

CHAPTER III

ACTIVITIES OF THE THEMATIC AND COUNTRY RAPORTEURSHIPS AND PROMOTION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

1. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights performs observation and monitoring duties for specific human rights issues through its country rapporteurships and thematic rapporteurships. It must be indicated out that the IACHR conducts the above-mentioned observation and monitoring activities on the human rights situation in the region's countries, as well as with respect to the issues of the rapporteurships, units, and special rapporteurships, on the basis of a series of mechanisms such as on-site visits, country visits, press releases, requests for information to the states (letters based on Articles 41 y 18), among others.

2. The IACHR also conducts training and promotion activities, oftentimes in coordination with the above-mentioned rapporteurships, through its specialized working areas, for the dissemination of and training on inter-American human rights standards that have been drawn up on the basis of the doctrine and case law of the inter-American human rights system (IAHRS). This is aimed at promoting a better understanding and appreciation about their scope in civil society, the network of social stakeholders, and member states and, where relevant, for their application and incorporation into the decisions, regulatory frameworks, and public policies with a human rights approach. For the IACHR, capacity building of state institutions constitute, at present, the basis for putting rights into practice in the countries.

3. It must be indicated that, in 1990, the Inter-American Commission started establishing the rapporteurships for the purpose of providing assistance to certain persons, groups, and collectivities that are especially exposed to human rights violations because of their situation of vulnerability and historical discrimination of which they have been the targets. The purpose of creating a thematic rapporteurship is to strengthen, promote, and systematize the work of the Inter-American Commission itself on concrete issues. In that regard, they raise awareness about human rights in the peoples of the Americas.¹ The rapporteurships also support the IACHR's work in developing legal standards, contribute to knowledge about the mechanisms of the inter-American system, and promote access to both domestic and international justice for persons, groups, and collectivities associated with this thematic approach. In turn, the IACHR rapporteurships have been collaborating steadily with various sectors, working on their specialized issues, including the United Nations rapporteurships and other universal mechanisms, civil society organizations, states, and academia, among others.

4. The IACHR's thematic rapporteurships are governed by the provisions set forth in Article 15 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and in the practices established by the Commission in plenary. The Commission approves the reports and work plans of each rapporteurship and oversees the daily implementation of its mandates. Because of their nature as specialized thematic offices created by the IACHR itself, the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR define with precision the procedures for their creation and for the selection of the thematic rapporteurs. The Rules of Procedure also govern the IACHR's functions, in which its rapporteurships participate. The above-mentioned norms and practices constitute an important set of rules governing the conduct of all the rapporteurships and establish rigorous procedures for taking action.

5. The thematic rapporteurships also collaborate in fulfilling IACHR's principal mandate of promoting observance and defense of human rights, and serve as consultative bodies of the OAS in this area.² In that respect, they can request the governments of states to provide reports on the measures they are

¹ See: Article 18(a) of the IACHR's Statute.

² See: Article 106 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights (ACHR).

adopting in the area of human rights,³ as well as issue recommendations to adopt progressive measures for the benefit of human rights, in line with the IACHR's mandate. The rapporteurs also prepare studies and reports that are relevant to their thematic functions.⁴ As part of their duties, the rapporteurs can conduct working visits to states and participate in IACHR's on-site visits, with the consent or at the invitation of the respective government. At present, the IACHR has 11 thematic rapporteurships:

- Rights of indigenous peoples (1990);
- Rights of women (1994);
- Right of migrants (1996);
- Rights of the child (1998);
- Rights of persons deprived of liberty (2004);
- Rights of Afrodescendants and against racial discrimination (2005);
- Human rights defenders (2011);
- Rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex persons (2014);
- Rights of persons with disabilities (2017);
- Rights of older persons (2017); and
- Memory, truth, and justice (2017).

6. The IACHR also has the authority to create special rapporteurships headed by other persons designated by the Commission.⁵ In this context of action, there is a Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression⁶ since 1997, which is a permanent office, with its own operational structure and functional autonomy, which operates within the IACHR's legal framework. On April 3, 2014, the IACHR also decided to create a Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (SRESCER), bearing in mind the interdependent and indivisible nature of human rights and the importance of protecting and promoting economic, social, and cultural rights in the region. With the creation of this new rapporteurship, which is currently functioning as a unit, the IACHR strives to build up and intensify its work defending and protecting the economic, social, and cultural rights of the inhabitants of the Americas. As background to the creation of the SRESCER, it is worth recalling that, during the capacity building process of the inter-American system, both OAS member states and other stakeholders of the system voiced their interest in focusing greater attention on the issues of economic, social, and cultural rights (ESCRs). As a result of this process, the IACHR created specialized institutional forums. In effect, at its 146 period of sessions, held on October 29 to November 16, 2012, the Commission, as a result of its commitment to strengthen its work in the area of economic, social, and cultural rights and in response to suggestions made by the state and civil society, created a Unit on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ESCR Unit).

7. At the 171 period of sessions held on February 7 to 16, 2019, in Bolivia, the IACHR decided to broaden and deepen the existing institutional framework for monitoring certain issues. Concretely, the IACHR decided that the Unit on Memory, Truth, and Justice, the Unit on the Rights of Older Persons, and the Unit on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities would become thematic rapporteurships. In addition, it expanded the mandate of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty to include preventing and combating torture, as well as that of the Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders, which now encompasses issues pertaining to the situation of justice operators.

8. Among their functions, the rapporteurships have availed themselves of their mandate to promote regional initiatives on issues that are priorities in the region, relevant to their areas of focus. These initiatives have been strengthened by participatory processes for information gathering, including the perspective of states and civil society, the drafting of regional reports on pressing issues and their presentation, the organization of promotional activities to disseminate knowledge about the standards of the inter-American system, the circulation of questionnaires, the preparation of consultations with experts, the organization of

³ See: Article 41 of the ACHR and Article 18(d) of the IACHR's Statute.

⁴ Article 41 of the ACHR, and Articles 58 and 59 of the IACHR's Rules of Procedure.

⁵ Article 15(4) of the IACHR's Rules of Procedure.

⁶ The activities of the Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression are presented in the annex to the present Annual Report.

relevant thematic hearings and working visits, the drafting of press releases, and the use of other mechanisms. In terms of individual cases, the rapporteurships, in turn, continue to participate in and contribute to, on the basis of their specializations, the processing of individual petitions on human rights violations received by the IACHR. They also participate actively in reviewing applications for precautionary measures and supporting hearings and friendly settlements.

9. The IACHR's thematic rapporteurships make sustained efforts to work in a coordinated and strategic fashion, taking into consideration the intersection of identities and risks that can intensify human rights violations against various persons, groups, and collectivities in the Hemisphere. In that respect, the rapporteurships, over the years, have identified issues for joint collaboration and exchanges, such as, for example, indigenous women and girls, and migrants deprived of liberty, among others.

10. As a result of the above, with regard to observation, promotion, and training activities and the thematic work of the thematic rapporteurships, the present chapter is broken down into three sections: A. Observation activities conducted by the IACHR on the basis of on-site and working visits by both country rapporteurships and thematic rapporteurships; B. Promotion and training activities; C. Activities of thematic rapporteurships and units.

A. IACHR Observation Activities in 2019

11. As indicated above with regard to the observation, promotion, training, and thematic work activities of the thematic rapporteurships, the present chapter is divided into three sections: 1. IACHR observation activities on the basis of on-site and working visits by both the country rapporteurships and the thematic rapporteurships; 2. Promotion and training activities; and 3. Activities of thematic rapporteurships and units.

1. On-site visits

1.1 On-site visit to El Salvador

12. The IACHR conducted an on-site visit to El Salvador on December 2 to 5, 2019. The purpose was to observe, in the field, the situation of human rights in the country.

13. The delegation was headed by the President of the IACHR, Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño; the First Vice-President, Joel Hernández; the Second Vice-President, Antonia Urrejola; Commissioners Flavia Piovesan and Margarette May Macaulay—Country Rapporteur for El Salvador—, and Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas. The delegation also included the Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão; the Assistant Executive Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation, Maria Claudia Pulido; the Executive Secretary's Chief of Staff, Fernanda dos Anjos; the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza; and the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (ESCER), Soledad García Muñoz, as well as specialists of the Executive Secretariat.

14. The Inter-American Commission held meetings with government authorities from the three branches of government and autonomous institutions, as well as with representatives and organizations of civil society, international organizations, academics, and journalists. It also took statements from the victims of human rights violations and their next of kin. In the context of the visit, the IACHR conducted visits without any restrictions and passed through detention centers, in particular the maximum-security penitentiary of Zacatecoluca, Phase I of the Izalco Detention Center, the Social Reintegration Center of Tonacatepeque, the Low-Risk Women's Detention Center of Izalco and Bartolina de Sonsonate. It also travelled to the community of Las Anonas in the department of San Vicente. Furthermore, the IACHR visited shelters for women victims and survivors of violence and their children, halfway houses, and foster and hospitality homes kept by civil society organizations and visited a border community impacted by the various phenomena of mobility and displacement affecting the country.

15. The IACHR reported the visit's preliminary observations, which appear in the [press release](#). As a result of the visit, the IACHR shall draft a country report over the coming months.

1.2 On-site visit to Haiti

16. The IACHR made an on-site visit to Haiti from December 17 to 20, 2019. The purpose was to observe, in the field, human rights in the country.

17. The delegation was headed by Commissioner Flavia Piovesan, Country Rapporteur, and Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and Rapporteur on the Rights of Afro-descendants and against Racial Discrimination, and by Edison Lanza, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression. It also included Executive Secretary Paulo Abrão, Marisol Blanchard, Deputy Executive Secretary for the Cases and Petitions System and specialists of the Executive Secretariat.

18. The Inter-American Commission was in Port-au-Prince, where it held meetings with the President of Haiti. It also held working meetings with authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, and the National Police of the Ministry for the Status of Women and Women's Rights, the Ministry of Human Rights and the Fight against Extreme Poverty, and the National Office for Migration. A meeting was also held with the Office of the Protector of the Citizen. The delegation also met with more than 70 civil society organizations dedicated to the defense of women's rights, LGBTI people, journalists, representatives of victims of police violence and survivors of the La Saline massacre, victims of prolonged pre-trial detention and other acts of violence in the country.

19. Likewise, as a result of the visit, the IACHR shall draft a country report over the coming months.

State	Dates / places	Theme(s) / rapporteurships	Institutions visited	Commissioner / Rapporteur	Observation
El Salvador	2 to 4 December 2019	Citizen security, the situation of people deprived of their liberty; memory, truth and justice; and access to justice; the situation of the rights of women and LGBTI people, the situation of migrants, displaced people and economic, social, cultural and environmental rights (ESCR), freedom of expression, the situation of human rights defenders and justice operators; and other groups at particular risk	Government authorities from the three branches of government and autonomous bodies; with representatives and organizations of civil society, international organizations, academics, journalists, victims of human rights violations and their families. The IACHR made unrestricted visits to detention centers, in particular it visited the maximum-security prison in Zacatecoluca, the Izalco Phase I detention center, the Tonacatepeque social integration center, the Izalco women's detention center, and the Bartolina de Sonsonate detention center. Also, it was moved to the Las Anonas community in the department of San Vicente. In addition, the IACHR visited shelters for women victims and survivors of violence and their children, shelters and spaces for shelter and hospitality maintained by civil society organizations, and visited a border community affected by the various phenomena of mobility and forced displacement affecting the country.	President of the IACHR, Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, First Vice President, Joel Hernández, Second Vice President, Antonia Urrejola Commissioners Flavia Piovesan and Margaret May Macaulay - Country Rapporteur for El Salvador, Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas, Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão, Deputy Executive Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation, Maria Claudia Pulido, Chief of Staff of the Executive Secretary, Fernanda dos Anjos, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza, Special Rapporteur for Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (ESCR), Soledad García Muñoz, and specialists from the Executive Secretariat.	The IACHR carried out field observation of the human rights situation in the country. Read the Preliminary Observations of the visit: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/335.asp

Haiti	17-20 December Port-au-Prince	Rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI People; Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women and Rapporteurship on the Rights of People of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination; Special Rapporteurship on Freedom of Expression; System of Cases and Petitions	President of Haiti; authorities from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, the National Police of the Ministry for the Status of Women and Women's Rights, the Ministry for Human Rights and the Fight against Extreme Poverty, and the National Office for Migration; Office of the Protector of the Citizen; more than 70 civil society organizations dedicated to the defense of women's rights, LGBTI people, journalists, representatives of victims of police violence and survivors of the Saline massacre, victims of prolonged pre-trial detention and other acts of violence in the country.	Commissioner Flavia Piovesan, Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Persons and Country Rapporteur; Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination; Edison Lanza, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression; Marisol Blanchard, Deputy Executive Secretary for the Cases and Petitions System; and specialists from the Executive Secretariat.	The IACHR visited the country to observe the human right's situation in the country.
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2. Working visits

20. During this period, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted 17 working visits to 15 countries in the region (Argentina, Barbados, Bahamas, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and United States of America). Of these working visits, 8 were for promotional purposes, 3 for follow-up, and 7 for observing the human rights situation.

21. On the basis of the working visits to these countries, the IACHR has been able to observe the human rights situation of vulnerable groups such as women, children, and adolescents, displaced and migrant persons, persons deprived of liberty, Afrodescendants, and LGBTI persons, as well as the rights to memory, truth, and justice, freedom of expression, and ESCER, among others.

22. Below a table records the working visits conducted by IACHR members as thematic and country rapporteurs and the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.

State	Dates / places	Theme(s) / rapporteurships	Institutions visited	Commissioner / Rapporteur	Nature of the visit	Observation
Barbados	Bridgetown February 20	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women and Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child	Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Empowerment of Persons and Older Persons, and civil society organizations	Commissioner Arosemena, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay	Promotional visit	Promotional visit to promote IACHR's mandate and activities of Rapporteurships on the Rights of Women and on the Rights of the Child Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/039.asp

Trinidad & Tobago	Port of Spain, February 21 and 22	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women and Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child	Division of Gender Affairs, UNHCR, civil society organizations, experts of the MESECVI	Commissioner Arosemena, Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay	Promotional visit	Promotional visit to promote IACHR's mandate and activities of the Rapporteurships on the Rights of Women and on the Rights of the Child Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/039.asp
Jamaica	Kingston, February 25	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women and Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Culture, Sports, Gender, and Entertainment, civil society organizations	Commissioner Arosemena, Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay	Promotional visit	Promotional visit to promote IACHR's mandate and activities of the Rapporteurships on the Rights of Women and on the Rights of the Child Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/039.asp
Bahamas	Nassau, February 26 and 27	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women and Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child	Department of Gender and Family Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture, Attorney General, civil society organizations	Commissioner Arosemena, Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay	Promotional visit	Promotional visit to promote IACHR's mandate and activities of the Rapporteurships on the Rights of Women and on the Rights of the Child Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/039.asp
Costa Rica	May 19 to 21	Follow-up on recommendations, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants	The IACHR held meetings with the President of the Republic Carlos Alvarado Quesada and with senior authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Commissioner Joel Hernández, First Vice-President of the IACHR and Rapporteur for Costa Rica and Honduras, who was accompanied by technical staff of the Executive Secretariat	Observation visit	The purpose of the visit was to monitor and follow up on the situation of Nicaraguans who have been forced to flee to these countries because of the crisis that started on April 18, 2018 in Nicaragua. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/146.asp

Honduras	May 22 to 24	Follow-up on recommendations, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights	State authorities, including Minister of Foreign Affairs, Human Rights Secretariat, General Prosecution Service of the Republic, Directorate General for the Protection System, Department of Indigenous and Afro-Honduran Peoples, National Agrarian Institute, Secretariat for Development and Social Inclusion, and Under-Secretariat for Consular and Migration Affairs. Representatives of civil society, human rights defenders, indigenous leaders, Afro-Hondurans, international organizations, and representatives from the private sector	Commissioner Joel Hernández, as Rapporteur for Honduras and including the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Culture, and Environmental Rights, Soledad García Muñoz, and technical staff of the Executive Secretariat	Follow-up visit	The purpose of the visit was to follow up on compliance with the recommendations issued by the IACHR in the Preliminary Observations on the visit conducted in 2018. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/142.asp
United States of America	June 17 and 18, Miami, Florida	Follow-up Mechanism for Nicaragua, Country Rapporteurships for Cuba and Nicaragua.	Chief of Staff for the Secretary General, Gonzalo Koncke, and Chair of the OAS Permanent Council, Ambassador Carlos Trujillo, Permanent Representative of the United States to the OAS	President of the IACHR, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena Troitiño; Second Vice-President and Rapporteur for Cuba and Nicaragua, Commissioner Antonia Urrejola; Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão; and technical staff of the Executive Secretariat.	Promotional visit	Presentation of the Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Nicaragua and Report on the General Situation of Human Rights in Cuba, included in Chapter IV B of its Annual Report for 2018. This event made it possible to dialogue with civil society organizations and with the Cuban exile community in Miami. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/191.asp

United States of America	August 19 to 23, San Diego and Laredo	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants	N/A	President, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Rapporteur on the Rights of Children and Adolescents; Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva, Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrants; and Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and Country Rapporteur for the United States. Paulo Abrão, Executive Secretary, Marfa Claudia Pulido, Assistant Executive Secretary, and experts of the Executive Secretariat of the IACHR.	Observation visit	The purpose of the visit was to monitor the human rights situation with respect to the reception conditions on the border, access to asylum and international protection procedures, migrant detention conditions and related practices, migration and asylum procedures, as well as procedural guarantees and judicial protection, with special emphasis on the principles of family reunification and the higher interest of the child. Read the preliminary observations on the visit at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/228.asp
Mexico	July 31 and August 1, Mexico City, Ayutla de los Libres	Follow-up on recommendations, Rapporteurship of Mexico	Under-Secretary for Human Rights and Population, Prosecutor for the Special Investigation and Litigation Unit in the Case of Ayotzinapa, and its team	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Rapporteur for Mexico, Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva, and technical staff of the Executive Secretariat.	Follow-up visit	The visit was conducted to follow up on compliance with the recommendations issued by IACHR in the context of precautionary measure 409-14. The delegation travelled to Ayutla de los Libres, in the state of Guerrero, to visit Aldo Gutiérrez, a young man injured during the night of September 26, 2014, and his family. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/197.asp

Uruguay	May 27 and 29	Rights of persons deprived of liberty and children and adolescents; memory, truth, and justice, as well as the rights of women and LGBTI persons	Various state institutions, including meetings with authorities of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government; with representatives of civil society organizations; with academic sectors of Uruguay, and with persons victims of human rights violations	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, President of the IACHR and Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child, Commissioner Antonia Urrejola Noguera, Country Rapporteur for Uruguay, and specialists of the IACHR Executive Secretariat	Observation visit	The purpose of the visit was to obtain information on the country's human rights situation, especially on the situation of memory, truth, and justice; persons deprived of liberty and children and adolescents; as well as the rights of women and LGBTI persons. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/135.asp
Chile	September 4		President of the Republic	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, President of the IACHR; Second Vice-President Commissioner Antonia Urrejola Noguera; Commissioner Joel Hernández, First Vice-President of the IACHR, Executive Secretary of the IACHR	Promotional visit	The purpose of the visit was to participate in the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of IACHR's creation. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/225.asp
Argentina	September 6		President of the Republic of Argentina, , and members of his Cabinet	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, President of the IACHR, Second Vice-President Commissioner Antonia Urrejola Noguera, Commissioner Joel Hernández, First Vice-President of the	Promotional visit	The purpose of the visit was to participate in a ceremony commemorating the 40 years since the IACHR's creation. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/226.asp
Panama	September 16 and 17	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants	State authorities from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsperson, Migrations Department, and the National Office for Protecting and Attending Refugees (ONPAR)m which is a dependency of the National Commission for Refugees (CONARE)	Country Rapporteur, Commissioner Flavia Piovesan, as well as staff from the Executive Secretariat	Observation visit	The purpose of the visit was to monitor the situation of Nicaraguans forced to flee their country in the context of the human rights crisis, which started in Nicaragua in April 2018. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/272.asp

Paraguay	October 14 and 17	Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty, and Rapporteurship	Diverse state institutions, including meetings with authorities from various institutions of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of governments, with representatives of civil society organizations	Commissioner Joel Hernández, Vice-President and Country Rapporteur for Paraguay, and an expert from the Executive Secretariat of the IACHR	Observation visit	The purpose of the visit was to obtain information on the human rights situation in the country, especially regarding the rights of children and adolescents; women; indigenous peoples; issues regarding the right to equality and non-discrimination; memory, truth, and justice, as well as the rights of persons deprived of liberty. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/304.asp
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<p>Ecuador</p>	<p>October 28 and 30, Quito, Cuenca, Guayaquil, and Latacunga</p>	<p>Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights, Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression</p>	<p>Office of the President of the Republic, Ministries of the Interior, Defense, Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Culture, Education, Economic and Social Inclusion, Public Health, Environment, and Water, Energy and Non-Renewable Resources, and the Office of the Comptroller-General of the State, as well as with the Constitutional Court, the Attorney General's Office, the National Assembly, and the Council for Citizen Participation and Social Control. In the provinces, it met with the representatives of the Mayor's Office of Guayaquil, the Prefecture, and the Governorship of Guayas, the Mayor's Office of Latacunga, the Prefecture of Tungurahua, and the Prefecture of Cotopaxi, Mayor's Office of Cuenca, Prefecture de Zamora Chinchipe, Prefecture of Azuay, Governorship of Azuay, and Mayor's Office of Quito. It also visited the Provisional Detention Center of Quito "El Inca" and the Regional Sierra-Central-Cotopaxi Northern Detention Center; National Medical Examiner's Service; and building of Comptroller General, destroyed by a fire. Civil Society, indigenous movement, private sector, press amongst others.</p>	<p>President and Rapporteur for Ecuador, Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño; Commissioner Antonia Urrejola, Second Vice-President of the IACHR; Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas; Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza; Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights, Soledad García; Assistant Executive Secretary for Monitoring, Technical Cooperation, and Promotion, María Claudia Pulido; and staff from the Executive Secretariat</p>	<p>Observation visit</p>	<p>The purpose of the visit was to observe, in the field, the human rights situation of human rights in that country in the context of social protests between October 3 and 13. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/285.asp</p>
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Suriname	October 31 to November 4 Paramaribo	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination	Office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Development, Ministry of Regional Development	Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay	Promotional visit	Visit to promote the IACHR's mandate
Honduras	November 25 and 28, Tegucigalpa	Thematic meetings of MESAT and training of state representatives. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women Rapporteurship on Rights of the Child	National Institute for Women, Department for Children, Adolescents, and Family, Human Rights Secretariat, Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Commissioner Joel Hernández, Country Rapporteur; Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay, Rapporteur for Rights of Women, and staff of IACHR Executive	Follow-up visit	The visit was aimed at starting cooperation activities with the state in the sphere of MESAT.

3. Technical visits

23. In 2019, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted 5 technical visits to 5 countries of the region (Bolivia, Chile, Haiti, Honduras, and El Salvador).

24. A table is included below listing the technical visits conducted by IACHR staff.

State	Dates / places	Theme(s)/rapporteurships	Institutions visited	Technical Team of IACHR Executive Secretariat	Observations
Haiti	June 3 and 4	Rapporteurship on the rights of persons deprived of liberty, rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI persons, rapporteurship on the rights of the Child	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Women's Conditions and the Rights of Women, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Office of Citizen Protection, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. The Head of Human Rights of the United Nations Mission to Support Justice in Haiti (MINUJUSTH), civil society organizations defending human rights in the country.	Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão, and technical staff of the Executive Secretariat.	The visit was aimed at promoting dialogue with state authorities and civil society on the human rights situation in the country. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/168.asp
El Salvador	September 18 and 20, San Salvador	Country rapporteurship	Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, Supreme Court of Justice, Legislative Assembly, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Directorate General for Penitentiary Centers, National Civilian Police, Ministry of Defense, Legal Secretariat for the Office of the President, UTE, Ministry of Health, Salvador Institute for the Development of Women (ISDEMU), and Ministry of Culture	Assistant Executive Secretary and technical team of the Executive Secretariat	The purpose of the visit was to start preparing for an on-site visit.

<p>Chile</p>	<p>November 18 and 21, Santiago y Valparaíso.</p>	<p>Excessive use of force, life and integrity, arbitrary detentions</p>	<p>Authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Women and Gender Equity, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Under-Secretariat for Human Rights, Under-Secretariat for Children of the Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Economy, Ministry of Finance, the Office of the Mayor of Valparaíso, the Office of the Public Prosecutor, Public Criminal Defense Attorney's Office, National Human Rights Institute (INDH), Office of the Ombudsperson for the Rights of the Child, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice</p>	<p>Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão, and technical staff of the Executive Secretariat.</p>	<p>The IACHR conducted a preparatory visits focusing on the receiving first-hand information and documentation from the widest range of authorities, civil society organizations, and international organizations on the human rights situation in the context of the social protests since October 18, 2019, after the rise in various public and private sector costs over the past few months. Read press release at: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/312.asp</p>
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Bolivia	December 22 to 25, La Paz, El Alto, Cochabamba, and Sacaba	Ethnic and racial discriminations, arbitrary arrests and detentions, use of force in the context of protests, public security, freedom of expression, rights of migrant persons	Representatives of the Ministry of the Office of the President, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, and the Medical Examiner's Institute, as well as representatives of the Office of the Attorney General of the State, including the District Attorney for La Paz and the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsperson. The Chief Prosecutor of the State, with the Speakers of the Senates and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly, the Special Anti-Crime Force (FELCC), and the Departmental Court of Justice of La Paz. Human rights organizations, political parties, and political organizations from all representations, indigenous organizations, groups of victims, the National Committee for Defending Democracy (CONADE), Episcopal Conference of Bolivia, organizations of journalists, students, physicians, defenders, and other diverse groups and citizen movements, the management of the San Pedro Penitentiary in La Paz, administrators of the Hospital Holandés in El Alto. The team of the government and various social leaders in El Alto. Inhabitants of District 8 of El Alto, victims, and next of kin of those who died in incidents of violence. The Mayor of Cochabamba, the Departmental Commander of the Police in Cochabamba, the Commander of the Seventh Army Division in Cochabamba, and the Departmental District Attorney of Cochabamba. Victims of violence, next of kin, social leaders, and defenders of Sacaba. Representatives of social and human rights organizations of Hospital Viedma and headquarters of the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsperson in that city, civil servants, victims, individual citizens, and an association of families of police officers	Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão, and technical team of the IACHR	The visit was conducted in the framework of an invitation by the state and was aimed gathering information on human rights in the context of the political and social crisis triggered in connection with the elections of past October 20 in the country. Read preliminary observations at: http://www.oas.org/es/ci/dh/prensa/comunicados/2019/320.asp
Honduras	October 24, Tegucigalpa.	October 24, 2019	Secretariat for Human Rights, Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other state institutions.	Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão, and technical team of the IACHR	The visit was aimed at launching the MESAT.

4. Press Releases

25. As part of its mandate to monitor the human rights situation in the Hemisphere, in 2019, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights issued 221 press releases on situations that raised concern. It also made statements recognizing the best practices of certain states. On the basis of this mechanism, the Commission addressed the human rights situation in 26 countries of the region (Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela).

26. Through press releases and social media, the Commission has addressed all the themes identified as priorities by the IACHR in its Strategic Plan.

27. With its press releases, the IACHR celebrated its creation 60 years ago, as well as its many achievements over the year, such as the outcomes of the technical cooperation section and follow-up on

recommendations among which the successful High-Level Dialogue Forum on Transitional Justice and the Forum on Transitional Justice for the Judiciary of El Salvador. It also commended national human rights institutions that signed the Declaration of Commitment in the Area of Technical Cooperation and the creation of the Mechanism of Contact Points between the IACHR and National Institutions, as well as the report of the follow-up on the Working Group on Implementing Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic, and it celebrated the installation of the Special Follow-up Mechanism for Venezuela. The IACHR also celebrated the holding of the Third Best Practices Meeting for National Human Rights Institutions.

28. The topics that were focused on by the Commission through press releases and social networks involve the situation of persons in situations of vulnerability, such as women, migrants, children, LGBTI persons, and especially indigenous peoples.

29. As for the rights of **indigenous peoples**, the Commission followed up on the situation on the basis of 7 press releases, in which it presented the Report on the “Situation of Human Rights of the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Pan-Amazon Region,” and announced the end of the Seminar on the “Inter-American System and the Rights of Indigenous Women.” Furthermore, it expressed its deep concern over the complaints about forced sterilization of indigenous women and reminded the state of Canada to follow the recommendations of the National Investigation on Missing or Killed Indigenous Women and Girls to protect and guarantee their human rights.

30. In connection with **women’s rights**, the IACHR monitored the situation through 10 press releases, of which 4 consist of calls by the Commission to prevent violence against women, girls and adolescents, to recognize the human rights of rural women, and to foster their participation in politics; and 3 express the Commission’s concern over the prevalence of killings and other gender-based forms of violence against women in the region’s countries.

31. The Commission also monitored the situation of **migrant persons** in the region through 14 press releases. In 7 press releases, the IACHR condemned incidents referring to situations of violence, disappearance, and death, as well as the adoption of policies that constrain the movement of migrants. More specifically, it highlights those press releases that commend the measures adopted to guarantee the right to a nationality and to prevent statelessness in the region. The IACHR also called upon states, through 3 press releases, to guarantee the rights of migrants and to fulfill its international obligations in that area. One example is the situation of those in the caravan of migrants and refugees in Honduras and Guatemala. On 4 occasions, the Commission also expressed concern over the situation of migrants and refugees in the United States, Mexico, and Central America, as well as in 2 press releases for the situation of forced migration of Venezuelan nationals.

32. In connection with the situation of **freedom of expression**, the Commission issued 18 press releases, of which 9 refer to death threats to and killings of journalists in the region; and 15 express the IACHR’s concern over the detention and conviction of journalists, as well as the closing of television and radio stations.

33. The Commission also continued monitoring the situation of **children**. In that regard, in 2019, it published 3 press releases on the subject, in which it called upon the states to renew their commitment to children, 30 years after the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It also expressed its deep concern over the deaths of two migrant children in the custody of U.S. immigration authorities.

34. Another topic of special interest for the Commission has to do with the situation of **human rights defenders**. Of the 12 press releases published on this subject, 5 refer to criminalization, harassment, unlawful deprivation of liberty, and killings of social leaders in the region’s countries. In particular, the IACHR condemned the unlawful deprivation of liberty of the human rights defenders Otilia Eugenio Manuel and Hilario Cornelio Castro in Mexico; and issued a joint press release with the United Nations, calling on the state of Brazil to ensure justice for the human rights defender Marielle Franco.

35. With respect to the rights of **persons deprived of liberty**, the IACHR published 13 press releases, among which 7 condemning incidents of violence and deaths in prison. For example, the case of

Guatemala and Brazil, where more than 60 persons lost their lives. Likewise, the Commission expressed its deep concern over the federal reinstatement of the death penalty in the United States and the death of Captain Rafael Acosta Arévalo in custody in Venezuela. Furthermore, the Commission commended, in 3 press releases, the progress achieved by the steps adopted to implement the National Torture Prevention Mechanism in Chile; the moratorium for the executions of persons on death row in California; and the abolition of capital punishment in the state of New Hampshire in the United States.

36. The Commission monitored the situation of the **rights of Afrodescendant persons and against racial discrimination** through 4 press releases calling upon the states to adopt laws defining and forbidding racism, racial discrimination, and intolerance, as well as eliminating stigmatizing speeches against Afrodescendant women. In addition, the Commission energetically condemned the shootings in the United States and voiced its solidarity with the victims. The IACHR also announced the publication of a new report on police violence against the Afrodescendant population in the United States.

37. As for the **rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex persons**, the IACHR followed up on the situation with 9 press releases. On the one hand, the Commission commends the progress made in recognizing the rights of trans persons in the region and announced the publication of a report on the subject. On the other hand, the IACHR expressed its concern over the violent attacks against LGBTI persons in the region, and rejected the violence against trans persons in Honduras. With a press release, the Commission announced the first Joint Consultation on the inclusion of LGBTI persons in economic, social, and cultural areas, as well as the elimination of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the Caribbean.

38. In addition, the IACHR monitored, through 14 press releases, the situation of **economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights**. It should be mentioned that, in 4 press releases, the IACHR expressed its deep concern over the 3 environmental tragedies in Brazil during the year. In particular, the Commission referred to the deforestation and burning in the Amazon, the oil spills, and the breach of a dam in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

39. During 2019, the IACHR continued monitoring the **political and human rights crisis in the region**. In that regard, in 4 press releases, the Commission also expressed concern for provisions of the Criminal Code in Honduras, the adoption of the Law on Comprehensive Services for Victims in Nicaragua, and the draft National Reconciliation Law in El Salvador, whose provisions are contrary to human rights. It also voiced its concern over the Amnesty Law in Nicaragua whose ambiguous and broad content may allow serious human rights violations to go unpunished.

40. Another topic which the Commission focused on has to do with situations referring to acts of repression by state agents, the excessive use of police force against demonstrators, and cases of police brutality. This was expressed in 11 press releases involving Ecuador, Chile, Colombia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Honduras in which the IACHR rejected all forms of violence in the framework of protests.

41. Continuing with the above, in 3 press releases, the Commission expressed concern over the political crisis and human rights situation in **Bolivia** and called for respect for democratic institutionality in the country.

42. In connection with **Cuba**, the IACHR followed up with 6 press releases expressing its concern over the new Constitution and its implementation: It also presented its special report on the situation of freedom of expression and announced the drafting of a country report on the human rights situation.

43. In connection with the situation of **Nicaragua**, the Commission issued 19 press releases, among which 17 refer to the decline in the rule of law as a result of serious human rights violations, condemning the persistence of repression, denouncing the escalation of attacks against the media, and the persistence of human rights violations. In these press releases, the IACHR called upon the state to ensure appropriate conditions for the enjoyment of human rights and to guarantee memory, truth, and justice in accordance with its international obligations. It also reiterated its ongoing commitment to the victims of violations.

44. As for **Venezuela**, the IACHR published 16 press releases, of which 15 refer to issues of special concern, among which the decline in the rule of law, the expansion of censorship, the intensification of attacks against members of the National Assembly, and detentions in the context of demonstrations.

45. A list of all the press releases issued by the Commission in 2019 is provided below. This list includes the 221 press releases relative to the mandate of monitoring, which are also included in Chapter I, where all the press releases issued by the IACHR in 2019 are listed.

Country	Number and Title
Regional	18/19 - IACHR and OHCHR make progress in joint actions within the framework of their joint mechanism for the protection of human rights defenders in the Americas. Washington, D.C., January 28, 2019
	20/19 - IACHR Calls for Participation in Face-to-Face and Online Public Consultations about the Unit on Memory, Truth and Justice. Washington, D.C., January 31, 2019
	28/19 - IACHR and IPPDH Announce Final Stage of the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights. Washington, D.C. / Buenos Aires, February 8, 2019
	29/19 - IACHR Presents Overview of the Results Achieved by its Special Follow-Up Mechanisms in 2018. Washington, D.C., February 8, 2019
	31/19 - IACHR Expands and Deepens Civil Society Participation in Efforts to Fulfil its Mandate. Washington, D.C., February 9, 2019
	37/19 - IACHR Urges Honduras and Guatemala to Guarantee the Rights of People in the Migrant and Refugee Caravan. Washington, D.C., February 19, 2019
	39/19 - IACHR visits Barbados, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica. Washington, D.C., February 22, 2019
	42/19 - IACHR Welcomes Actions to Protect the Right to a Nationality and to Prevent Statelessness in the Region. Washington, D.C., February 25, 2019
	48/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (SRESCER) presents a report on its results in 2018 and, together with the IACHR, calls for a commitment to its strengthening. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019
	49/19 - IACHR and IPPDH Salute the End of their International Course on Public Human Rights Policies. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019
	54/19 - IACHR Launches Questionnaire on Corruption and Human Rights to Draft Thematic Report. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2019
	57/19 - IACHR and Oxfam Sign Agreement for Cooperation in Latin American and Caribbean Human Rights Crises. Washington, D.C. / Mexico City, March 4, 2019
	R60/19 - On the Occasion of 2019 International Women's Day, the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Presents the Report "Women Journalists and Freedom of Expression: Discrimination and Gender-Based Violence Faced by Women Journalist in the Exercise of their Profession". Washington, D.C., March 8, 2019
	61/19 - On International Women's Day, the IACHR Calls on States to Promote and Strengthen the Political Participation and Representation of Women in the Americas. Washington, D.C., March 8, 2019
65/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Recent Violent Attacks against LGBTI People in the Americas. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019	

68/19 - International Seminar on Indigenous Peoples' Rights to Autonomy and Self-Government Ends Successfully. Mexico City, March 15, 2019
R73/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the IACHR presents its 2018 Annual Report. Washington, D.C., March 21, 2019
74/19 - IACHR Calls on States to Commit to Adopt Legislation Defining and Prohibiting Racism, Racial Discrimination and Intolerance. Washington, D.C., March 21, 2019
85/19 - IACHR Welcomes Progress on Recognition of the Rights of Trans Persons in the Region. Washington, D.C., March 29, 2019
98/19 - IACHR Calls for Specialized Academic Network for Technical Cooperation. Washington, D.C., April 15, 2019
99/19 - IACHR Invites Human Rights Defenders to Take Part in a Course on the Strategic Use of the Inter-American System of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., April 16, 2019
113/19 - IACHR and IPPDH Announce International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights. Washington, D.C. / Buenos Aires, May 13, 2019
114/19 - IACHR Calls for Submission of Academic Papers to Mark its 60th Anniversary. Washington, D.C., May 14, 2019
119/19 - Promote tolerance and diversity, speak out against hate and bigotry. Statement by human rights experts on the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. Washington, D.C., May 17, 2019
126/19 - IACHR Publishes Report on Progress and Challenges toward Recognition of the Rights of LGBTI Persons in the Americas. Washington, D.C., May 22, 2019
131/19 - Inter-American System Rapporteur and United Nations Experts Express Deep Concern Over Disappearance of Venezuelan Migrants Following Caribbean Shipwreck. Washington, D.C., May 30, 2019
132/19 - IACHR and Regional Branches of the OHCHR Concerned about the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas in the First Four Months of 2019. Bogotá / Guatemala City / Mexico City / Panama City / Santiago / Tegucigalpa / Washington, D.C., May 30, 2019
134/19 - IACHR Announces Results of Participant Selection Process for Training Course for Human Rights Defenders. Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019
150/19 - Applications for the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights Are Now Closed. Washington, D.C., June 14, 2019
155/19 - On World Refugee Day, IACHR Asks States in the Region to Take Action and Protect the Human Rights of Refugees. Washington, D.C., June 21, 2019
161/19 - On the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, the IACHR calls for the eradication of all acts of torture against persons deprived of their liberty. Washington, D.C., June 26, 2019
165/19 - IPPDH and IACHR announce list of selected people for the IV edition of the International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights. Washington, D.C., July 2, 2019

166/19 - IACHR and Inter-American Court of Human Rights invite to the Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System and call for proposals of parallel events. Washington, D.C. / San José, Costa Rica , July 3, 2019
171/19 - IACHR Celebrates 60th Anniversary. Washington, DC, July 10, 2019
R173/19 – Joint Twentieth Anniversary Declaration: Challenges for Freedom of Expression in the Next Decade. Washington, D.C., July 10, 2019
178/19 - Successful Conclusion of the Seminar on the “Inter American System and the Rights of Indigenous Women”. Washington, DC, July 19, 2019
180/19 - IACHR Expresses Deep Concern about the Situation of Migrants and Refugees in the United States, Mexico, and Central America. Washington, DC, July 23, 2019
183/19 - On International Afro-Latin American, Afro-Caribbean and Diaspora Women's Day, the IACHR calls on states to eradicate stigmatization of Afro-descendant women. Washington, D.C., July 25, 2019
185/19 - IACHR and SRESCER seek Advisory Opinion from Inter-American Court on freedom of association from gender perspective. Washington, D.C., July 31, 2019
195/19 - IACHR Announces the Selection of Academic Papers on the Impact of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Its 60-Year History. Washington, D.C., August 7, 2019
198/19 - IACHR Commemorates International Day of the World’s Indigenous People. Washington, D.C., August 9, 2019
204/19 - IACHR Presents Report on Internal Displacement in Central America’s Northern Triangle Countries. Washington, D.C., August 20, 2019
214/19 - On the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, the IACHR Calls on States to Comply with their International Obligations. Washington, D.C., August 30, 2019
218/19 - Questionnaire to develop the report, “Citizen Security privatization: impact of private security on human rights”. Washington, D.C., September 5, 2019
224/19 - IACHR Invites Human Rights Defenders to Take Part in Second Training Course on Strategic Use of Inter-American System of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., September 12, 2019
227/19 - IACHR Publishes Report on Public Policies with a Human Rights Approach. Washington, D.C., September 16, 2019
235/19 – IACHR Commends National Human Rights Institutions that Signed the Declaration of Commitment in the Area of Technical Cooperation. Washington D.C., September 23, 2019
236/19 – International Bisexual Visibility Day: Visibility as the First Step Toward Comprehensive Guarantees for Bisexual People’s Right to Mental Health. Washington, D.C., September 23, 2019
242/19 – Onsite week of the International Course on Public Policies concludes in Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C., September 27, 2019

	<p>256/19 - On the International Day of the Girl Child, the IACHR Stresses States' Obligation to Grant Special, Reinforced Protection to Girls' Fundamental Right. Washington, D.C., October 10, 2019</p>
	<p>259/19 - On the occasion of the International Day of Rural Women, IACHR urges the member countries of the OAS to recognize their Human Rights and guarantee them a life free of violence. Washington, D.C., October 15, 2019</p>
	<p>266/19 - IACHR and IA Court Announce Agenda and Invite People to Sign Up for the Third Inter-American Human Rights System Forum. Washington, D.C., October 22, 2019</p>
	<p>269/19 - The Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (ESKER) of the IACHR call to civil society organizations, the academy, and other interested actors to submit information regarding the situation of the ESKER in the region. Washington, D.C., October 23, 2019</p>
	<p>275/19 - On Intersex Awareness Day, the IACHR salutes the efforts of the OAS General Assembly to eradicate discrimination and violence against intersex persons in the Inter-American region. Washington, D.C., October 27, 2019</p>
	<p>281/19 - Consultation questionnaire on consolidating and expanding civil society participation in IACHR activities. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2019</p>
	<p>288/19 - IACHR and UN Human Rights Presences Once Again Call for the Creation of a Safe, Favorable Environment for Human Rights Defenders in the Americas. Bogotá / Guatemala City / Mexico City / Panama City / Port-au-Prince / Santiago de Chile / Tegucigalpa / Washington, D.C., November 7, 2019</p>
	<p>289/19 - IACHR and I/A Court H.R. Complete Third Inter-American Human Rights System Forum. Washington, D.C./San José, Costa Rica/Quito, Ecuador, November 7, 2019</p>
	<p>306/19 - 30 years after the Convention on the Rights of the Child was signed, the IACHR calls on States to renew their commitment to children. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019</p>
	<p>307/19 - IACHR Publishes Compendium on Equality and Non-discrimination. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019</p>
	<p>310/19 - IACHR, Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women, and MESECVI's Committee of Experts Call on States to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls in the Americas. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019</p>
Regional	<p>R331/19 - Presentation of the thematic Report of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, on Protest and Human Rights. Washington, D.C., December 20, 2019</p>
	<p>333/19 - IACHR Adopts Resolution on the Principles of Public Policies on Memory in the Americas. Washington, D.C., December 23, 2019</p>
	<p>336/19 - The IACHR ends the week of attendance at the second edition of the Training Course for Human Rights Defenders at the IACHR headquarters. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019</p>

	345/19 - IACHR adopts the "Inter-American Principles on the Human Rights of All Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, and Victims of Trafficking in Persons. Washington, D.C., December 30, 2019
	346/19 - IACHR presents report on Corruption and Human Rights. Washington, D.C., December 31, 2019
Argentina	157/19 - IACHR Completes Working Visit in Argentina. Washington, D.C., June 24, 2019
	226/19 - IACHR Concludes Commemorative Visit to Argentina. Washington, D.C., September 13, 2019
Bahamas	237/19 - IACHR and SRESCER express solidarity with the people of the Bahamas for the damage caused by Hurricane Dorian and call for the urgent implementation of a human rights-based response. Washington D.C., September 23, 2019
Barbados	251/19 - First Joint Consultation discussing the inclusion of LGBTI persons in the economic, social and cultural sphere. Bridgetown, Barbados, October 8, 2019
Bolivia	290/19 - IACHR Concerned about Political Crisis and Situation of Human Rights in Bolivia. Washington, D.C./Quito, Ecuador, November 11, 2019
	293/19 - IACHR rejects generalized violence in Bolivia and calls for the respect democratic institutions in the country. Washington, D.C. / Quito, November 12, 2019
	296/19 - IACHR Warns about the Risk of Impunity for Human Rights Violations in Bolivia, Calls for a National Dialogue to Reach a Constitutional Solution to the Crisis. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019
	321/19 - The IACHR presents its preliminary observations following its visit to Bolivia and requests an urgent international investigation take place into the serious human rights violations that have occurred in the country since the October 2019 elections. Washington, D.C., December 10, 2019
	328/19 - IACHR Creates an Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts to Support Investigations into Recent Violence and Human Rights Violations in Bolivia, and Announces an On-Site Visit to the Country. Washington, D.C., December 18, 2019
Brazil	9/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern about Acts of Violence against Rural Workers in Brazil. Washington, D.C., January 18, 2019
	19/19 - Special Rapporteurship ESCER of the IACHR expresses deep concerns about human, environmental and labor tragedy in Brumadinho (Minas Gerais, Brazil), and calls for the integral reparations for victims. Washington, D.C., January 30, 2019
	24/19 - IACHR Expresses Deep Concern over Alarming Prevalence of Gender-based Killings of Women in Brazil. Washington, D.C., February 4, 2019
	66/19 - Brazil must ensure justice for rights defender Marielle Franco killed a year ago, say UN and IACHR experts. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019
	103/19 - IACHR Concerned about Killings Committed by Police Officers in Brazilian Urban Contexts. Washington, D.C., April 25, 2019
	136/19 - IACHR Condemns the Deaths of over 50 People in Brazilian Prisons. Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019

	149/19 - IACHR Concerned About Actions that Affect Brazil’s National Mechanism to Prevent and Fight Torture. Washington, D.C., June 14, 2019
	R164/19 - Experts on freedom of expression of the UN and the IACHR express their concern over death threats against journalist Glenn Greenwald, director of The Intercept Brazil, and his family. Washington, D.C., July 1, 2019
	175/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern About Plans to Shut Down Several Branches of Brazilian Ombudsperson’s Office. Washington, D.C., July 17, 2019
	190/19 - IACHR Condemns Massacre with More than 60 Dead in Brazilian Prison. Washington, D.C., August 5, 2019
	215/19 - IACHR and its SRESCER express serious concerned about deforestation and fires in the Amazon. Washington, D.C., September 3, 2019
	250/19 - IACHR Presents Report on the Situation of Human Rights of the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Pan-Amazon Region. Washington, D.C., October 8, 2019
	291/19 - SRESCER expresses deep concern regarding Brazil oil spill and call urgently the full implementation of the environmental contingency plan in the affected areas. Washington, D.C., November 11, 2019
	318/19 - IACHR Condemns Police Raid that Led to the Deaths of Nine People in Brazil. Washington, D.C., December 6, 2019
	320/19 - OHCHR, IACHR Condemn Murders of Indigenous Leaders in Maranhão, Brazil. Washington, D.C./Santiago , December 9, 2019
Canada	10/19 - IACHR expresses its deep concern over the claims of forced sterilizations against indigenous women in Canada. Washington, D.C., January 18, 2019
	159/19 - IACHR calls on the State of Canada to address the recommendations issued by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in order to protect and guarantee their human rights. Washington, D.C., June 25, 2019
Chile	111/19 - IACHR Welcomes Steps Taken in Chile to Implement National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture. Washington, D.C., May 7, 2019
	225/19 - IACHR Concludes Commemorative Visit to Chile. Washington, DC, September 13, 2019
	270/19 – IACHR Condemns Excessive Use of Force and Rejects All Forms of Violence in the Context of the Social Protests in Chile. Washington, D.C., October 23, 2019
	312/19 - IACHR Completes Preliminary Visit to Chile. Washington, D.C., November 29, 2019
	317/19 - IACHR Condemns the Excessive Use of Force during Social Protests in Chile, Expresses its Grave Concern at the High Number of Reported Human Rights Violations, and Rejects All Forms of Violence. Washington, D.C., December 10, 2019

Colombia	8/19 - IACHR Completes Working Visit to Colombia to Assess Alarming Issue of Murders of Social Leaders and Human Rights Defenders. Washington, D.C., January 15, 2019
	11/19 - IACHR Condemns Terrorist Attack in Colombia. Washington, D.C., January 20, 2019
	87/19 - IACHR and Colombian Branch of the OHCHR Insist on the Need to Keep up Talks, Stress their Call for Non-Violence in Cauca. Washington, D.C., April 4, 2019
	110/19 - IACHR Invites People to Share Information on the Human Rights Situation of Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia. Washington, D.C., May 2, 2019
	130/19 - IACHR Monitors Progress and Challenges Concerning Colombia's One-Year-Old Special Jurisdiction for Peace. Washington, D.C., May 29, 2019
	221/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Violence during Election in Colombia. Washington, D.C., September 10, 2019
	292/19 - IACHR Strongly Condemns Attacks and Murders Targeting Individuals, Authorities, and Members of the Indigenous Guard in Colombia. Washington, D.C., November 12, 2019
	313/19 - IACHR Concerned about Repression by Government Agents in Colombia, Rejects All Forms of Violence in the Context of Protests. Washington, D.C., December 2, 2019
	330/19 - IACHR Presents Report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia. Washington, D.C., December 20, 2019
	344/19 - The Commission urges Colombia to investigate the discovery of mortal remains in Las Mercedes cemetery. Washington, D.C., December 30, 2019
Costa Rica	146/19 - IACHR Concludes Working Visits to Costa Rica and Honduras to Monitor the Predicament of Nicaraguans Who Have Been Forced to Flee Their Country. Washington, D.C., June 12, 2019
	234/19 - IACHR presents Report on Forced Migration of Nicaraguans to Costa Rica. Washington, D.C., September 20, 2019
Cuba	58/19 - IACHR Concerned about Cuba's New Constitution and its Implementation. Washington, D.C., March 4, 2019
	R63/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur presents special report on the situation of freedom of expression in Cuba. Washington, D.C., March 13, 2019
	139/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship Condemn Move to Break Up Peaceful March in Favor of LGBTI Persons in Cuba. Washington, D.C., June 4, 2019

	191/19 - IACHR Makes Working Visit to Florida to Present a Report on Human Rights Situation in Cuba. Washington, DC, August 6, 2019
	205/19 - IACHR Drafts Country Report Concerning the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba Washington, DC, August 20, 2019
	R206/19 - Special Rapporteurship Condemns Prison Sentence against Journalist Roberto Quiñones and Expresses Concern over Persistence of Criminalization and Harassment against Media Workers and Human Rights Defenders in Cuba. Washington, D.C., August 20, 2019
Ecuador	13/19 - IACHR Laments Deaths in Fire at Ecuadorian Drug Rehabilitation Center. Washington, D.C., January 24, 2019
	47/19 - IACHR Concerned about Ecuador's New Measures to Address Forced Migration of Venezuelans. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019
	262/19 - IACHR Announces Observation Mission to Ecuador in Response to Protests. Washington, D.C., October 17, 2019
	252/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship Concerned about Excessive Use of Police Force against Demonstrators and Attacks on Journalists during Protests in Ecuador. Washington, D.C., October 9, 2019
El Salvador	104/19 - IACHR Concerned about Bill that Would Leave Unpunished Serious Human Rights Violations of El Salvador's Past. Washington, D.C., April 25, 2019
	123/19 - IACHR notes with concern the passage of the National Reconciliation Bill in El Salvador, which contains provisions contrary to human rights. Washington, D.C., May 21, 2019
	144/19 - IACHR Applauds Successful High-Level Dialogue on Transitional Justice in El Salvador. Washington, D.C., June 10, 2019
	222/19 - IACHR Completes Successful Forum on Transitional Justice for Salvadoran Justice Sector. Washington, D.C., September 10, 2019
	274/19 - IACHR Completes Successful Forum on Transitional Justice in El Salvador, Reminds the State of the Applicable Inter-American Standards. Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019
	314/19 - IACHR Launches On-Site Visit to El Salvador. Washington, D.C., December 2, 2019
	335/19 - IACHR presents preliminary observations from its on-site visit to El Salvador. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
United States of America	1/19 - IACHR Expresses Deep Concern over the Deaths of Two Migrant Children in the Custody of Immigration Authorities in the United States. Washington, D.C., January 7, 2019
	69/19 - IACHR Releases New Report on Police Violence against Afro-descendants in the United States. Washington, D.C., March 18, 2019
	70/19 - IACHR Welcomes the Moratorium on Executions of Death Row Inmates in the US State of California. Washington, D.C., March 20, 2019

	152/19 - IACHR Welcomes Abolition of Death Penalty in New Hampshire, United States. Washington, D.C., June 17, 2019
	193/19 - IACHR condemns mass shootings and all discourse or form of hate, racism and intolerance in the United States of America. Washington, DC, August 6, 2019
	201/19 - IACHR expresses its profound concern for the reinstatement of the death penalty at the federal level in the United States. Washington, DC, August 15, 2019
	203/19 - IACHR announces dates and scope of its visit to the southern border of the United States of America. Washington, DC, August 16, 2019
	211/19 - IACHR Urges the United States to Stay the Execution of Russell Bucklew. Washington, DC, August 23, 2019
	228/19 - IACHR conducted visit to the United States' Southern Border. Washington, DC, September 16, 2019
	249/19 - IACHR Condemns Execution of Russell Bucklew in Missouri, United States of America. Washington, D.C., October 7, 2019
	294/19 - IACHR urges the United States to comply with the recommendations issued in regard with Víctor Saldaño's human rights. Washington, D.C., November 13, 2019
	279/19 - IACHR expresses concern over migrant DNA collection and policies restricting the mobility of migrant persons in the United States. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2019
Guatemala	7/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Measures That May Hamper the Fight against Impunity and Corruption in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., January 10, 2019
	14/19 - IACHR Asks Guatemalan State Not to Amend National Reconciliation Law. Washington, D.C., January 25, 2019
	124/19 - IACHR Condemns Acts of Violence in Guatemalan Prison. Washington, D.C., May 21, 2019
	R147/19 - Guatemala: Freedom of expression and the media's role are crucial to guaranteeing free and transparent elections this June 16. Washington, D.C., June 12, 2019
	196/19 - IACHR Concerned about Excessive Use of Force by Police against LGBTI Persons in Guatemala. Washington, DC, August 7, 2019
	298/19 - IACHR Expresses Its Concern over a New Attempt to Dismiss the Guatemalan Human Rights Ombudsperson. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019
Haiti	33/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern for Situation in Haiti. Washington, D.C., February 13, 2019
	46/19 - Concerned about Worsening Violence and Scarcity in Haiti, IACHR Unveils Plans for a Rapid and Integrated Response Coordination Unit to Monitor the Situation. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019
	R151/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the murder of journalist Petión Rospide and expresses its concern over the ongoing violence against journalists in the framework of the public demonstrations' coverage in Haiti. Washington, D.C., June 14, 2019

	168/19 - IACHR Concludes Visit to Haiti. Washington, D.C., July 3, 2019
	258/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Concerned about Violence and Increased Political Tensions in Haiti. Washington, D.C., October 11, 2019
	305/19 - A Year After La Saline Massacre, the IACHR Remains Concerned about the Ongoing Political and Institutional Crisis in Haiti. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019
Honduras	R71/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns the Murder of Journalist in Honduras and Urges to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington, D.C., March 20, 2019
	106/19 - IACHR and OHCHR-Honduras Reject Violence in Honduras. Washington, D.C. / Tegucigalpa, April 30, 2019
	142/19 - IACHR Ends Follow-Up Visit to Honduras. Washington, D.C., June 5, 2019
	143/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Acts of Violence during the Education and Healthcare Strike in Honduras. Washington, D.C., June 6, 2019
	169/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Situation in Honduras and Calls on State to Guarantee Rights to Protest and Peaceful Assembly, in Accordance with Inter-American Standards. Washington, D.C., July 3, 2019
	174/19 - IACHR and OHCHR Express Concern over the Provisions of the Criminal Code in Honduras and Call for a Review in Accordance with International and Inter-American Human Rights Standards. Washington, D.C. / Tegucigalpa, July 12, 2019
	176/19 - IACHR Condemns Violence against Trans Persons in Honduras. Washington, DC, July 18, 2019
	238/19 - IACHR condemns the prevalence of murders and other forms of violence against Garifuna women in Honduras. Washington, DC, September 24, 2019
	245/19 - IACHR Releases New Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Honduras. Washington, D.C., October 3, 2019
	R316/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns murder of journalist José Artia in Honduras and urges to investigate its relation to his journalistic activity. Washington, D.C., December 4, 2019
	334/19 - IACHR, OHCHR Urge the State of Honduras to Protect the Lives and Integrity of Individuals Held in Penitentiary and Juvenile Detention Facilities, Following the Declaration of a State of Penitentiary Emergency in the Country. Washington, D.C., December 26, 2019
Mexico	3/19 - IACHR Calls on the Mexican State to Refrain from Taking Legislative Measures That Run Counter to International Standards on Pretrial Detention. Washington, D.C., January 9, 2019
	R16/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) condemns the murder of José Rafael Murúa Manríquez and observes with concern the continuity of violence against journalists in México. Washington, D.C., January 25, 2019
	43/19 - IACHR Condemns Illegitimate Deprivation of Liberty of Human Rights Defenders Otilia Eugenio Manuel and Hilario Cornelio Castro in Mexico. Washington, D.C., February 26, 2019

	64/19 – IACHR Present Report and 2019 Work Plan for 2019, Sets Up Team on Ayotzinapa Case. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019
	100/19 - IACHR and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons Welcome Decision for the protection of internally displaced persons in Mexico. Washington, D.C., April 17, 2019
	R120/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the continuance of murders of journalists and communicators in Mexico and urges the State to implement decisive measures to protect and combat impunity. Washington, D.C., May 17, 2019
	R153/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the murder of journalist Norma Sarabia in Mexico and notes with concern the ongoing attacks against journalists. Washington, D.C., June 20, 2019
	197/19 - Special Follow-Up Mechanism on Ayotzinapa Affair Makes Second Official Visit to Mexico in 2019. Washington, DC, August 7, 2019
	R213/19 – Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns killing of journalist Nevith Condes in Mexico; it urges the state to review and reinforce protection measures and the action of the Special Prosecution Service to address the serious situation of violence against media workers. Washington, D.C., August 30, 2019
	239/19 – IACHR Conveys Its Solidarity with the Families of the 43 Missing Students from Ayotzinapa and Expresses Deep Concern over the Lack of Justice and Clarification of Events. Washington, D.C., September 25, 2019
	R295/19 - Freedom of expression experts concerned by slow progress into investigation and prosecution for murder of Mexican journalist Javier Valdez. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019
	327/19 - IACHR Suggests that Mexico Restore the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts for Ayotzinapa. Washington, D.C., December 17, 2019
	329/19 - IACHR Welcomes the Creation of Mexico’s Extraordinary Forensic Identification Mechanism, Awaits its Swift Implementation. Washington, D.C., December 18, 2019
Nicaragua	6/19 - CIDH denounces the weakening of the rule of law in the face of serious human rights violations and crimes against humanity in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., January 10, 2019
	21/19 - IACHR Considers that the Law on Dialogue, Reconciliation and Peace in Nicaragua is Incompatible with International Standards Regarding Truth, Justice and Reparation. Washington, D.C., February 1, 2019
	26/19 - IACHR Condemns Increasing Attacks on the Press and Ongoing Human Rights Violations in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., February 6, 2019
	51/19 - IACHR Calls for Conditions that Enable the Enjoyment of Human Rights during Nicaraguan Dialogue. Washington, D.C., February 28, 2019
	84/19 - IACHR Welcomes UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., March 29, 2019

	90/19 - IACHR Condemns Continuing Acts of Repression in Nicaragua during Negotiating Table Talks. Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019
	101/19 - One Year after the Onset of the Crisis in Nicaragua, IACHR Once Again Expresses Its Permanent Commitment to Victims of Human Rights Violations. Washington, D.C., April 17, 2019
	108/19 - Amid Ongoing Restrictions on Public Protest, IACHR Urges Nicaragua to Comply with Implementation of Agreements. Washington, D.C., April 30, 2019
	118/19 - IACHR Speaks Out Against Stigmatization Campaign in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 16, 2019
	122/19 - IACHR Condemns Acts of Violence and the Death of One Person at a Nicaraguan Prison. Washington, D.C., May 20, 2019
	133/19 - IACHR Calls on the State of Nicaragua to Guarantee Memory, Truth, and Justice in Accordance with Its International Obligations. Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019
	137/19 - IACHR and OHCHR Express Concern Over the Passing of the Comprehensive Care for Victims Act in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., June 3, 2019
	145/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern Over the Passing of the Amnesty Law in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., June 12, 2019
	160/19 - IACHR Presents Performance Report and Results for the Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI). Washington, D.C., June 25, 2019
	172/19 - IACHR Concerned about Ongoing Repression in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., July 11, 2019
	187/19 - IACHR conducts Working Visit to Miami to Present Report on Human Rights Situation in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., July 31, 2019
	194/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Nicaragua's Announcement That It Will Not Continue Dialogue and Calls on the State to Comply with Its Obligations to Guarantee and Respect Human Rights. Washington, D.C., August 6, 2019
	208/19 - REDESCA of the IACHR expresses profound concern about discrimination for political reasons in the exercise of the rights to work and health in Nicaragua. Washington, DC, August 20, 2019
	R212/19 - Nicaragua: Must stop reprisals against journalists, say human rights experts. Washington, DC, August 26, 2019
	220/19 - IACHR Speaks Out Against Ongoing Repression in Nicaragua and Expresses Its Concern at Increased Harassment of Human Rights Defenders and People Who Have Been Released from Prison. Washington, DC, September 6, 2019
	297/19 - IACHR Condemns Persecution of Victims of Repression in Nicaragua and Calls on State to Prevent Revictimization and Promote Truth, Justice, Reparation, and Measures of Nonrepetition. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019
Panama	260/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern Over Dismissal of Ombud in Panama. Washington, D.C., October 16, 2019
	272/19 - IACHR and MESENI Visit Panama to Monitor the Situation of Nicaraguan Migrants and Refugees. Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019

Paraguay	240/19 - IACHR Urges Paraguay to Investigate Discovery of Human Remains at the “House of Horror” Site. Washington, D.C., September 26, 2019
	304/19 - IACHR Ends Working Visit to Paraguay. Washington, D.C., November 21, 2019
Peru	170/19 - IACHR Concludes Week-Long Training Course for Human Rights Defenders in Peru. Lima, Peru, July 9, 2019
	184/19 - IACHR and SRESCER manifest their concern for oil spills in Peru and urge the State to take action to prevent, mitigate and investigate urgently. Washington, D.C., July 26, 2019
	241/19 - IACHR urges transparency in process of selecting six judges of the Constitutional Court of Peru and issues a call for guaranteeing its independence. Washington, D.C., September 26, 2019
Dominican Republic	273/19 - IACHR presents the results of its efforts to monitor the Working Group on the Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic. Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019
Uruguay	45/19 - IACHR Concerned about Failure to Investigate Threats against Justice Operators Active in Cases of Serious Human Rights Violations during Uruguayan Dictatorship. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019
	135/19 - IACHR Completes Visit to Uruguay. Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019
	158/19 - IACHR Notes Uruguay Court Decision Limiting the Application of Statute of Limitations to Crime Committed during the Dictatorship. Washington, D.C., June 24, 2019
Venezuela	5/19 - IACHR Alerts About Further Weakening of Rule of Law in Venezuela Ahead of New Presidential Mandate. Washington, D.C., January 9, 2019
	12/19 - IACHR calls on the Republic of Venezuela to guarantee the right to protest and to public demonstration. Washington, D.C., January 23, 2019
	15/19 - IACHR Condemns Deaths in Protests and Calls on State Institutions to Protect the Human Rights of the Venezuelan People. Washington, D.C., January 25, 2019
	22/19 - IACHR Alarmed by Arrests in the Context of Protests in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., February 1, 2019
	R23/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur demands the immediate release of journalists detained in Venezuela and refrain from expelling foreign correspondents. Washington, D.C., February 1, 2019
	40/19 - IACHR Concerned about Harassment against Human Rights Defenders in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., February 22, 2019
	52/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights Condemn the Violent Repression in Venezuela and Urge the State to Protect Human Rights in the Current Political, Economic and Social Crisis. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2019

R62/19 - Freedom of Expression Experts of the UN and the IACHR Express Alarm over Expansion of Censorship Measures in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 8, 2019
77/19 - IACHR and SRESCER Express Their Concern Over the Lack of Electricity and Drinking Water in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 22, 2019
91/19 - IACHR Observes Persistent Human Rights Issues in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019
115/19 - IACHR Condemns the Escalation of Attacks against Members of the Venezuelan National Assembly. Washington, D.C., May 14, 2019
R116/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns closure of Radio Caracas Radio 750 AM, the censorship of television channels, restrictions on the Internet, and the arrest of journalists in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., May 14, 2019
167/19 - IACHR Expresses Alarm and Concern over the Death of Captain Rafael Acosta Arévalo in Custody in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., July 3, 2019
267/19 - IACHR Establishes Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Venezuela (MESEVE). Washington, D.C., October 21, 2019
284/19 - IACHR Condemns and Expresses Concern over the Murder of a Councilor in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., November 5, 2019
232/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns that communicators Pedro Jaimes and Jesús Medina have served one year in prison in Venezuela without being convicted. Washington, DC, September 18, 2019

5. Requests for Information

46. In the exercise of its monitoring duties, the IACHR also sent 68 letters requesting information from 18 states of the region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and the United States). Of these letters, 57 were prepared pursuant to Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights and 10 pursuant to Article 18 of the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man. The following table lists the countries, dates, and issues addressed in said information requests. Of these, 13 were made by the Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression, and it participated with the Executive Secretariat in the drafting of 3 letters. The Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights made 7 requests for information. It must be stressed that, of all the requests for information, the states responded to 46 of them and 22 remained unanswered, accounting for a 67.6% responses from the states.

47. In addition, the IACHR requested information from all OAS member states on the progress and challenges in human rights, with special emphasis on the following cross-cutting areas established by the Commission in its Strategic Plan for 2017-2021: democratic institutionalism, human rights institutionalism, access to justice and citizen security, as well as right to the environment.

48. Among the issues defined as priorities in the Strategic Plan, a theme of special interest for the Commission has to do with the rights of indigenous peoples. There were 5 noteworthy requests for information relative to the eviction of indigenous persons from their territories, the destruction of their households, and the killing of an indigenous leader.

49. Other issues that the Commission focused on are the situation of groups such as women and girls. In that regard, the IACHR sent 4 requests for information on the forced sterilization of indigenous women, girls, and adolescents, killings and other types of gender-based violence, as well as the suicides of women and adolescents victims of gender-based violence and acts of violence against trans women. Also noteworthy is the

situation of a woman with a disability who gave birth to her daughter in a U.S. detention center, as well as a bill of law initiative on “The protection of life and family” in Guatemala and the Program for Nurseries and Daycare Centers to Support Working Mothers in Mexico.

50. As for the rights of migrants, the Commission submitted 7 requests for information on migratory measures in Argentina, modification of the process to grant refugee status in Canada, the death of Nicaraguans in Honduras, and complaints of sexual abuse filed by migrant minors detained in the United States.

51. In connection with the situation of freedom of expression, the IACHR requested information on the investigations of killings, spying, and deprivation of liberty of journalists. The request for information about the arrest and detention of Mr. Ola Brini and Mr. Roberto de Jesús Quiñones Haces is also noteworthy.

52. Through this mechanism, the Commission also continued monitoring and following up on the situation of human rights defenders. On 5 occasions, the IACHR issued requests for information relative to pressure, harassment, deprivation of liberty, and acts of violence against the above-mentioned group. Among them, the request on the alleged possibility of the execution of a sentence given to Mr. Cesar Ricaurte and the request on the situation of Mr. Julian Assange are noteworthy.

53. Furthermore, the Commission submitted 5 requests for information in the context of the protests in Chile, Ecuador, and Nicaragua, especially on the situation of persons deprived of liberty, police intervention, the excessive use of force, and repression.

54. In the area of economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, the Commission requested information on patient medical care in public hospitals and access to generic medicines. It also closely followed the human and environmental tragedy in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, for which it also issued a communication requesting information. The IACHR followed up on the reports of retaliations against persons relative to health and education services with 3 requests for information to Brazil, Nicaragua, and Panama.

55. The legislative processes were of special interest for the Commission, especially Draft Law 21 on secularism in Québec, Canada, and the implementation of a new mobile surveillance system in Chile.

56. A list of all requests for information made by the Commission in 2019 is provided below.

State	Request for information - Article 41				Request for Information - Article 18			
	Date	Issue	Total	Response from the state	Date	Issue	Total	Response from the state
Argentina	3/6/2019	Measures in the area of migration in Argentina	4	Yes				
	7/16/2019	Request for information on subpoena for investigative hearing on journalist from Clarín, Daniel Santoro		Yes				

	8/20/2019	Request for information about the criminal complaint allegedly filed by the Ministry of Security against the NGO Greenpeace		Yes				
	10/16/2019	Criminal charges against Mario Coriolano		Yes				
Brazil	12/28/2018	Complaint filed regarding the eviction of the Tremembé do Engenho indigenous people from their territories and police destruction of their homes and crops.	11	Yes				
	1/10/2019	Information on the situation of close to 450 peasant families who currently occupy the locality known as Quilombo Campo Grande in the Municipality of Campos Gerais		Yes				
	1/10/2019	Request for information on patients medical services in public hospitals in the states of Amapá and Rio de Janeiro		Yes				

2/27/2019	Information on access to detention centers by the National Mechanism for Preventing and Combating Torture		Yes				
3/25/2019	Joint letter on legislation affecting the right to freedom of assembly		No				
5/10/2019	Information on military action leading to the death of Evaldo Rosa in Rio de Janeiro		Yes				
5/21/2019	Request for information on the Barão dos Cocais dam (Minas Gerais)		Yes				
6/10/2019	Information about legal proceedings for excessive use of force and repression of protests in Curitiba, Paraná, on April 29, 2015/ Monitoring ex officio communication 165/2015 – I/GAB/SDH/PR from Human Rights Secretariat of Office of the President of the Republic		Yes				

	8/19/2019	Complaint about alleged invasion of indigenous territory and killing of Wajãpi indigenous leader in the state of Amapá; and eviction of the Kinikinau indigenous community from its ancestral territory with excessive use of force		Yes				
	9/25/2019	Information about the killing of Maciel Pereira dos Santos and acts of violence in indigenous territories and surrounding areas in northern Brazil		No				
	6/20/2019	Mandates of UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights		Yes				
Bolivia	12/30/2019	Request for information on the Executive Bill W/N on "Recovery of freedom of expression in Bolivia" and the situation of indigenous radio stations	1	No				
Canada					2/11/2019	Forced sterilization of indigenous women, girls, and adolescents	5	No

					4/1/2019	Canadian Ombudsperson operation for responsible enterprise		No
					5/6/2019	Draft bill 21 on secularism in Quebec		No
					5/13/2019	Proposal to amend process to determine the status of refugee		No
					6/24/2019	Missing and murdered indigenous women and girls		No
Chile	6/11/2019	Request for information on implementation of new Mobile Surveillance System in Chile	4	No				
	8/19/2019	Police intervention in the context of protests in the National Institute in Santiago de Chile		Yes				
	8/26/2019	Request for information about public complaints on alleged spying on the journalist Marcelo Weibel and on four informers of alleged incidents of corruption in the Army of Chile		No				
	10/25/2019	Violence in the context of protests.		No				
Colombia	4/24/2019	Information on the current situation of human rights defenders in Colombia	3	Yes				

	8/26/2019	Attacks against indigenous guard and death of Gersain Yatacue, Kevin Mestizo, Eugenio Tenorio, and Julio Taquinás in the municipality of Toribío, department of Cauca, Colombia		Yes				
	10/17/2019	Request for information on situation of Vereda Nueva Colombia, municipality		No				
Cuba					11/15/2019	Request for information on the sentencing of independent journalist Roberto de Jesús Quiñones Haces to one-year deprivation of liberty	1	No
Ecuador	1/11/2019	Basic Law on Communication	9	No				
	2/27/2019	Situation of possible eviction of indigenous persons and first-nation ethnic groups who were allegedly in the area of the so-called former Zulay Tea plantation		Yes				
	5/7/2019	Request for information on the arrest and detention of Mr. Ola Bini, and criminal charges filed against him		Yes				
	5/14/2019	Situation of Mr. Julian Assange		Yes				

7/29/2019	Follow-up on urgent joint letter to the Ecuadorian Government on the detention of Mr. Ola Bini and criminal charges filed against him		Yes				
8/19/2019	Request for information on the alleged possibility of effectively implementing a prison sentence against the defender of freedom of expression César Ricaurte, in connection with an incident in which he was supposedly involved in a public place with a former civil servant		Yes				
10/22/2019	Situation of persons deprived of liberty in the context of repression of the protests and social crisis in Ecuador		No				
11/8/2019	Request for information on the situation of Radio Pichincha Universal in Ecuador		No				

	11/22/2019	Progress of investigations into deaths in the context of repression of protests and social crisis in Ecuador		No				
	12/24/2019	Situation of Ecuadorian people at the Mexican Embassy in Ecuador						
El Salvador	3/11/2019	National Reconciliation Law initiative	4	No				
	7/10/2019	Suicides of women and adolescents victims of gender-based violence		Yes				
	8/8/2019	Acts of violence against trans women		Yes				
	12/2/2019	Sexual violence against children and adolescents in El Salvador		No				
United States					4/17/2019	Complaints on sexual abuse filed by detained immigrant minors	4	Yes
					5/16/2019	Asylum seekers from Nicaragua in the United States		Yes
					6/12/2019	Situation of Tammy Jackson, a woman with disabilities who gave birth to her daughter in the detention center of North Broward Bureau,		No

					11/7/2019	Human rights situation of the indigenous community of the Navajo Nation by Flagstaff City in the tourist Project development in San Francisco Peaks, known as the Arizona Snowbowl Resort Limited Partnership		No
Guatemala	2/1/2019	Initiative for Law No. 5272 relative to "The protection of life and family"	6	Yes				
	4/5/2019	Approval of initiative for Law 5257		Yes				
	6/13/2019	Preservation of the Historical Archive of the National Police		Yes				
	8/6/2019	Situation of the Historical Archive of the National Police		No				
	2/1/2019	Information on the current status of the Historical Archive of the National Police and dismissal of its staff		No				
	12/3/2019	Information on the current status of the Historical Archive of the National Police and dismissal of its staff		No				
Honduras	4/5/2019	Situation of internal displacement and the rights of human rights defenders in the region of Bajo Aguán, Honduras	5	Yes				

	4/10/2019	Situation of eviction of the Lenca indigenous community from Tierras del Padre, department of Francisco Morazán		Yes				
	7/31/2019	Deaths of Nicaraguans in Honduras		Yes				
	8/15/2019	Investigation of violent deaths and injured persons in the context of demonstrations in Honduras		Yes				
	9/4/2019	Situation of alleged threats and incidents of violence against defenders of the land and environment in Honduras		Yes				
Mexico	4/23/2019	Request for information about the progress in the investigations into the killings of journalists Javier Valdez Cárdenas, Rubén Espinosa Becerril, and Miroslava Breach Velducea.	2	Yes				
	11/12/2019	Program of nurseries and daycare centers to support working mothers in Mexico		Yes				
Nicaragua	5/14/2019	Persons deprived of liberty in the context of protests	4	No				

	8/8/2019	Complaints about retaliations against persons working in health and education services		No				
	8/8/2019	Reforming the Nicaraguan Social Security Administration		Yes				

	8/19/2019	<p>Mandates of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; and the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR.</p> <p>Joint request for information on attacks, harassment, and threats, including death threats and detention against various employees of Radio Darío in León, Nicaragua</p>		No				
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Panama	2/27/2019	Information on pressure and harassment against Víctor Atencio Gómez	2	Yes				
	3/27/2019	Access to generic medicines for patients suffering from high blood pressure		Yes				
Paraguay	8/19/2019	Due process in criminal proceedings	1	Yes				
Peru	3/6/2019	On the situation of Gabriel Abusada James and Elis Elefteriu Fernández	1	Yes				
Dominican Republic	1/18/2019	Request for relevant information to hold the Second Working Forum on the Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic	1	Yes				
Total	58					10		

6. Reports Adopted

57. In 2019, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights approved 10 country and thematic reports. Of these, one is a country report on the human rights situation in Honduras.

58. A list of all the reports adopted during this period is provided below.

RAPORTEURSHIP	TITLE OF THE REPORT
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	Situation of Human Rights of the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Pan-Amazon Region
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants	Forced Migration of Nicaraguan Nationals to Costa Rica
Special Rapporteurship on Freedom of Expression	Protest and Human Rights
	Report on the Rights of the Child and Media in the Americas
	Final Report of the Special Follow-up Team (ESE) Designated by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: Follow-up on the component to investigate the facts that led to the abduction and killing of Javier Ortega, Paúl Rivas, and Efraín Segarra Member of the journalistic team of the newspaper <i>El Comercio</i>
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women and Rapporteurship on the Rights of Children and Adolescents	Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls, and Adolescents: Best Practices and Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean
Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders	Situation of Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afrodescendant Persons and against Racial Discrimination	Compendium on Inter-American Standards on Equality and Discrimination
Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights	Business and Human Rights: Inter-American Standards
Country Rapporteurship	Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Honduras
Technical Cooperation and Public Policies	Report on Corruption and Human Rights in the Americas

B. IACHR's Training and Promotion Activities

59. The Inter-American Commission has the mandate to promote human rights in the region, in line with the Organization's Charter, as well as its Statute and Rules of Procedure. In that respect, it raises public awareness about human rights in the Americas and makes recommendations to OAS member states to adopt measures that contribute to their protection.

60. In that framework, the IACHR steers promotion and training activities on its working mechanisms and on inter-American human rights standards that have developed through the inter-American human rights system's doctrine and case law. This is aimed at promoting greater appreciation and understanding in civil society, social networks, and member states about its scope and, where relevant, for their application and incorporation, using a human rights approach, in decisions, regulatory frameworks, and public policies.

61. In its Strategic Plan for 2017-2021, the IACHR established strategic objective 3 (SO3) focusing on building a structured strategy that would make it possible to strengthen the IACHR's promotion and training actions as one of the pillars of its institutional work. In that framework, the IACHR decided to develop a "comprehensive program for wide-ranging promotion and training in the inter-American system," which includes awareness-raising campaigns and prevention; inter-American human rights conferences; seminars and events; activities for disseminating reports; advocacy measures in human rights education; training course on public policies in human rights and on the inter-American system and inter-American standards; thematic courses; and support for national and regional competencies in the inter-American system.

62. Throughout 2019, promotion and training activities on the IAHRs in the Hemisphere were strengthened, with a total of 322 activities carried out, broken down into 68 training events and 254 promotion activities. It must be indicated that about 6,254 persons participated in this total of 320 activities, of whom 3,052 were women. In the promotion activities, there was a total of about 3,673 participants, of whom 1,640 were women. Furthermore, the IACHR has trained about 2,581 persons, of whom 1,412 were women. There were 24 states where these activities were conducted, among which Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, and Uruguay and Venezuela.

1. Training activities

63. Training activities are aimed at developing and building capacities through training activities on the various working mechanisms of the IACHR, inter-American standards, institutional capacity building and public policymaking with a human rights approach of the states. They also strive to develop the capacities of social and academic organizations and networks to act in defense of human rights, as well as the capacity building of state agents in the area. In the framework of the 66 training activities conducted as a whole in 2019, the following training activities must be highlighted as a priority:

1.1 IACHR/IPPCH International course on public policies for human rights

64. In 2019, the Fourth Edition of the International Course on Public Policies for Human Rights and the Second Edition organized and held jointly by the IACHR and the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies for Human Rights (IPPDH) took place.

65. The course is aimed at training relevant stakeholders of the region on human rights in public policies and was addressed to civil servants in charge of designing, steering, implementing, and evaluating public policies, members of social organizations and movements, academics, and society as a whole. On the basis of a perspective recognizing the progress and challenges in the region, it provided an approach to the experiences and challenges that the implementation of the human rights approach entails for state institutions. The study process offered by this international course combined theoretical and practical training in the field of international human rights law, the inter-American human rights protection system, social sciences, and public administration, with presentations of high-impact practical experiences for guaranteeing the rights implemented in the states of the region over the past few years.

66. This initiative is part of the implementation of the IACHR Strategic Plan for 2017-2021, which established a program to promote public policies aimed at strengthening respect for human rights as a key element for national capacity building to implement inter-American human rights standards.

67. It is a course with a blended learning model carried out in three stages. The first is online for 13 weeks via the online campus of the International School of the IPPDH. The second is mandatory and involves five days of classroom work at IPPDH headquarters in Buenos Aires. In addition there is an optional week for specializing in the inter-American system, which was conducted in the framework of IACHR's 173 regular session at IACHR headquarters.

68. In this training, 102 persons participated, of whom 50 were women. It was taught both by instructors from the IPPDH and by human rights specialists from the IAHR. For the optional week of onsite training in Washington, D.C., 48 persons attended.

1.2. Courses on the strategic use of the IAHRs for human rights defenders

69. In the framework of activities for human rights capacity building in the region, there was the Course for Human Rights Defenders on the strategic use of the inter-American system. An open invitation was launched, which led to 3,953 applications from persons interested in taking the course, from which 60 were chosen, and 7 scholarships were granted to those persons coming from countries about which the IACHR receives information repeatedly on patterns of threats, harassment, violent attacks, and killings: Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, Mexico, and Brazil. The course was provided in two stages between July and September 2019.

70. The first stage consisted of holding a training workshop at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru in Lima on July 1 to 5, 2019. The goals of this stage were to build up the capacities of human rights defenders and provide them with conceptual and methodological tools making it possible to replicate, in their communities and organizations, the knowledge gained.

71. The working methodology during the classroom week consisted of developing theoretical and practical activities taught by the experts of the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, who presented the standards, tools, and mechanisms of the inter-American system, and practical cases were worked on to facilitate the process of learning how to use them strategically.

72. There were 60 persons attending the classroom week, from 17 different countries of the region (Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Dominican Republic). Of these participants, 30 identified themselves as women, 18 as men, and 1 as non-binary gender. In addition, when they were queried about the group they belonged to, 17 identified themselves as "indigenous persons," 8 as "Afrodescendants," and 4 as "LGBTI persons," whereas 27 referred to the category "Other" and 4 chose not to answer the question.

73. The course's second stage consisted of having the participants conduct replications in their own organizations and/or communities. As a result of this stage, 602 persons were trained in the following countries: Dominican Republic, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, El Salvador, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, and Chile.

74. On December 9 to 13, at IACHR headquarters in Washington, D.C., the second edition of the course was held, with 60 participants, of whom 35 were women and, once again, 7 scholarships were granted to those persons coming from countries about which the IACHR repeatedly receives information on patterns of threat, harassment, violent attacks, and killings: Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, Mexico, and Brazil. This second edition shall also have two stages and will be held between December 2019 and February 2020.

1.3. Workshop on the Inter-American Human Rights Protection System

75. The workshop was held at the invitation of the OAS School of Governance to ensure closer ties of collaboration. The training took place on March 6 at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C. The purpose was to strengthen leadership skills and innovation capacities in public administration in the current context, using

a regional vision and a cross-cutting thematic perspective, addressing the challenges in democracy, human rights, multidimensional security, and integral development. It was attended by 29 persons, 14 of whom were women, who represented civil society, academia, and the state.

1.4 Course on the Inter-American and International Human Rights Protection System for State Agents

76. This training was held thanks to inter-agency collaboration between the IACHR and American University—through the Washington College of Law—, the Inter-American Human Rights Institute, and the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights organization. It was aimed at building up the capacities of the state agents in the region.

77. With a total of 20 civil servants trained, 14 of whom were women, the IACHR continues its work promoting human rights in the region. The course was held from September 30 to October 4, 2019 in the framework of the 173 session of the IACHR, and benefited from the participation of specialists from both the IACHR and partner institutions.

78. Among the issues addressed, the following are noteworthy: structure of the IACHR Executive Secretariat, functioning of the special rapporteurships for freedom of expression and on economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights (ESCER), the friendly settlement process, and the procedure with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, among others. It was possible to strengthen the knowledge of state agents about the inter-American human rights system.

1.5 Training workshops for capacity building in the Northern Triangle

79. On April 10-11, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in the framework of the Project with the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), the IACHR held a workshop on inter-American human rights standards in the area of migration and internal displacement, aimed at civil servants of the judiciary branch. The purpose of the workshop was to contribute to strengthening knowledge about the inter-American human rights system and inter-American standards for key local stakeholders in charge of protecting and defending human rights in the states of the Northern Triangle of Central America and Nicaragua. It was attended by 30 participants, 24 of whom were women.

80. In the context of this same project, also on April 10-11 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, a workshop was held on inter-American human rights standards on the right to work, aimed at the technical team of the National Human Rights Commissioner. The purpose of the workshop was to contribute to strengthening knowledge about the inter-American human rights system and inter-American standards for key local stakeholders in charge of protecting and defending human rights in the states of the Northern Triangle of Central America and Nicaragua. It was attended by 30 participants, 21 of whom were women.

81. In addition, on October 28-29, in San Salvador, El Salvador, a workshop on migration and the ESCER was held for civil servants of the judicial branch of El Salvador. The purpose of the workshop was to contribute to strengthening knowledge about economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights (ESCER) with emphasis on labor law, as well as the norms and standards for migration and internal displacement in the inter-American human rights system for key local stakeholders in charge of protecting and defending human rights in the states of the Northern Triangle of Central America and Nicaragua. It was attended by 69 participants, 40 of whom were women.

82. Finally, also on October 28-29, in San Salvador, El Salvador, a workshop on migration and ESCER was held for the technical staff of the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of El Salvador. The purpose of the workshop was to contribute to strengthening knowledge about economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights (ESCER) with emphasis on labor law, as well as the norms and standards for migration and internal displacement in the inter-American human rights system for key local stakeholders in charge of protecting and defending human rights in the states of the Northern Triangle of Central America and Nicaragua. It was attended by 61 participants, 35 of whom were women.

1.6 Training event on the inter-American human rights system and its human rights promotion and protection mechanisms

83. In the framework of a cooperation agreement, on August 28-30 in the facilities of the School of Law and Social Sciences of the Benito Juárez Autonomous University of Oaxaca and with the collaboration of the Office of the State Human Rights Ombudsperson in the city, promotional events and training workshops were held focusing on the precautionary measures mechanism, economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights (ESCER), the inter-American system, human rights and business, and women's rights. About 466 persons participated in these activities, 342 of whom were women.

1.7 Training on monitoring treaty-based commitments: The role of the judicial branch and access to justice

84. In the state of Mexico, in coordination with the School of the Judicial Branch of Mexico, on September 11, training was provided on "Monitoring treaty-based commitments: The role of the judicial branch and access to justice" using classroom learning and blended learning, with the participation of 493 persons, of whom 260 were women.

1.8 International Congress on Human Rights

85. In the framework of a Cooperation Agreement between the IACHR and the Universidad de Magdalena, Colombia, an International Congress on Human Rights took place in the city of Santa Marta, where issues such as the inter-American human rights system and its human rights promotion and protection mechanisms were discussed, as well as inter-American standards and the new Escazú Agreement in the Area of Environmental Rights (access to information, participation, and access to justice). The event was attended by about 339 persons, of whom 212 were women.

1.9. "Héctor Fix Zamudio" Certification for Training on the Inter-American Human Rights System

86. In 2019, the "Héctor Fix Zamudio" Certification Program was held, for the general purpose of providing specialized training in the inter-American human rights system for using international standards in the area of human rights in the region.

87. This activity was carried out thanks to the strategic partnership between the Legal Research Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), the Office of the Legal Counsel of the same university, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the National Human Rights Commission.

88. The Certification training course took place from September 9 to 26, 2019 in Mexico City. The training benefited from teachers experts in the IAHRs, as well as the commissioners of the IACHR, officials of the Inter-American Court, and civil servants of the Mexican government.

1.10. Webinar for Caribbean NGO on the inter-American human rights system with emphasis on hearings

89. The webinar took place in Washington, D.C., on October 1, and was aimed at showing the IACHR's steadfast commitment to intensifying its ties with civil society of the Caribbean, to secure greater participation of civil society in the inter-American human rights system. The webinar was attended by 7 persons, 5 of whom were women.

1.11. Annual seminar for the CARICOM countries on the inter-American human rights system

90. On October 2-3, 2019, the annual seminar on human rights for the CARICOM countries was held once again. The annual seminar is a joint project between the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the George Washington University Law School (GWULS). The seminar focused on presenting to diplomatic staff and civil servants the principal instruments and standards of the inter-American human rights system and created an opportunity for dialogue and cooperation between the IACHR and CARICOM countries. This year, the theme focused on the human rights of migrants and refugees and the recent developments and standards for the human rights of LGBTI persons. It was attended by 7 civil servants in an onsite classroom and 26 using distance learning, for a total of 33 participants, of whom 23 were women.

1.12. Refresher course on litigation with the IAHRs and Inter-American Public Defense

91. On November 11-15, in Quito, Ecuador, the IACHR conducted the Refresher Course on Litigation in the IAHRs and Inter-American Public Defense, aimed at training inter-American public defenders from various countries of the region, along with the Inter-American Association of Public Defense Offices (*Asociación Interamericana de Defensorías Públicas—AIDEP*), the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. It was attended by 21 persons, 10 of whom were women.

1.13. Course on Certification in Strategic International Human Rights Litigation: Evidence, Orality, and the Inter-American Human Rights System

92. This course was conducted in coordination with the Inter-American Institute of Social Responsibility and Human Rights (*Instituto Interamericano de Responsabilidad Social y Derechos Humanos—IIRESODH*) on November 18-22, in Washington, D.C. The course was aimed at providing the participants the opportunity to develop and put into practice international human rights litigation by means of an academic review of case studies of litigation before the various human rights protection bodies. The course was attended by 32 persons, 18 of whom were women.

1.14. International Specialized Course on Human Rights

93. Held in Medellín, Colombia, on November 25-29, 2019, the seventh edition of the International Specialized Course on Human Rights benefited from the participation of experts in the inter-American human rights system, IACHR researchers and members. Among the issues addressed, the mechanism of friendly settlements, the procedures for petitions and cases, merits, precautionary measures in the IACHR, as well as working groups on issues such as migration, the environment and habitat, gender and sexual diversity, etc., are noteworthy.

1.15. Training activities of the MESENI

94. Throughout 2019, capacities were strengthened and training was aimed at Nicaraguan civil society focusing on international and inter-American human rights standards through the IACHR Special Follow-up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI).

95. In that respect, there were 16 training events organized, using both classroom learning and the blended learning modality in Washington, D.C., and Miami, United States; in Zaragoza, El Salvador; and in San José, Costa Rica. These events trained a total of 297 persons, of whom 147 were women. The issues were the international mechanisms and standards for migration and asylum, transitional justice, the inter-American human rights system, among others. Their activities are specified below:

- Training workshop on international standards for migration and asylum (Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants/MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice for the Committee for the Release of Political Prisoners (*Comité Pro Liberación de Presos Políticos*): Session 1 (Promotion and Training/MESENI)

- Virtual training on transitional justice for the Committee for the Release of Political Prisoners: Session 2 (Promotion and Training/MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice for the Committee for the Release of Political Prisoners: Session 3 (Promotion and Training/MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice for the Committee for the National Blue and White Unit (*Unidad Nacional Azul y Blanco—UNAB*): Session 1 (Promotion and Training/MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice for the Committee for the National Blue and White Unit (UNAB): Session 2 (Promotion and Training/MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice for the Committee for the National Blue and White Unit (UNAB): Session 3 (Promotion and Training/MESENI)
- Virtual training on the IACHR's system of petitions and cases for the Association of the Mothers of April (*Asociación Madres de Abril—AMA*): Session 1 (Promotion and Training/MESENI)
- Classroom training on transitional justice and precautionary measures for the Association of the Mothers of April (AMA): Sessions 2 & 3 (MESENI)
- Classroom training: Introduction to the inter-American Human Rights System and its tools for the protection of the Nicaraguan diaspora in the United States and other countries of the region (MESENI)
- Classroom training: Introduction to the inter-American Human Rights System and tools for the systematization of documentation for Nicaraguan students and young leaders (MESENI)
- Classroom training: Introduction to the inter-American Human Rights System and transitional justice for human rights defenders (MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice and inter-American standards for the Union of Political Prisoners (*Unión de Presas y Presos Políticos—UPPN*): Sessions 1, 2, & 3 (MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice for the Social Movements Coordination (*Articulación de Movimientos Sociales—AMS*) - Session 1 (MESENI)
- Virtual training on transitional justice and inter-American standards (Acción Universitaria): Session 1 (MESENI) in Washington, D.C.
- Classroom training in Costa Rica on inter-American standards in the area of human mobility and IAHR mechanisms for Nicaraguan exiles in Costa Rica (MESENI/Rapporteurship on Migrants)

2. Promotional Activities of the Rapporteurships and other Areas

96. In 2019, the IACHR conducted or was invited to participate in a large number of promotional activities and events. The IACHR provides below a summary of the promotional activities undertaken by the rapporteurships and other areas of work of the IACHR over the year and in fulfillment of its duties to promote human rights.

97. In general, it is noteworthy that the IACHR conducted a total of 224 promotional activities for the purpose of disseminating IAHR standards and building up the capacities for action of civil servants and social and academic organizations and networks for the defense of human rights, in at least 18 countries of the region, 3 observer states of the OAS, and other states.

98. Many of these activities were organized in partnership with other stakeholders, thus consolidating collaboration with civil society organizations, regional and international institutions, and states. The activities were conducted in the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and the United States. It is noteworthy that activities were carried out in CARICOM countries such as Haiti, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.

99. A brief description of the various activities by each one of the thematic and country rapporteurships, as well as the promotion and training activities undertaken throughout the continent in 2019, is provided below. For further information, the table is attached with all of the information.

2.1. Events commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

2.1.1. Commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the IACHR at the OAS General Assembly and in the Permanent Council

100. In the framework of the OAS General Assembly, an activity commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the IACHR's foundation took place on June 25, in Medellín, Colombia. As for the Permanent Council of the Organizations of American States (OAS), it held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 2, in the Simón Bolívar Hall at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., to address the topic relative to the "Sixtieth anniversary of the creation and installation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights," with the participation of permanent representatives to the member states of the Organization.

2.1.2. Chile

101. On September 4, there was the "Ceremony commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the creation of the IACHR and its work, impacts, and legacy for the Hemisphere," in coordination with the state of Chile, in the city of Santiago, along with high-ranking officials, civil society, and academics of the country, with the attendance of about 50 persons.

102. Furthermore, the IACHR participated in an event in the framework of the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the creation of the IAHR on "The historical impacts of IACHR's work, new challenges in the current regional context," in which it had the opportunity to exchange reflections with representatives of civil society organizations and academic working in coordination in the facilities of the University of Chile on September 4, with the attendance of about 80 persons, of whom 55 were women.

2.1.3. Argentina

103. In the framework of the celebrations of the sixtieth anniversary of its creation and the fortieth anniversary of the historic on-site visit to Argentina in 1979, on September 6, 2019, the IACHR participated in a ceremony commemorating the fortieth anniversary of its historic visit to the country. The ceremony commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the creation of the IACHR and its work, impacts, and legacy in the Hemisphere, in coordination with the state of Argentina, was held in Buenos Aires, with the attendance of about 60 persons, among whom high-ranking state officials.

104. As for the Commission, it participated in commemorative events in the Law School of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA), in the framework of the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the creation of IACHR on the subject of "Violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents: Challenges and progress in Latin America and the Caribbean," in coordination with and on the premises of the Law School of the University of Buenos Aires on September 5.

105. On September 6, the IACHR, along with various human rights bodies and civil society organizations, also participated in activities in the emblematic Memory and Human Rights Site, formerly the Argentine Navy's Advanced School of Mechanics where there had been a clandestine detention and torture center. Among these activities, the IACHR participated in the inauguration of the exhibition entitled "1979-2019 IACHR's visit," as well as a panel open to the public on the impacts of the IACHR's work and its visit to Argentina and challenges in the current regional context. It was attended by about 150 persons, of whom 80 were women.

2.1.4. Ecuador

106. In the framework of the 174 period of sessions, the IACHR participated in the ceremony commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of its creation, at the event entitled "Hemispheric challenges for human rights: The IACHR 60 years after its establishment," held at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador, on November 12, along with high-ranking officials, diplomatic representatives, civil society, and academics.

2.1.5. Other activities

107. On July 16, there was a promotional event celebrating the 60 years of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, at Ibero-American Colloquium No. 197: The View from Latin America and Europe, organized by the Max Planck Institute of Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany.

2.2. Academic work for IACHR's 60 years

108. In the framework of the IACHR's 173 regular session in Washington, D.C., on September 30 to October 2, among the events commemorating the IACHR's sixtieth anniversary, there was the presentation of "scholarly papers on the impacts of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights throughout its 60 years of activities." There were 157 applications received from 18 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe from persons associated with the academic sector, such as instructors, students, and researchers. The selection process was headed by an Academic Committee made up of specialists from the Commission, and the choices were made on the basis of the criteria laid out in the invitation, focusing on the length and quality of the academic papers received. At the same time, diversity of geographical representation, academic field, and gender was sought.

109. There were 74 persons participating, of whom 50 were women; the distribution of the panels was undertaken taking into account geographical distribution, theme, and language. The activity's core objective was to comply with the Strategic Plan's objective of expanding IACHR's partnerships with the academic sectors of the entire region.

2.3. Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System

110. On November 6 and 7, at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador in Quito, there was the third edition of the Forum on the Inter-American Human Rights System (IAHRS System), an event held with the organization and sponsorship of the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the State of Ecuador.

111. The Third IAHRS Forum's focus was the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the fortieth anniversary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. This initiative was aimed reflecting upon the historic impact of its work, as well as promoting a debate on the present and future challenges in the region's current context regarding the system's effectiveness and other key issues on the human rights agenda in the Americas, on the basis of a constructive exchange between states, civil society, international organizations, universities, social and trade union movements, and the general public.

112. On the first day, there was an inaugural conference entitled "The Historic Impact of the Inter-American Human Rights System: 60 years of the IACHR and 40 years of the Inter-American Court," which benefited from the presence of the President of the IACHR, Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño; the President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor; and the Chief Prosecutor of the State of Ecuador, Íñigo Salvador. Afterwards, there was a panel on the challenges of the IAHRS for the future. On the second day, there was a panel focusing on the experiences of follow-up and compliance with the recommendations and decision of the IAHRS, and then there was a panel on building opportunities for participation and dialogue between states and civil society for the protection of human rights.

113. In the afternoon, civil society organizations and the IACHR conducted 18 parallel activities such as the Inter-American Conference on Public Policies with a Human Rights Approach, workshops, discussion panels, round tables, and consultations with human rights experts. Some of the issues that were addressed were: migrant and refugee children, right to prior consultation and consent, corruption and human rights, the environment, human rights and climate change, violation of the right to housing, violence and discrimination against women and girls, religious freedom, freedom of expression, among others. A

presentation of the thematic report entitled “Business and Human Rights: Inter-American Standards” was made by the IACHR Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights. The Forum was attended by about 403 persons, of whom 268 were women, from countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Peru, United States, and Venezuela.

114. It must be stressed that, in the framework of the Forum, the purpose of the Inter-American Conference on Public Policies was to establish a dialogue with state authorities, civil society representatives, academic, experts, and regional and international organizations in order to jointly identify the progress and challenges when drafting and implementing public policies with a human rights approach in the region.

2.4. Informative visits to IACHR headquarters

115. During the year, there have been 11 visits to headquarters by various academic institutions such as Howard University, University of Baltimore, University of Notre Dame, Princeton University, University of California (UCLA), American University, among others. In these informative visits and guided tours of the Principal Building of the OAS, about 406 participants, among whom 230 were women, were welcomed from countries such as Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Nigeria, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Poland, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, United States of America, Venezuela, among others.

2.5. Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child

116. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child organized or/and attended to the following activities:

- “First Round of Dialogue with Civil Society Organizations for Children,” February 1, Washington, D.C.; it must be highlighted here that, on April 4, there was another online session of this dialogue.
- “Global ACT Alliance Conference on Latin America and the Caribbean,” March 27, in Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- “Third Seminar of Latin American Thinking about the Rights of the Child,” April 9, Colombia.
- “Latin American and Caribbean Consultation on the Environmental Rights of Children, Adolescents, and Young People,” May 2, Colombia.
- Participation in the Committee on the Rights of the Child, June 15 in Geneva
- Participación en la reunión técnica de seguimiento al día de discusión general sobre niños defensores de derechos humanos 2018 organizado por el Comité de los Derechos del Niño el 15 de junio en Ginebra, Suiza;
- 71^o Asamblea y Conferencia Mundial de la Organización Mundial para la Educación Preescolar (OMEP), realizada el 24 de julio en la Ciudad de Panamá; Presentation of the Thematic Report “Violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents: Best practices and challenges,” September, IACHR headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- Conversatorio sobre avances y retos en la protección de los derechos de NNA en el Sistema Interamericano, organizado por el Instituto Interamericano del Niño, la Niña y Adolescentes de la OEA en el ámbito del XXII Congreso Panamericano de NNA, el 31 de octubre en Cartagena, Colombia; Training seminar on inter-American standards, violence and discrimination against women and girls, November 5, Quito, Ecuador.
- Seminario de celebración de los 30 años de la Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño organizado por la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos el 22 de noviembre en San José, Costa Rica;
- I Congreso Científico Panameño contra la Explotación Sexual de NNA, realizado en la Universidad de Panamá el 25 de noviembre;
- Presentation of the Report on Women and Girls, November 26, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Training seminar on inter-American standards, violence and discrimination against women and girls, November 27, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

2.6. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty

117. The Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty organized or/and participated in the activities listed below:

- Meeting: “Taking a stock: A decade of drug policy,” at the Conference on Incarceration and Drugs (emphasis: women deprived of liberty) with the participation of Rapporteur Joel Hernandez, January 28, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Regional Panel Discussion: “Pre-trial Detention and Challenges for Criminal Reforms in Latin America,” at the Conference on Pre-trial Detention and Due Process in the framework of the Inter-American Human Rights System, with the participation of Joel Hernández, February 11, Sucre, Bolivia.
- Presentation: “Situation of the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and Pre-trial Detention,” March 27, Washington, D.C.
- Presentation: Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty in the Americas, April 3, Washington, D.C.
- Event: “Children count: Impact of drug policies on children and adolescents with incarcerated parents in Latin America,” April 29, at IACHR headquarters, Washington, D.C.
- “Forum of Public Defenders,” April 29 and 30, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- “Meeting of women experts and incarceration in the Americas,” April 30, IACHR headquarters, Washington, D.C.
- Conference on human rights follow-up in the Caribbean. The purpose of this conference with persons working on human rights in the Caribbean countries was to exchange information and learn from successful experiences and about important problems in an open and frank discussion, as well as to obtain specialized contributions on best practices in order to monitor human rights in the region. This event took place on August 15, in Washington, D.C.
- “Bi-regional Conference on the Development of the Use of Alternative Measures to Deprivation of Liberty,” September 19-20, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Incarcerated women in the Americas call for radical changes, organized by WOLA, OSF, and EQUIS Justicia, September 24, Washington, D.C.
- Regional meeting on local and national mechanisms for the prevention of torture in Latin America, September 18-20, 2019, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System, the Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty, November 7, Quito, Ecuador.

2.7. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

118. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples organized and/or participated in the activities listed below:

- Workshop: “The right to property and the environment, from an indigenous rights approach,” February 23, Trinidad and Tobago.
- International seminar: The Rights of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to Autonomy and Self-Government as an expression of the right to self-determination, organized with the United Nations March 11, Mexico City, Mexico.
- International Seminar for Advanced Training on the Right to Consultation and Prior, Free, and Informed Consent of the Indigenous and Afrodescendant Communities and Peoples, April 15-18, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Seminar: “Inter-American standards in indigenous matters and dissemination of the Report on Indigenous Women and their Human Rights in the Americas,” June 23-28, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Seminar: The Inter-American System and the Rights of Indigenous Women in the Americas, June 26-27, Medellín, Colombia.
- Workshop: The Inter-American System and the Rights of Indigenous Women in the Americas, June 27, Medellín, Colombia.

- Seminar: “Rights of Indigenous Women in the Inter-American Human Rights System,” July 30, Santiago, Chile.
- Inter-American Week of Indigenous Peoples: Indigenous Languages in the Americas, August 5-10, Washington, D.C.
- Seminar and Workshop: “Inter-American Standards in Indigenous Matters and Dissemination of the Report on Indigenous Women and their Human Rights in the Americas,” August 12-13, Lima, Peru.
- Event: “Three Decades of ILO Convention 169: Progress and Difficulties in the framework of the Self-determination of Indigenous Peoples in the Pan-Amazon Region,” October 25, 2019, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Presentation of the Report “Situation of Human Rights of the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Pan-Amazon Region: Creating networks for an intercultural dialogue, November 13, Quito, Ecuador.

2.8. Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth and Justice

119. The Office of the Rapporteur on Memory, Truth and Justice organized and/or participated in the activities listed below:

- Round Table for Dialogue among high-ranking authorities on transitional justice, April 24, San Salvador, El Salvador, attended by about 50 persons.
- Two training sessions on transitional justice and introduction to the inter-American human rights system, organized jointly with MESENI and the IACHR technical cooperation section, March 29 and April 6 and 12, for the Committee for the Liberation of Political Prisoners of Nicaragua.
- Three training sessions on transitional justice and introduction to the inter-American human rights system, organized jointly with MESENI and the IACHR technical cooperation section, April 10, April 24, and May 3, for the UNAV Justice Committee of Nicaragua.
- Forum: Public Security Policies to guarantee human rights in El Salvador, July 16, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- Forum on “Voices of Victims: Intercultural Dialogue and Restorative Justice,” organized by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace and the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the Nation in Riohacha, Colombia, August 9, Riohacha, department of La Guajira, Colombia.
- Participation in the “Discussion Panel on the Principle of Dialogue in Transitional Justice, Participation of Victims in Building Procedural and Historical Truth,” organized by the Colombian Commission of Jurists, the José Alvear Restrepo Collective of Attorneys, the Committee for Solidarity with Political Prisoners, Libertad Legal Firm, Yira Castro Legal Firm, Humanidad Vigente Legal Firm, Minga Association, Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace, and the Colombia-Europe-United States Coordination; Orland Fals Borda Socio-Legal Collective, 14-18 September, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Event commemorating the 40 years since the on-site visit to Argentina, September 6, Buenos Aires, along with civil society organizations, in which about 150 persons participated. Participation of the Rapporteur in the panel on “Contribution of the IACHR’s on-site Visit in 1979 to Building Memory, Truth, and Justice in Argentina.”
- Participation of the Rapporteur in the panel “Situation of the Right to Memory, Truth and Justice in Brazil: From Transition Policies to Denialism” of the parallel event jointly organized by: Conselho Federal da Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil (OAB); Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS); Instituto Vladimir Herzog (IVH); and Centro de Estudos sobre Justiça de Transição (UFMG), September 10, 2019, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Participation of the Rapporteur on the panel “Crimes against Humanity in the Americas: The Cases of Colombia, Mexico, and Venezuela,” organized by: DPLF, Mexican Commission for Human Rights Defense and Promotion, CEPAZ PROVEA, José Alvear Restrepo Collective of Attorneys, September 26, 2019, in Washington, D.C.
- Forum on Transitional Justice “Toward Building a Comprehensive Policy for Transitional Justice in El Salvador.” On October 10, the Forum was held in San Salvador, for the purpose of boosting

knowledge and promoting cultural and social transformation to promote human rights and move forward with a transitional justice agenda, and to highlight and exchange information on the progress and challenges in El Salvador for building a comprehensive policy for transitional justice based on inter-American and international human rights standards, with the attendance of about 170 persons.

- Participation of the Rapporteur in the Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System, on the panel “Strategies of memory to combat denialism and revisionism in the Americas, and Presentation of the Principles on Public Policies for Memory in the Americas,” jointly organized by the IACHR and the Network of Latin American and Caribbean Memory Sites (*Red de Sitios de Memoria Latinoamericanos y Caribeños—RESLAC*), November 7, 2019, Quito, Ecuador.
- Participation of the Rapporteur in the panel “The importance of building truth and memory for the recognition of women’s rights” at the event, parallel to the OAS General Assembly, on “Women’s voice in building peace: From territory to international standards,” organized by the Center for Reproductive Rights and the Women’s Justice Collective Corporation, June 26.
- Participation of Commissioner Joel Hernández in the panel “Human rights in building justice, truth, and memory in contexts of armed conflict” at the event, parallel to the OAS General Assembly, “Women’s voice in building peace: From territory to international standards,” organized by the Center for Reproductive Rights and the Women’s Justice Collective Corporation, June 26.
- Participation in the panel “The Involvement of other Experts and Families in Mechanisms for Missing Persons” for the workshop “Mechanisms for Missing Persons: Clarifying the Fate and Supporting Families” organized by the International Red Cross Committee, October 16, Nicosia, Cyprus.

2.9. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women

120. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women organized and/or participated in the activities listed below:

- “Dialogue with Civil Society: International Obligations with Maternal Health: An Intersectional Perspective from the Americas,” February 13, Sucre, Bolivia.
- Dialogue with sexual violence survivors and human rights defenders, February 13, Sucre, Bolivia.
- “Special Session of the Permanent Council for the International Day for the Rights of Women, March 6, Washington, D.C.
- Event “Women journalists: Gender-based violence against women journalists in the exercise of their profession,” March 8, Washington, D.C.
- “Dialogue with Independent Regional Mechanisms for the Protection of Women’s Rights,” March 12, New York, N.Y., United States
- Meeting of the “Inter-American Task Force for Women Empowerment,” March 13, New York, N.Y., United States.
- Twenty-five years of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women: The femicide watch initiative and the role of international and regional mechanisms in its prevention, March 13, New York, N.Y., United States.
- Participation in the 28 Assembly of Delegations of the CIM, May 5-6, Dominican Republic.
- Participation in the High Level Meeting with Women’s Rights Ministers from the Americas with the Inter-American Task Force for Women Empowerment, May 6.
- “Dialogue with Independent Regional Mechanisms for the Protection of Women’s Rights,” May 28, Strasbourg, France.
- Conference on “Women’s rights at a crossroads: Strengthening international cooperation to bridge the gap between legal frameworks and their enforcement,” month of May, Strasbourg, France.
- The event “The voice of women in building peace: From territory to international standards,” June 26, Colombia.

- “International Congress of the Americas: 25 years of the Belém do Pará Convention,” July 30, Panama.
- Seminar “Speeches in times of love and hate: Freedom of expression, social change and discourses against gender in Latin America,” September 4, Lima, Peru.
- Presentation of the Principal Findings on Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls, and Adolescents, September 6, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- First Seminar on Electoral Governance with a Gender Perspective, September 10, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Human Rights Situation of Women in Venezuela, September 24, Washington, D.C.
- “2019 International Symposium: Opening up to the Americas” on the Inter-American Human Rights System at the University of Quebec, October 3, Montreal, Canada.
- “Training Workshop on Inter-American Standards to Combat Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean,” November 5, Quito, Ecuador.
- Participation in “Forced Sterilizations of Indigenous Women in the Americas,” November 7, Quito, Ecuador.
- Event on challenges and progress in putting an end to violence and discrimination against women and girls in the Americas and presentation of the Principal Findings on “Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls: Challenges and Best Practices in Latin America and the Caribbean,” November 7, Quito, Ecuador.
- Participation in the International Forum on the Rights of Women, November 26, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Presentation of “Principal Findings on “Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls and Adolescents: Best Practices and Challenges,” November 26, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Training Seminar on Inter-American Standards: Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls, November, November 27, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Regional Seminar to Intensify Prevention, Punishment, and Elimination of Violence against Women in Politics, November 29, Panama City, Panama.
- Presentation of Principal Findings: Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls, and Adolescents: Best Practices and Challenges,” December 10, at IACHR headquarters, Washington, D.C.
- OAS Permanent Council on Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls, and Adolescents, December 10, Washington, D.C.

2.10. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afrodescendant Persons and against Racial Discrimination

121. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination organized and/or participated in the activities listed below:

- Along with Howard University, the launching of the report on Afrodescendants, March 20, Washington, D.C.
- Third National Meeting on Afro-Peruvian Women: Moving toward the Bicentennial, March 21-23, Lima, Peru.
- Afro-Panamanian Festival, March 21 to 23, Panama City, Panama.
- Consultation of Experts on Reparations for Crimes of Slavery and Discriminatory Laws, May 29, New York, N.Y., United States.
- Training: Round Table Dialogue, August 13-14, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Inter-American Forum against Discrimination, June 26-28, Medellín, Colombia.
- Training on Inter-American Human Rights Standards on Discrimination against Women, LGBTI Persons, and Afrodescendants, August 13-14, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Sankofa Seminar-Forum on the Fight for Racial Justice and Gender, August 15-18, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- Seminar: Accelerating World Action for Full Compliance with the Rights of Afrodescendant Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, October 9-14, Costa Rica.
- Workshop on improving cooperation between the United Nations and regional mechanisms to promote and protect human rights, October 21-22, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Seminar on Afrodescendant Women and Training, November, Paramaribo, Suriname.
- Seminar: Mid-Decade Summit, November 13, Washington, D.C.

2.11. Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders

122. The Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders conducted 3 training activities on the strategic use of the inter-American human rights system aimed at human rights defenders, and a promotional event:

- Advocacy Tools for Public Policies for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, March 21, Chihuahua, Mexico.
- Round Table Discussion: IACHR Report on Comprehensive Policies for the Protection of Defenders, March 22, Chihuahua, Mexico.
- Two courses for Defender son the inter-American human rights system, July 1-5, Lima, Peru; and December 9-13, Washington, D.C.

2.12. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

123. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held the following promotional activity:

- In the framework of commemorating the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, a presentation was made by the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) at the regular session of the Permanent Council held on December 11, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

2.13. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants

124. The Rapporteurship on Migrants organized and/or participated in the activities listed below:

- “Conference Secretary of the Interior Sánchez Cordero at Migration Policy Institute,” February 28, Washington, D.C.
- Event on “Rights of Migrants,” March 15, Colombia.
- Event on “IACHR Mechanisms and Training on Human Mobility,” April 1, Washington, D.C.
- “Courtroom Simulation at the University of Baltimore,” with the participation of the IACHR, April 15, Baltimore, Maryland, United States.
- Event on Statelessness at the University of Howard Law School, June 19, Washington, D.C.
- “Training Workshop on International Standards for Migration and Asylum,” February 25, Washington, D.C.
- Activity on “Rights of Migrants,” March 28, Tijuana, Mexico.
- “Workshop on inter-American standards for human rights in the area of migration and internal displacement, aimed at civil servants of the judicial branch” and “Course for the technical staff of the National Human Rights Commission of Honduras on Migration and ESCER, funded by the PADF, April 10-11, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Course for technical staff of the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsperson of Guatemala on migration and ESCER, April 24-25, Guatemala.
- “Course for civil servants of the judicial branch of El Salvador on migration and ESCER” and “Course for technical staff of the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of El Salvador on migration and ESCER,” funded by PADF, October 28-29, San Salvador, El Salvador.

2.14. The Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Persons

125. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons organized and/or participated in 18 activities in 2019, 8 of them for training and 10 for promotion:

- Event: “International Obligations with respect to Maternal Health: An Intersectional Perspective from the Americas,” February 13, Bolivia.
- International Seminar: “Violence and Hate Crimes toward LGBTI Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean,” and “Dialogue on the Impact of Anti-Rights Groups on Recognizing the Reproductive Rights and Right to Equality of LGBTI Persons in Latin America,” February 14, Bolivia.
- Launching the Report “Progress and Challenges to Recognizing the Rights of LGBTI Persons in the Americas,” May 22, Washington, D.C., June 27, Medellín, Colombia, and September 6, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Workshop for Exchanges on Equality and Non-Discrimination, June 8, Haiti.
- Keynote Lecture: “The Inter-American System and Domestic Courts: Interactions for Comprehensively Guaranteeing the Rights of LGBTI Persons,” August 28, Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico.
- Panel Discussions: “Political Practice and Diversity” and “Best Practices to Ensure Non-Discrimination against LGBTI Persons at the Workplace,” organized by the National Council for the Prevention of Discrimination of Mexico, August 28-29.
- Competency of thematic hearings among universities of the region on the prevention of discrimination and violence against LGBTI persons in partnership with the UNESCO International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights, September 5-6, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- LGBTI Perspective on the Panel on Institutional Violence and Discrimination in the Context of Sex Work in the Americas, September 26.
- First Joint Consultation on Inclusion of LGBTI Persons, in cooperation with the United Nations Independent Expert on protection against violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity, organized in an alliance with the Commonwealth Secretariat and UNDP, October 1-2, Bridgetown, Barbados.
- Regional Seminar on Violations of the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons, organized at the Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System, November 6-7, Quito, Ecuador.

126. There were the following training activities:

- Seminar-Workshop: Strategies against Discrimination using an Approach for the Prevention of Mass Atrocities: Persons LGBTI, May 8-9, San José, Costa Rica.
- Workshop on the Inter-American System and Standards for the Protection of the Rights of LGBTI persons, aimed at Afrodescendant leaders of South America, organized by Race and Equality at the 49 Session of the OAS General Assembly, June 27, Medellín, Colombia.
- Training organized by Attorney without Borders-Canada, August 6-8, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- Training for staff of OAS General Secretariat on Basic Concepts and Inter-American Human Rights Standards for LGBTI Persons, as part of the monthly workshops organized by the Inter-American Commission of Women, July 19, August 20, September 18, and October 22, Washington, D.C., United States.
- Training on Rights of LGBTI Persons with an Intersectional Perspective, at the meeting of the Working Group of Experts to Review the Curriculum on the Treatment of Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders, November 22, Miami, Florida, United States.

2.15. Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons

127. The Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons participated in the “Parallel Event on Palliative Care” at the Tenth Meeting of the United Nations Open-Ended Group on Ageing, April 16, New York, N.Y., United States.

2.16. Section of Follow-up on Recommendations and Impact

128. In 2019, the Section of Follow-up on Recommendations and Impact organized several promotional activities, including the following:

- Panel on the Situation of Human Rights in Nicaragua, March 22, Washington, D.C.
- Panel on the Situation of Human Rights of Nicaragua, June 17, Miami, Florida.
- Presentation of the documentary “Home Truth,” June 25, Washington, D.C., United States.
- Presentation of the Investigation on 60 years of IACHR Country Reports, July 30, Washington, D.C.
- Colloquium on Domestic Systems for Implementing the Decisions of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, November 7, Quito, Ecuador.
- Meeting of Experts on Instruments for Following up on Recommendations and Impact Assessment of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, November 7, Quito, Ecuador.

129. The section has also organized, along with other institutions, the following promotional activities:

- Sixth International Seminar on the Transformative Impact of the IAHRs in Latin America, organized by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, July 16-17, Heidelberg, Germany.

130. Finally, experts of the section have participated as guests in the following promotional activities:

- Workshop: International Mechanisms for Endorsing and Supporting National Law Enforcement and Justice Institutions: Against Power Delinquency in Latin America, May 5-6, Freiburg, Germany.
- Ibero-American Colloquium No. 190: Impact of Corruption on Human Rights, organized by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, May 8, Heidelberg, Germany.
- Annual Meeting of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, June 20 (videoconference);
- Event: “Sixty Years of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: A Perspective from Latin America and Europe,” organized by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, July 16, Heidelberg, Germany
- Ibero-American Colloquium No. 196, Towards an Inter-American Impact Observatory?, July 15, Heidelberg, Germany.

131. In the context of the Special Follow-up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI), the IACHR has collaborated on the following events:

- Presentation by Commissioner Joel Hernández at the High-Level Segment of the Fortieth Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, February 27, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Presentation by Commissioner Joel Hernández at the event “Human Rights Crisis in Nicaragua: Review of the Results of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts,” March 5, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Presentation by Commissioner Joel Hernández at the Interactive Dialogue organized in the context of the United Nations Human Rights Council, March 7, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Presentation by Commissioner Joel Hernández at the event “Human Rights Crisis in Nicaragua: Repression of the Rule of Law,” March 13, Geneva, Switzerland.

- Participation of Executive Secretary Paulo Abrão at the event “Human Rights, Retaliation, and Repression in Nicaragua: Political Prisoners, Human Rights Abuses, and Responsibility,” April 4, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Presentation by Commissioner Antonia Urrejola at the event “Where is Nicaragua Going? Challenges and Issues at Stake in the Serious Human Rights Crisis,” June 26, Medellín, Colombia.

2.17. Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression

132. The Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression has conducted various activities, among which the following are noteworthy:

- Refresher workshop: “Hemispheric Agenda on Internet and Digital Rights: The Phenomenon of Disinformation in Elections,” January 30, San José de Costa Rica.
- Regional Conference: “Disinformation in the Digital Age and its Impact on Freedom of Expression and Elections,” January 30, San José de Costa Rica.
- Public Consultation on the Right to Protest, February 14, Sucre, Bolivia.
- Regional Discussion Panel: “Right of Access to Information: Progress and Outlook,” February 14, Sucre, Bolivia.
- Event: Status of the Situation of Freedom of Expression in Latin America: Challenges and Issues at Stake, February 15, Sucre, Bolivia.
- International Meeting of Human Rights Defenders and Journalists: Defending Means Not Forgetting, February 18, Mexico City.
- Session: Global State of the Free Press – Venezuela (videoconference), February 26, 2019, Washington, D.C.
- Event: “Can use of social networks be regulated?” (videoconference), February 27, Washington, D.C.
- Round Table on Freedom of Expression in the Inter-American System, March 1, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Photo Exhibition of the Ecuadorian Photojournalist Paul Rivas, one of the three journalists of *El Comercio* killed at the Colombian-Ecuadorian border in April 2018, which led to the establishment of the Special Follow-up Team to monitor the precautionary measures granted for their protection, March 6, Washington, D.C.
- Open Meeting: Media and Democracy in the Americas, March 7, Washington, D.C.
- Closed Round Table Discussion: National Protection Mechanisms, Exchanges of Experiences, and Lessons Learned, March 7, Washington, D.C.
- Women Journalists: Gender-based discrimination and violence against women journalists in the exercise of their profession, March 8, Washington, D.C.
- Workshop with Cuban civil society organizations and journalists, March 13, Mexico City.
- Presentation of the Special Report from the IACHR Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression on the Situation of Freedom of Expression in Cuba, March 13, Mexico City.
- Event: Social Networks and Democracy: Between Regulation and Freedom of Expression, March 15, Mexico City.
- Human Rights Council, Fortieth Session. Event: Human Rights Abuses in Venezuela, March 19, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Workshop on Inter-American Standards and National Legislation on Access to Environmental Information in connection with Extractive Industries, March 28, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Mid-Term Meeting of the Inter-American Press Association (*Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa—SIP*), March 29, Cartagena, Colombia.
- Panel of Experts on Disinformation in Elections, April 23-24, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City.
- INE Event: Internet and Social Networks in Elections, April 25, UNAM, Mexico City.
- Presentation: Special Report of the Rapporteurship on Women Journalists and Freedom of Expression, Gender-based Discrimination and Violence against Women Journalists in the Exercise of their Profession, April 25, Mexico City.

- Regional celebration of the World Press Freedom Day, May 3, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San José de Costa Rica.
- Facebook Oversight Board, discussing current plans to set up the Facebook Oversight Board. This event addressed issues such as decision-making on what contents breach or do not breach Facebook community norms and how these decisions ultimately affect global policymaking, May 14-16, Mexico City.
- Training course: Freedom of Expression and Access to Information, Academy of the Judiciary of Peru, in addition to meetings with civil society and journalists, May 20-22, Lima, Peru.
- Workshop Community Content – Latin America Facebook, May 22-24, Panama.
- Panel Discussion: Should honor crimes be decriminalized in Peru?, June 18, Lima, Peru.
- The Special Rapporteurship participated in the event “Defending Integrity of Informative Space in Latin America and the Caribbean,” along with 15 organizations specializing in freedom of expression and digital rights in the region, June 20-21, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Presentation of the Report on Freedom of Expression in Cuba, June 24, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Presentation on the Progress of the “Guide to guarantee freedom of expression regarding deliberate disinformation in electoral contexts,” at the 48 OAS General Assembly, June 26, Medellín, Colombia.
- Event: Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights to Achieve Peaceful, Fair, and Inclusive Societies, July 8-9, New York, N.Y., United States.
- Summit on Regulation and Telecommunications, Freedom of Expression, Media, and the Press: Meeting of Regulatory Bodies of Latin America, July 9, Washington, D.C.
- Launching Joint Declaration of the Twentieth Anniversary: “Challenges for Freedom of Expression in the Next Decade” at the 2019 Media Freedom Conference, July 10, London, United Kingdom.
- Event: Navigating Disinformation, organized by Government of Canada, at the 2019 Media Freedom Conference, July 11, London, United Kingdom.
- Inauguration of the fifth edition of the Certificate Program “General aspects of political systems and public administration,” ECADE, July 29, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- Workshop: Inter-American Standards and National Legislation in the Area of Access to Environmental Information in connection with Extractive Industries, July 30, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Event: Forum on Violence against Journalists in context of media coverage of social protests, August 21, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Workshop: Inter-American Standards and National Legislation in the Area of Access to Environmental Information in connection with Extractive Industries, August 21, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Panel Discussion with Honduran Journalists, August 23, 2019, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- Launching the Cybersecurity Campaign, August 26, 2019, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Seminar on the responsibility of intermediaries and freedom of expression, September 10, São Paulo, Brazil.
- Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Center of Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information, September 19, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- The Special Rapporteur participated in the event “Dialogue of Experts on Secularism and Religious Freedom, organized by the IACHR at its 173 Session, September 21, Washington, D.C.
- Special Rapporteur Edison Lanza was invited to participate in the event on Victims of the Dictatorship in Venezuela, organized by several human rights defenders organizations of said country. The Rapporteur was in charge of presenting the segment Threats to Freedom of Expression in Venezuela, September 23, Washington, D.C.
- Trainer training course for Directors of the Schools of Public Prosecution Ministries of Latin America, September 25-27, Lima, Peru.
- Panel Discussion on Freedom of Expression and Violent Extremism, at the Twenty-Sixth Workshop on International Law, October 4, Aguascalientes, Mexico.
- Seventy-fifth General Assembly of the Inter American Press Association (IAPA), October 6, Miami, Florida, United States.
- Conference: Media and Freedom of Expression in Venezuela, November 1, Caracas, Venezuela.

- Workshops: Protection Mechanisms of the Inter-American Human Rights System to exercise freedom of expression in Venezuela, November 2, Caracas, Venezuela.
- Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System: Panel on Impunity as a factor violence against journalists and media workers, Proposals for Using the SDT 16.10 indicators reporting system, November 7, 2019, Quito, Ecuador.
- End to Impunity for Crimes against Journalists in Latin America, International Seminar, Session 2: Prevention, Protection, and Processing Mechanisms: Experiences of the Inter-American System, November 7, Mexico.
- Latin American Conference on Investigative Journalism (COLPIN 2019). Freedom of Expression Prize for 2019, November 10, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Workshop: Protection of Media Workers in Ecuador, CORDICOM, November 13, Quito, Ecuador.
- Fourteenth Inter-American Meeting of Election Authorities, Electoral Court of Panama, November 14, Panama City, Panama.
- Conference on Freedom of Expression, Law, and Justice, National Journalism Council, November 15, Panama City, Panama.
- Event: Digital Security and Journalism in Restrictive Societies, IACHR Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression, November 21-23, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Internet Governance Forum (IGF), November 24-30, Berlin, Germany.
- Launching Report of Special Follow-up Team of the IACHR and Rapporteurship for the Freedom of Expression, 12 December, Washington, D.C.
- Launching Thematic Report of the IACHR and Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression on Protest and Human Rights, 13 December, Washington, D.C.

2.18. Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (ESCER)

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- Model of people's pharmacies for greater access to affordable medicines, February 26, Washington D.C.
- Business and Human Rights, March 7, Washington, D.C.
- Right to Water and Sanitation, March 7, Washington D.C.
- 2018 Annual Report on the Situation of the ESCER in the continent of the Americas, March 21, Washington D.C.
- Vulnerability and resilience, environment and climate change, March 22, Washington D.C.
- Latin American Conference on Sanitation (LATINOSAN), the preeminent forum on water and sanitation in the region. Status of ESCER in Nicaragua and refugee status applicants and persons in a situation of mobility from Nicaragua in Costa Rica. Meetings with authorities and strategic partners. March 31-April 7, San José, Costa Rica.
- Status of ESCER in Nicaragua and refugee status applicants and persons in a situation of mobility from Nicaragua in Honduras. Meetings with authorities and strategic partners. April 8-12, Tegucigalpa, Honduras and Choluteca, Honduras.
- Keynote lecture: "Current perspectives for economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights in the inter-American system," event for the Eighth National Session of the Official Public Defense, May 30, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- First Regional Forum on National Plans of Action and Public Policies in Business and Human Rights, June 3-4, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Parallel event of the 49 Session of the OAS General Assembly: "Open Panel Discussion with states and civil society to deal with the progress and challenges that member states, civil society organization members, and the IACHR have encountered for implementing the Report on Poverty and Human Rights to Eliminate Poverty in the Hemisphere," June 26, Medellín, Colombia.

- Event: Keys to Understanding the Venezuelan Situation: Analysis with a Human Rights Perspective on the Most Pressing Crisis in Latin America, July 8, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Regional Dialogue on the Role of Jurisdictional Systems for Concretizing the ESCER, July 28-29, Santiago, Chile.
- Panel Discussion on Business and Human Rights, July 26, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Workshop on Human Rights to Science: Latin American Outlook, August 20-21, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Breakfast No. 199, Foundation of Women in Equality, August 23, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Event: Doing business in Latin America and the Caribbean: Respecting human rights and tackling corruption, August 23, Washington, D.C.
- Event: “Regional perspective on the role of the judicial branch in the right to health,” August 27, Asunción, Paraguay.
- Seventh Brazilian Interdisciplinary Course on Human Rights: “The Challenge of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights,” August 30, Fortaleza, Brazil.
- Fourth Regional Consultation on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean, September 3-4, Santiago, Chile.
- People’s Summit on Climate, Rights, and Human Survival, September 18-19, 2019, New York, N.Y., United States.
- Discussion Panel: “The Environment, Nature, Human Rights, and Climate Change in the Americas,” September 25, Washington, D.C.
- Panel: “Defining Obligations: The Practice of Mechanisms” at the First Meeting of the European Committee on Social Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, October 3-4, Madrid, Spain.
- Event: “Launching the Report on Business and Inter-American Human Rights Standards” at the Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System, November 6, Quito, Ecuador.
- Event: “Environment, Human Rights, and Climate Change in the Americas,” at the Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System, November 6, Quito, Ecuador.
- Parallel event of the 174 Session of the IACHR: “Impacts of financing and foreign investment: Exchange of experiences and strategies for defending human rights and the environment,” November 13, Quito, Ecuador.