness of the inter-American system's mechanisms in order to facilitate their use.	Civil society	Nicaragua	Online	June 13	45
Training on IAHR mechanisms: petitions and cases system for Nicaraguan civil society	Raise awareness of the inter-American system's mechanisms in order to facilitate their use.	Civil society	Nicaragua	Online	June 16	45
Training on IAHR mechanisms: petitions and cases system for Nicaraguan civil society	Raise awareness of the inter-American system's mechanisms in order to facilitate their use.	Civil society	Nicaragua	Online	June 20	45

2. MESEVE – Special Monitoring Mechanism for Venezuela

SPECIAL MONITORING MECHANISM FOR VENEZUELA PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience*	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Justice and truth in Venezuela	Venezuelan civil society organizations	Civil society	Cartagena, Colombia	On-site	March 3	Dialogue on where Venezuela's redemocratization is headed (35 participants)
Dialogue with Acceso a la Justicia organization	MESEVE	Civil society	Venezuela	Online	August 14	Dialogue on the situation of the Venezuelan justice system
Dialogue with PROMEDEHUM organization	MESEVE	Civil society	Venezuela	Online	August 15	Dialogue on the situation of ESCER in Venezuela

Dialogue with the Defiende Venezuela organization	MESEVE	Civil society	Washington, D.C.	On-site	August 16	Dialogue on the closure of civic space in Venezuela
International justice scenarios for Venezuela: Where are we headed?	Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF) ▪ Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) ▪ International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) ▪ RFK Human Rights Center ▪ Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) ▪ International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) ▪ International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)	Civil society	Colombia	Hybrid	September 18	Dialogue on the use of various mechanisms for international justice and accountability (21 participants)
Dialogue with the WOLA organization	MESEVE	Civil society	Washington	On-site	October 27	Dialogue on the closure of civic space in Venezuela
Dialogue with the Foro Penal organization	MESEVE	Civil society	Venezuela	Online	September 30	Dialogue on the situation of political prisoners
Dialogue with the PROVEA organization	MESEVE	Civil society	Venezuela	Online	October 18	Dialogue on the closure of civic space in Venezuela
Dialogue with migration and nationality experts	MESEVE	Civil society	Bogotá, Colombia	Online	October 19	Dialogue on Colombia's new immigration law
Dialogue with Laboratorio de Paz	MESEVE	Civil society	Venezuela	Online	October 26	Dialogue on the disqualification of opponents

Launch of thematic report on Venezuelan migrants	MESEVE	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Hybrid	November 8	Presentation of the thematic report to OAS missions and civil society organizations (40 participants)
Dialogue with COFAVIC	MESEVE	Civil society	Washington, D.C.	On-site	November 14	Dialogue on the closure of civic space in Venezuela
Presentation of the thematic report on migrants to the R4V platform	R4V Platform (IOM – UNHCR)	Civil society	Bogotá, Colombia	On-site	December 14	Presentation of thematic report to civil society organizations and the R4V platform (IOM – UNHCR)

D. Thematic Rapporteurships

205. The thematic rapporteurships’ mandate is established in Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights and Article 18 of the IACHR’s Statute, which assign specific functions in the area of promoting human rights. Similarly, Article 15 of the IACHR’s Rules of Procedure states that the Commission may create rapporteurships to assist it in better discharging its functions and sets guidelines for their functioning.

206. The following is a brief description of the various promotional and training activities carried out by each of the thematic rapporteurships during 2023.

1. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

207. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights created the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 1990, in order to provide attention to the indigenous peoples of the Americas, who are particularly exposed to human rights violations because of their vulnerable situations, as well as to strengthen, promote, and systematize the Commission’s work in that area. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org/en/iachr/rapporteurship-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples).

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience*	Place	Format	Date	Objective
To commemorate the International Day of Indigenous Peoples, with special emphasis on indigenous youth as agents of change for	IACHR	States	United States	Hybrid	August 9	Presentation of the IACHR’s report on the Right to Self-Determination of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples to the OAS Permanent Council

self-determination in the Americas.						
International launch of the book <i>Genocidios indígenas</i>	Colombian Institute of Anthropology and History (ICANH)	Mixed	Colombia	Online	October 10	Presentation of the report on the Right to Self-Determination of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples
75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Regional dialogue of the Americas	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Mixed	Chile	Hybrid	October 25-26	Presentation on standards of access to justice for indigenous defenders and protection mechanisms Presentation on the role of systems for the protection of human rights and access to justice for indigenous peoples
The challenge of the right to self-determination of indigenous and aboriginal peoples in Peru	Autonomous Territorial Government of the Wampi's Nation and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Peru	Mixed	Peru	Hybrid	November 9	Presentation of the report on the Right to Self-Determination of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples
Interview with Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena	<i>Indigenous Debates</i> digital magazine (IWGIA)	Mixed	-	-	November 14	Presentation on the achievements, progress, and challenges of the Rapporteurship on Indigenous Peoples
International Human Rights Seminar	National Human Rights Network	Mixed	Spain and Peru	Hybrid	December 11	Presentation on the human rights achievements and challenges of indigenous peoples in Latin America and the role of the Rapporteurship

Conversation with Commissioner M. M. Macaulay on development justice and human rights: perspectives from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	University of Ottawa	Mixed	Canada	On-site	December 12	Dialogue on the situation of indigenous women and extractive industries
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RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Online training workshops on precautionary measures	Increase knowledge about the precautionary measures mechanism among indigenous communities	Sacred Watersheds of Peru organization	-	Online	March 31	23
Workshop on the inter-American human rights system, standards on indigenous peoples, and the IACHR's mechanisms - Pan-Amazonic Ecclesial Network (REPAM)	Increase the knowledge of indigenous and tribal leaders on the use of the inter-American system and its mechanisms	Civil society	United States	On-site	April 25-26	7
Training: Inter-American standards on racial discrimination and indigenous peoples	Increase awareness of inter-American standards to prevent, combat, and eradicate racial discrimination and promote indigenous peoples' rights	Navajo Nation	United States	On-site	July 27	30

2. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women

208. In 1994, the IACHR established the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women with the initial task of analyzing the extent to which the member states' laws and practices impacting women's rights met the general obligations of such regional human rights instruments as the [American Convention on Human Rights](#), the [American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man](#) and the [Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women](#) (Convention of Belém do Pará). The Commission's strategy for addressing gender issues is grounded in its mandate of promoting and protecting human rights in the Americas. In keeping with the principles of equality and non-discrimination, which are

fundamental pillars of the inter-American system’s instruments, the IACHR has identified protecting women’s rights as a priority objective in the region. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women :: Mandate \(oas.org\)](#).

RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Online consultation with regional mechanisms in preparation of the WG’s thematic report on women and girls in the context of poverty and inequality	IACHR	General		Online	January 18	Regional dialogue on challenges and opportunities for women and girls living in contexts of inequality and poverty
Forging Paths, Building Equality	CIM	States	Washington, D.C.	Hybrid	February 16	Presentation to the OAS Permanent Council in commemoration of the 95th Anniversary of the CIM
Panel session: “Protection of all women’s rights in the developing world”	University of Notre Dame	Mixed	Indiana	On-site	March 2	Presentation on women’s rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenges for protection
Keynote lecture: “MMIWG – What does the future hold for reparations and restorative justice?” Speaker: Judge Marion Buller	IACHR	Mixed	Los Angeles, California	On-site	March 8	Presentation on gender and indigeneity, and the social work of memory and truth to achieve justice
Caribbean Dialogue Network Meeting	IACHR	Civil society	Caribbean	Online	April 6	Presentation on women’s rights in the Caribbean (26 participants)
Emerging issues on the right to health: Perspectives from the African and inter-American human rights commissions	Georgetown University Law Center, O’Neill Institute	Academia	Washington, D.C.	On-site	April 18	Presentation on the standards of the inter-American system regarding sexual and reproductive rights

Implementation of the comprehensive training plan on violence: “International instruments and constitutional standards for human rights, emphasizing women, children, and adolescents”	Judiciary School, Judicial Branch of Ecuador	State	Ecuador	Online	May 5	Presentation on the standards of the inter-American system and gender violence
Presentation at the 28th Assembly and 27th Congress of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudspersons	Congress of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudspersons	Mixed	Colombia	On-site	October 4	Presentation on women and building democracy: current challenges

RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Course on international instruments and constitutional standards for human rights, emphasizing women, children, and adolescents	To increase the knowledge of judicial sector officials about inter-American standards on violence against women	State	Ecuador	Online	June 26	100

3. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants

209. In 1996, in response to the serious situation faced by internally displaced persons and migrant workers and their families in several of the Hemisphere’s countries, the IACHR decided to establish the Rapporteurship on Internally Displaced Persons and the Rapporteurship on Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. While the establishment of these rapporteurships within the IACHR helped draw more attention to the human rights of internally displaced persons and of migrants and their families, the protection and promotion of the human rights of other groups of persons in vulnerable situations in the context of human mobility has also been one of the IACHR’s main areas of focus since it was created, in light of the forced migrations of hundreds of thousands of persons who had to flee or abandon their homes as a result of the dictatorships and armed conflicts in the region throughout the 20th century.

210. In 2012, the IACHR decided to modify the mandate of the Rapporteurship on Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (now the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants), in order to respond to the multiple challenges posed by human mobility in the region, whether in the form of international or internal migration, or forced or voluntary migration. The new mandate is focused on respecting and ensuring the rights of migrants and their families, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, human trafficking victims, internally

displaced persons, and vulnerable groups of persons in contexts of human mobility. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org/en/iachr/rapporteurship-on-the-rights-of-migrants).

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience*	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Strengthening family reunification procedures for refugees and migrants in the region	Quito Process	State	Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica	On-site	May 10 and 11	Dialogue on good practices and lessons learned in policies and regulations on family unit protection and reunification among refugees and migrants in the region Presentation of the practical guide <i>How can family unit protection and family reunification be made more effective in situations of human mobility and mixed movements, and in the context of the pandemic?</i> (28 attendees)
Fourth edition of the inter-American course on protection of internally displaced persons, migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, human trafficking survivors, and returnees in need of protection in the Americas	OAS Department of Social Inclusion	Mixed	United States	Online	June 28	Dialogue on the importance of the domestic incorporation of the IACHR's decisions and recommendations on migration, asylum, and forced displacement
Principles for protecting all migrants: Regional leadership on rights	Migrant Rights Initiative, Cornell Law School Migration and Human Rights Program	Mixed	United States	Online	December 18	Dialogue with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in relation to the protection of migrants (50 people)

4. Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child

211. Between September 24 and October 13, 1998, the IACHR decided to establish the Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child with the aim of strengthening respect for the human rights of children and adolescents in the Americas. The Commission’s Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child assists in the analysis of the human rights situation of children and adolescents in the Americas. The Rapporteurship advises the IACHR in the processing of petitions, cases, and requests for precautionary and provisional measures related to children and adolescents. It also conducts visits to states and prepares studies and reports. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org).

RAPPOURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
International seminar on juvenile criminal justice: National meeting “Challenges and opportunities of the CISC Commissions under Laws 21.430 and 21.527”	Academia Humanitas Foundation of Chile	Mixed	Santiago, Chile	Online	April 13	Dialogue on the situation of adolescents in conflict with criminal law who are deprived of their freedom (200 attendees)
Dialogue round with adolescents – Rights of children with disabilities	IACHR, Save the Children Sweden, Rednnyas	Civil society	Regional	Online	May 9	Dialogue with children and adolescents with disabilities and their rights (22 attendees)
Caribbean Dialogue Network Meeting	IACHR	Civil society	Caribbean	Online	June 12	Dialogue on children’s rights in the Caribbean, including the right to education and the prevention of violence against indigenous children and adolescents (59 participants)

Event on migrant children	Missions of Chile and Colombia to the OAS / Co-sponsored by the Inter-American Dialogue	Mixed	United States	On-site	June 23	Dialogue on the situation of migrant children
Fourth Forum of National Systems for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents	IACHR	State	Monterrey, Mexico	On-site	September 19 to 21	Dialogue among states and other stakeholders to discuss progress with National Systems for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents in the region (300)
Latin American Conference on International Adoption	Ministry of Justice and Public Security of Brazil	State	Brazil	On-site	November 29	Presentation of inter-American jurisprudence on the protection of the right of children and adolescents to live in a family, particularly with respect to adoptions (120)

**RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Workshop on inter-American standards on the right of children and adolescents to live in families	Increase the knowledge of public officials on the right of children and adolescents to live in a family	State	Asunción, Paraguay	On-site	March 22	33
Training on the IAHRs and mechanisms for the protection of children and adolescents	Increase awareness and promote inter-American standards on children and the use of the system	Civil society	Brazil	Online	November 29	7

5. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Human Rights Defenders

212. In March 2011, in light of complaints it had received and seeking to give greater visibility to the importance of the role of human rights defenders, as well as of justice operators, in building a democratic society where the rule of law is fully in force, the IACHR decided to establish a rapporteurship on the rights of human rights defenders. Accordingly, the Unit on Human Rights Defenders became a rapporteurship. The Rapporteurship carries out various tasks to monitor the situation of all persons engaged in the defense of rights in the region, including the situation of justice operators. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders and Justice Operators \(oas.org\)](#).

RAPPOURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND JUSTICE OPERATORS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Conference for International Fair Trial Day and Ebru Timtik Award Ceremony	Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association and UNAM Institute for Legal Research	Mixed	Mexico	On-site	June 14	Presentation at the Ebru Timtik Award event for defenders of the right to a fair trial

6. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty

213. In March 2004, the IACHR established the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty. Since 2004, this Rapporteurship has been monitoring the situation of persons subjected to all forms of deprivation of liberty in the OAS member states. To do so, among other functions, the Rapporteurship makes visits to states, promotes the inter-American human rights system's mechanisms for protecting the rights of persons deprived of liberty, and prepares reports with specialized recommendations directed to the OAS member states in order to advance respect for and guarantees of the human rights of persons in detention. Since February 2019, the mandate of the Rapporteurship also includes preventing and fighting torture. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and to Prevent and Combat Torture \(oas.org\)](#).

RAPPOURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY AND TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TORTURE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Workshop "Women in prison: Strategic litigation to improve the understanding and conditions"	Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice	Civil society	Colombia	On-site	January 31 and February 1-2	Presentation on the standards of the inter-American system regarding women deprived of their liberty

of women in prison”						
Challenges of the criminal response to drug trafficking among particularly vulnerable populations, especially women offenders	Program for Cooperation between Latin America, the Caribbean, and the European Union on Drug Policies (COPOLAD)	Mixed	Madrid, Spain	Online	May 13	Dialogue on the impact of drug policies on women accused and/or convicted of drug-related crimes. (100 participants)
Presentation of the main findings, standards, and recommendations of the Report on Women Deprived of their Freedom in the Americas	IACHR	Civil society and academia	United States	On-site	July 20-21	Presentation of the main findings of the IACHR’s Report on Women Deprived of their Freedom in the Americas (10 participants)
International Forum: Toward the construction of decent treatment for persons deprived of their liberty and the promotion of mechanisms for the prevention and investigation of torture and other forms of mistreatment	Somos CDC civil society organization	Mixed	Honduras	Online	August 29	Presentation on the inter-American system’s standards for the decent treatment of persons deprived of liberty and the fight against torture, with an emphasis on women and LGBTI persons.
Webinar on incarcerated women in Latin America	Pan American Development Foundation (PADF)	Mixed	United States	Online	August 30	Dialogue on the impact of women’s incarceration in the region.

<p>National workshop “The importance of alternative punishments for minor drug offenses as a key element for progress toward the humanization of criminal and prison policy”</p>	COPOLAD	State	Costa Rica	On-site	October 16-18	Presentation of the Report on Women Deprived of Liberty in the Americas.
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<p>RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY AND TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TORTURE TRAINING ACTIVITIES</p>						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
<p>International seminar “Memory and perspectives of the fight against institutional prison violence”</p>	<p>Increase knowledge of inter-American standards on combating torture and on violence against women deprived of their liberty</p>	Mixed	Brazil	On-site	August 21-22	60

7. Rapporteurship On the Rights Of Persons Of African Descent And Against Racial Discrimination

214. Between February 23 and March 11, 2005, the IACHR created the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination. The main objectives of the Rapporteurship include working with the 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 civil society is focused 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 further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination \(oas.org\)](https://www.oas.org/en/iachr/rapporteurship/afro-descendants).

RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Permanent Forum on People of African Descent	United Nations	Mixed	New York	On-site	May 30 to June 2	Presentation of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People
Racial and gender violence in Latin America	Race & Equality	Mixed	New York	On-site	June 1	Presentation of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (37 participants)
Event on racial justice in D.C.	Race & Equality	Civil society	Washington, D.C.	On-site	June 6	Dialogue on the situation of Afro-descendent women in different countries of the region (Brazil, Dominican Republic, Colombia)
High-level dialogue with representatives of authorities (ministries)	IACHR	State	Montevideo, Uruguay	On-site	June 5	Presentation of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (35 participants)
Meeting with Afro-descendent civil society organizations in Uruguay	IACHR	Civil society	Uruguay	On-site	June 6	Presentation of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (10 participants)
Meeting with Afro-descendent civil society organizations in Paraguay	IACHR	Civil society	Asunción, Paraguay	On-site	June 7	Presentation of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (8 participants)

High-level dialogue with representatives of authorities (ministries)	IACHR	State	Asunción, Paraguay	On-site	June 7	Presentation of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (10 participants)
High-level dialogue with representatives of authorities (ministries)	IACHR	State	Buenos Aires, Argentina	On-site	June 8	Presentation of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (18 participants)
Dialogue on strategies for the ratification and implementation of the inter-American Conventions on racism and discrimination	CEJIL	Civil society	Argentina	On-site	June 9	Dialogue on the ratification of the Inter-American Convention against Racism by the State of Argentina, and the standards of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (7 participants)
Relaunch of the INADI Commission for the historical recognition of the Afro-Argentine community	National Institute against Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Racism (INADI)	Mixed	Argentina	On-site	June 9	Presentation on the inter-American standards for combating structural racial discrimination (30 participants)
Dissemination of the standards of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People	IACHR	Civil society	Argentina	On-site	June 9	Presentation on the inter-American standards for combating structural racial discrimination (10 participants)
Event “Afro-Peruvian Leader Award – Global Anti-Racism Champions”	United States Department of State	State	United States	On-site	August 8	Presentation on the work of the IACHR Rapporteurship on Persons of African Descent

Meeting “Beyond affirmative action: Inclusive and intersectional public policies with Afro-descendent populations in Latin America and the Caribbean”	Spanish Cooperation Training Center (AECID) and OAS	Academia and civil society	Colombia	Online	August 14	Presentation of the IACHR report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People
Event on the March to Washington: Legacy and impact in the Americas	Race & Equality	Mixed	United States	Online	August 24	Presentation of IACHR thematic reports
International symposium “Accelerating the rights of Afro-descendent populations: National and international legislation and mechanisms for implementation”	Ombudsman of Costa Rica	State	Costa Rica	On-site	August 28	Presentation of the IACHR’s work in the framework of the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Ombudsman’s Office and of the International Decade for People of African Descent.
International seminar “Five years of struggle for Marielle and Anderson”	Marielle Franco Institute	Mixed	Brazil	On-site	September 20-22	Presentation of the Country Report on Brazil (2021); and the practical guide “Situation of Human Rights in Brazil with an Ethnic and Racial Approach: Afro-descendants, Indigenous People, and Quilombolas” (2023)
Event “People of African descent in contexts of human mobility in the region: Challenges and actions for accessing, promoting, and guaranteeing their rights”	Race & Equality	Academia and civil society	Colombia	On-site	September 25	Presentation of inter-American standards

<p>Event on freedom of expression as a way to end structural discrimination</p>	<p>IACHR</p>	<p>Mixed</p>	<p>Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>On-site</p>	<p>December 7</p>	<p>Dialogue on restrictions on freedom of expression for vulnerable groups, including the exercise of this right in education contexts, and discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity in the United States</p>
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<p>RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TRAINING ACTIVITIES</p>						
<p>Activity name</p>	<p>Objective</p>	<p>Audience</p>	<p>Place</p>	<p>Format</p>	<p>Date</p>	<p>Number of people trained</p>
<p>IACHR training: Garifuna communities of San Pedro Sula</p>	<p>Increase awareness of the standards of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (2021)</p>	<p>Civil society</p>	<p>San Pedro Sula, Honduras</p>	<p>On-site</p>	<p>April 18</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>IACHR training: Garifuna communities Puerto Cortés</p>	<p>Increase awareness of the standards of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (2021)</p>	<p>Civil society</p>	<p>Puerto Cortés, Honduras</p>	<p>On-site</p>	<p>April 19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>IACHR training: Garifuna communities of Tegucigalpa</p>	<p>Increase awareness of the standards of the report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People (2021)</p>	<p>Civil society</p>	<p>Tegucigalpa, Honduras</p>	<p>On-site</p>	<p>April 20</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>Training on advances and challenges in documenting racism for advocacy and litigation</p>	<p>Increase knowledge for the identification of tools, strategies, and methods for documenting and prosecuting cases of racial discrimination</p>	<p>Civil society</p>	<p>Regional</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>May 18</p>	<p>25</p>

<p>Training: Inter-American standards on access to justice and the protection of people of African descent</p>	<p>Increase the knowledge of officials of the judiciary, public defenders' offices, prosecutors' offices, and related institutions about access to justice and the rights of Afro-descendent persons</p>	<p>State</p>	<p>Uruguay</p>	<p>On-site</p>	<p>June 5</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>Training: Inter-American standards on access to justice and the protection of people of African descent</p>	<p>Increase the knowledge of officials of the judiciary, public defenders' offices, prosecutors' offices, and related institutions about access to justice and the rights of Afro-descendent persons</p>	<p>State</p>	<p>Paraguay</p>	<p>On-site</p>	<p>June 7</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Training: Inter-American standards on access to justice and the protection of people of African descent</p>	<p>Increase the knowledge of officials of the judiciary, public defenders' offices, prosecutors' offices, and related institutions about access to justice and the rights of Afro-descendent persons</p>	<p>State</p>	<p>Argentina</p>		<p>June 8</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>Training on the work of the IACHR and the LGBTI Rapporteurship in promoting and protecting the human rights of LGBTI people of African descent</p>	<p>Increase knowledge and promote the participation of Afro-descendent LGBTI organizations before the human rights protection mechanisms of the IAHRs and the United Nations, from an approach of intersectionality and gender and sexual diversity</p>	<p>Civil society</p>	<p>Regional</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>June 15</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Training for Afro-descendent women's organizations on issues related to petitions and cases and access to justice in cases of racism and racial discrimination</p>	<p>Increase the knowledge of Afro-descendent women's organizations on the use of the inter-American system's mechanisms</p>	<p>Civil society</p>	<p>United States</p>	<p>On-site</p>	<p>June 7</p>	<p>30</p>

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

215. In November 2011, at its 143rd period of sessions, the IACHR [established](#) a specialized unit in this area within its Executive Secretariat, which become fully operative on February 15, 2014. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex (LGBTI) Persons started up on [February 1, 2014](#), giving continuity to the main lines of work of the LGBTI Unit, addressing issues of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and bodily diversity. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Trans, Bisexual, and Intersex Persons \(oas.org\)](#).

RAPPOURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF LGBTI PERSONS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Presentation of the internal protocol for attending to sexually diverse populations	Human Rights Commission of the state of Jalisco	Mixed	Jalisco, Mexico	Online	March 31	Dialogue with employees of the Ombudsman's Office on comprehensive attention for users filing complaints
ILGALAC Regional Conference - Bolivia 2023	ILGA-LAC	Civil society	La Paz, Bolivia	Online	April 24	Presentation of the work of the LGBTI Rapporteurship on the monitoring of the human rights of LGBTIQ persons
Forum "Good practices in public policies for the LGTBI population in the Americas"	LGBTI Core group to the OAS	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Online	May 4	Dialogue at the OAS on institutional action with a positive impact on the LGBTI population
Idahot Forum 2023	Council of Europe	Mixed	Reykjavík, Iceland	On-site	May 10	Presentation on the inter-American standards for the protection of LGBTI people's human rights on the occasion of the commemoration of the international day against LGBTIQ-phobia
Overview of the situation of LGBTI people in the region	CAJP/OAS	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	Online	May 11	Dialogue on the situation of LGBTI people in the region.

Forum on human rights and sexual and gender diversity	Sexual Diversity Committee of Honduras	Mixed	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Hybrid	May 17	Dialogue on how homo-, lesbo-, and trans-phobia is one of the main triggers of inequality, violence, and stigmatization
The role of judicial authorities in guaranteeing the human rights of LGBTI persons	Department of International Law, Anton de Kom University Law School, Suriname	Mixed	Suriname	Online	May 17	Presentation of the “Stand With Us” program on the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia
International congress on disappearance and search for LGBTIQ persons	Affirmative Caribbean	Mixed	Medellín, Colombia	On-site	May 31 to June 1	Dialogue on the disappearance and search for people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions
Dissemination of the standards in the Report on the Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights of Afro-descendent People	IACHR	Civil society	Asunción, Paraguay	On-site	June 7	Presentation of inter-American standards in the fight against structural racial discrimination (5 participants)
Forum on the overview of the situation of the LGBTQ+ population in Panama	Panama Pride, CIMUF, Iguales Foundation	Mixed	Panama	Online	June 14	Dialogue on the results of compliance with international recommendations issued to Panama on the situation of the LGBTQ+ population
Regional efforts toward LGBTQIA+ equality	Regional	Mixed	United States	Online	June 26	Presentation of the inter-American standards on the prevention of regressive laws for the LGBTQIA+ community and on therapeutic conversion practices in the region

Obstacles in the prevention of cases of violence and discrimination against LGBTI persons	IACHR	Mixed	Caribbean	Online	July 20	Dialogue with the Caribbean Court of Justice
Sixth meeting of LGBTI leaders of the Americas	LGBTQ+ Victory Institute, Yaaj, Affirmative Caribbean, PROMSEX, Diversidad Dominicana, Somos CDC	Mixed	Mexico	On-site	July 22	Presentation of inter-American standards to transgender leaders in the creation of agendas for participation in the IAHRs
Debate toward the construction of a regional protocol for investigating violent deaths among LGBTIQ+ people	OHCHR and Red Regional Sin Violencia LGBTI	Mixed	Colombia	On-site	September 6	Dialogue on sexual and gender diversity and differentiated intersectionality in the identification and investigation of cases of lethal bias-based violence against LGBTIQ+ people
Dialogue on rights-based policies for promoting the economic, social, cultural, and political rights of LGBTI persons	Race & Equality	Mixed	Brazil	On-site	September 21	Presentation of inter-American standards
Roundtable: Police and political violence against LGBTI people	IACHR	Civil society	Brazil	On-site	September 21	Presentation of inter-American standards
Roundtable: Racism against LGBTI people and intersectional violence and discrimination	Race & Equality	Civil society	Brazil	On-site	September 21	Presentation of inter-American standards
Promotional dialogue with 2SLGBTQI+ Secretariat of the Government of Canada	IACHR	State	Canada	On-site	December 11	Presentation of inter-American standards

RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF LGBTI PERSONS TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Forma t	Date	Number of people trained
Online course on the recognition of gender identity in identity and identification documents in Latin America	Increase knowledge of the terminology commonly used in the area of sexual orientation, gender identity, and bodily diversity, as well as the most up-to-date standards on equality and non-discrimination and the right to gender identity	Mixed	Regional	Online	January 31	n/a
Dialogue on collecting data on anti-LGBTI violence in the Americas	Increase knowledge for collecting data on LGBTI violence in the region	Civil society and academia	United States	Hybrid	February 16	10
Training on the work of the IACHR and the LGBTI Rapporteurship in promoting and protecting the human rights of LGBTI persons	Increase knowledge and promote the participation of LGBTI organizations before the inter-American and United Nations human rights protection mechanisms, using an approach of intersectionality and gender and sexual diversity	Civil society	Regional	Online	June 7	15
Training during the international forum “Toward the construction of decent treatment for persons deprived of liberty”	Increase knowledge about penitentiary issues and their analysis from a human rights perspective	Civil society	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Online	August 22	n/a
Training during the forum “Diverse and Inclusive Guatemala”	Increase knowledge about the context and content of Advisory Opinion 24/17 among defenders in the Central American region.	Civil society	Guatemala City, Guatemala	Online	August 28	n/a

Training on the IACHR's monitoring system and roundtable on gender-based violence against LGBTI women	Increase knowledge of the inter-American system and its mechanisms	Civil society	Brazil	On-site	September 22	n/a
Training for the strengthening of Central American civil society to enforce LGBTI rights	Increase knowledge of the inter-American system and its mechanisms	Civil society	San José, Costa Rica	On-site	November 16-17	27

9. Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice

216. The IACHR's Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice was created in 2019 following an analysis of the regional challenges in implementing legal and policy measures in response to serious human rights violations. The IACHR considered that the issue continued to be a priority for the region's countries and required close follow-up. Accordingly, the IACHR 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 further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org/en/iachr/rapporteurship-on-memory-truth-and-justice).

RAPPOURTEURSHIP ON MEMORY, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Harvard transitional justice research team conference and workshop	Harvard Kennedy School	Academia	United States	On-site	June 14	Dialogue on new trends in the study and practices of transitional justice
Inauguration of the "Women build history by defending life" memorial	Montevideo city government	Mixed	Uruguay	Online	June 27	Presentation on memory and gender standards at the inauguration of the memorial honoring all female political prisoners in Uruguay from 1968 to 1985
Day for clarifying the past to understand the present	Department of Social Sciences of the Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla in conjunction with the Mechanism for	Mixed	Mexico	Online	August 25	Presentation of IACHR standards and actions in connection with truth commissions

	Truth and Historical Clarification					
Dialogue session: "Truth, justice, and redress: Access to justice with a gender perspective"	CEJIL	Mixed	Uruguay	On-site	September 5	Presentation of memory, truth, and justice standards with a gender perspective based on the situation in Uruguay
Keynote lecture on the importance of the gender perspective in truth commissions	Commission for Access to the Truth, Historical Clarification, and the Promotion of Justice for the Serious Human Rights Violations Committed from 1965 to 1990	State	Mexico	On-site	September 25	Presentation of memory, truth, and justice standards with a gender perspective
Conference on registering victims for the formulation of reparation policies	Human Rights Center of Andrés Bello Catholic University (Venezuela) and the Paz Activa organization (Venezuela), with the support of the German Embassy in Venezuela	Civil society	Venezuela	Online	November 30	Presentation of Inter-American standards on the registration and redress of victims

RAPORTEURSHIP ON MEMORY, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Conversation between the IACHR Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice and the Special Jurisdiction for Peace: Inter-American	Increase knowledge of inter-American standards and restorative transitional justice	State	Colombia	Online	December 18	n/a

standards on the gender perspective in contexts of transitional justice						
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10. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

217. In February 2019, the IACHR established the Thematic Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with the aim of generating the technical and institutional capacity necessary for persons with disabilities to ensure the effective protection of their rights throughout the region, developing new mechanisms, and identifying dynamics to draw up inter-American standards in line with the inter-American conventions. The Rapporteurship on Persons with Disabilities is charged with giving visibility to the human rights challenges and violations that persons with disabilities in the Americas face, ensuring the effective promotion and protection of their human rights through the inter-American system’s different mechanisms, and identifying synergies and new opportunities to progress in building robust inter-American standards and to give impetus to laws, policies, and practices that guarantee the effective and equal enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org/en/iachr/rapportheurship-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities).

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
IACHR internal discussion: “Evolution of the positive right to independent living and the relevance of the non-discrimination rule from a global perspective”	Increase knowledge about the social model of disability, the right to independent and community living, and public policies for deinstitutionalization. Training at the event was given by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	IACHR staff from all areas	IACHR HQ, room 774	Hybrid: at headquarters and via Zoom	October 17, 2023	20

11. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons

218. In February 2019, the IACHR decided to [established](#) the Thematic Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons, having concluded that protection for the rights of older persons continues to be a priority challenge in the region and, at the same time, demands close follow-up by the IACHR in light of the adoption, in 2015, of the [Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons](#). The IACHR, in its press release [268/18](#), recognizes that the full observance all the rights, guarantees, and mechanisms provided for in that treaty is of fundamental importance for protecting the human rights of older persons in the region, and it urges all OAS member states to sign and ratify the Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons as part of the efforts to make the inter-American human rights system

universal, such that all the treaties and conventions protect all persons in the region. For further information, see: [OAS :: IACHR :: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org).

RAPPOURTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
Editorial opinion, published	IACHR	General	Mexico and Jamaica	Online	October 1	Presentation on the occasion of the Day of Older Persons in the Americas and the Caribbean
United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Aging	United Nations	Organizations, states, and United Nations counterparts	New York	Online	July 12	Dialogue on possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them
Academic and social forum on "Old age, justice, and law"	Universidad Externado de Colombia, Ombudsman's Office	Academia, state authorities	Bogotá	Online	June 22	Presentation on the IACHR's work on older persons and the progress made in installing the follow-up mechanism for the Convention on Older Persons

RAPPOURTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Installation of the working group on human rights in old age and aging	Increase knowledge about inter-American standards on the rights of older persons	NHRI	Panama	Online	July 6	30
Conversation on "Older people: Voice, experience, and wisdom"	Increase knowledge about inter-American standards on the rights of older persons	National Human Rights Commission of Mexico	Mexico	Online	October 6	50

Access to justice for older persons: Effective and participatory systems	Increase knowledge about inter-American standards on the rights of older persons	United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)	Geneva	Online	June 22	n/a
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E. Follow-up on Recommendations and SIMORE

219. During 2023, the Follow-up on Recommendations and Impact Section (SRI) carried out a series of promotional and training activities aimed at socializing and publicizing the functions of the Inter-American SIMORE. Those activities were intended to encourage member states, civil society organizations, and autonomous entities to create accounts and publish follow-up information on the SIMORE platform. Chapter I of this annual report has information on the activities carried out in the context of the Inter-American SIMORE, as well as additional activities involving joint roundtables with civil society organizations aimed at optimizing recommendation follow-up. Chapter I also refers to a series of roundtables regarding recommendations held with civil society organizations from the Northern Triangle countries. For further information on the SRI, see: [IACHR: Follow-up on Recommendations and Impact \(oas.org\)](https://oas.org).

220. The following is a list of the main training and promotional activities conducted in relation to the SIMORE tool. Some additional activities related to recommendation follow-up are also listed.

221. During 2023, based on the training strategy for the use of SIMORE, the Commission also continued to conduct training sessions for potential users from OAS member states, 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. Of those training exercises, five were directed at member states (March 22, June 14, August 8, September 5, September 20, and October 11), two were organized for civil society organizations (September 19 and October 6), and one was for a national human rights institute (August 10, 2023).

FOLLOW-UP SECTION PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Organized by	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Objective
DHRTDD Initiative – First meeting of the advisory group	University of Geneva	Panel of experts on digital tools for human rights, including SIMORE	Washington, D.C.	Online	May 11	Discussion of digital tools related to human rights, including SIMORE
Presentation of the “Guide for Human Rights Defenders”	CEJIL	Mixed	Washington, D.C.	On-site	May 22	Presentation of the recommendation follow-up mechanism and on how the guide supports follow-up work (40 people)

Methodologies to facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of international human rights decisions in Mexico	Francisco Suárez SJ University Center for Dignity and Justice	Civil society	Guadalajara, Mexico	On-site	June 19	Presentation on how the IACHR monitors the follow-up of recommendations
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FOLLOW-UP SECTION TRAINING ACTIVITIES						
Activity name	Objective	Audience	Place	Format	Date	Number of people trained
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE in Colombia	Colombia	Washington, D.C.	Online	March 1	4
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Chile	Washington, D.C.	Online	March 22	n/a
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Ecuador	Washington, D.C.	Online	June 14	n/a
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Peru	Washington, D.C.	Online	August 8	n/a
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Mexico	Washington, D.C.	Online	September 5	n/a
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Brazil	Washington, D.C.	Online	September 20	n/a
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Colombia	Washington, D.C.	Online	October 11	n/a
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Civil society	Washington, D.C.	Online	September 19	n/a
Training on the Inter-American SIMORE	Increase knowledge about the Inter-American SIMORE	Civil society	Washington, D.C.	Online	October 6	n/a

222. In terms of the results of the system's dissemination and training strategy, at the end of 2023 the Commission had registered a total of 274 active user accounts, with which stakeholders are able to publish information on the follow-up of the Commission's recommendations. Of those accounts, 58 were created for ten OAS member states, and five were created in 2023. At the end of 2023, 187 accounts had been created for a total of 89 civil society organizations; of those, 46 were created in 2023. Finally, a total of 32 accounts were created for 12 national human rights institutions. 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 the platform.

223. Likewise, as part of the strengthening of the Inter-American SIMORE, the system's administration team participated in the expert roundtable on digital tools for human rights and databases organized by the Geneva Academy and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and held on September 14 and 15, 2023. On that occasion, the IACHR's Follow-up on Recommendations and Impact Section joined the discussion on various digital tools from different parts of the world, addressing issues of access, sustainability, and interoperability. As a result, the SIMORE was included in the [directory of digital human rights tools](#) in order to increase its visibility.