COLOMBIA
The MAPP-OAS is a program of the GS/OAS established through an agreement signed between the GS/OAS and the Government of Colombia on January 23, 2004. The Mission’s work is focused on monitoring and accompanying peace efforts in the territories most affected by the conflict, and on interaction with all of the parties involved, with a comprehensive territorial approach and recommendations that will help create conditions in the territories for peacebuilding.

To achieve its objective the MAPP-OAS works through two management areas in three (3) thematic areas:

**Territorial Management Area**
This area is made up of the fifteen (15) regional offices deployed in the field plus a mobile team. Their purpose is to comprehensively monitor the dynamics associated with the situation of internal armed conflict and the implementation of the transitional justice system; with the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of ex-combatants; and with peacebuilding, in order to make recommendations from the regional sphere and to accompany the institutions and civil society in their efforts to build peace from the territories.

**Thematic Management Area**
This area is made up of three sections that conduct specialized monitoring on particular issues according to the functions of the Mandate, consolidate information sent by the regional offices, perform technical analyses, and make recommendations for political advocacy with State institutions.

**Transitional Justice Area**
This section gathers information for advocacy from the judicial and prison to national levels, and performs field monitoring of the return of applicants (ex-combatants demobilized under the Justice and Peace Law) and of the potential prosecutions of members of criminal bands.

**Territorial Peacebuilding Area**
This section consolidates and analyzes the information gathered by the 15 regional offices and the mobile team on the comprehensive reparations policy for victims, emphasizing collective reparations, the restitution of land and territories, justice, truth, and memory, and based on the priority zones.

**Territorial Dynamics Area**
This section supports the Colombian government’s efforts towards implementing the peace policies, through monitoring, raising awareness of the ideas gathered from key players in the territories, and making recommendations on the principal dynamics associated with security conditions (insurgent illegal armed groups, criminal bands, and law enforcement), illegal and violent economic activities (drug trafficking, illegal mining, extortion, contraband), the adverse impacts on the communities, and State actions.

Direct beneficiaries: The Government of Colombia along with all public institutions on the central, departmental and municipal levels in charge of implementing the country’s peace policy. The entities of the judicial authorities that work with mechanisms related to access to justice (Prosecutor, Procurator, Public Ministries, Judges and Special Tribunals). Demobilized groups and individuals, victims of the armed conflict, and leaders of land claims and human rights. Indirect beneficiaries: Colombian civil society, political and economic actors.

**OBJECTIVES**

Strengthening of the peacebuilding process in the territories most affected by the internal armed conflict, in which the MAPP/OAS has a presence.

**RESULTS**

The expected results of the Mission include: i) Strengthening of the process of implementing the policies of comprehensive reparation for and participation of victims of the armed conflict, emphasizing collective reparations, land restitution, justice, truth, guarantees of non-recurrence, and memory, taking into account the efforts made by the State and civil society under the land policy and the transitional justice system ii) Strengthening of the process of the implementation of transitional justice tools established by the Colombian State iii) Strengthening of the Colombian State’s decision-making process in order to address situations of armed conflict and social unrest, adverse impacts on the communities, and the impact of State actions for improving security conditions.
PROGRAM SUMMARY

Within the framework of the Follow-up Mechanism on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), the implementation of the recommendations made to the Republic of Colombia in the Second Round of Review will be analyzed, referring to: i) systems of government hiring; ii) procurement of goods and services; iii) protecting public servants and private citizens who in good faith report acts of corruption; and iv) criminalization acts of corruption.

Likewise an analysis of the implementation of the provisions of the Convention selected by the Committee for the Fifth Round was carried out, related to: i) training to public servants to ensure an adequate understanding of their responsibilities and the ethical standards that govern them; and ii) the study of preventive measures that take into account the relationship between equitable compensation and probity in public service.

As part of this analysis, with the consent of the Republic of Colombia, an on-site visit is scheduled from April 4 to 6, 2017. The representatives of Mexico and Paraguay in their capacity as members of the review subgroup will participate, with the support of the MESICIC Technical Secretariat. This on-site visit gathered information from government officials, civil society organizations, the private sector and academics on the issues under analysis.

OBJECTIVES

That the Republic of Colombia strengthen its legal and institutional tools in the areas of the Convention mentioned above, through concrete recommendations formulated to it, which will result in greater effectiveness in the prevention, detection, investigation, punishment of acts of corruption and in the protection of the people that report them.

RESULTS

At the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the MESICIC Committee of Experts will be held from September 11 - 15, 2017, a country report will be adopted regarding how the Republic of Colombia is implementing each of the aforementioned provisions of the Convention and containing concrete recommendations on how to fill the gaps and correct inadequacies detected. In this respect, it can take the corresponding corrective measures and obtain better results. The approved report will be published in the Anti-Corruption Portal of the Americas.


PROGRAM SUMMARY

Since 2005, the Youth Forum of the Americas has served as an official platform for young people to take the lead in initiating activities that generate spaces to proactively contribute to the definition of priorities and mandates for states.

As a result of each Forum, the youth adopt a declaration of commitment related to the mandates of each Summit. This is how young people make concrete proposals to governments, while at the same time setting their own agenda for action and follow-up to the agreements reached at the Forum.

From each statement, the youths themselves will take action and present recommendations to the actors involved in the forum and delegations of the participating governments. Young people undertake not only to demand actions from governments, but also to take on responsibilities to meet the challenges of each region.

OBJECTIVES

The forum is a process based on face-to-face and virtual consultations as well as regional and local events in OAS Member States. This is constituted as the participatory component of the Forum; youth have the opportunity to express opinions on a platform created by YABT for them.

The forum has been consolidated as a hemispheric platform and official channel to express its recommendations, suggestions and actions to the leaders responsible for the continent’s policies. The youth thus contributes to the definition of the priorities and mandates of the Summits.

SDG: 1, 5, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17.

RESULTS

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As part of the Forum process, national dialogues and virtual meetings have been held in Haiti as a follow-up to the declaration and keeping in mind the next Forum to be held in Peru in 2018. This program involves an active network of more than 5,000 young leaders.