

## President and authorities of the CIM agree route for political and economic actions post COVID-19

Washington DC, June 15, 2021. The Delegates of the [Inter-American Commission of Women \(CIM/OAS\)](#) - the Ministers of Women and governmental authorities on gender issues from nine countries of the continent - came together for the third session of the [Executive Committee 2019-2022 of the CIM](#). During the meeting, the Delegates designed a path to position the women's rights agenda at the center of the regional political dialogue during the 51<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the OAS and the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas. The Delegates also sketched a new strategic path to guide the work of the CIM during the 2022-2026 period.

The meeting was chaired by the President of the CIM/OAS and Minister for Women of the Dominican Republic, Mayra Jiménez, who highlighted that *“from the CIM we want to place gender pacts, agreements and commitments at the center of regional dialogue, to show that all public policies and laws have differentiated impacts on the lives of women. We also want to draw the attention of the highest authorities of our countries to the importance of women’s economic empowerment in the post-pandemic period, in addition to our concern over the absence of women in high positions of power.”*

The Executive Secretary of the CIM/OAS, Alejandra Mora Mora, presented the results and progress of the Commission during the pandemic in terms of political rights and parity, economic rights, gender mainstreaming, violence against women, communication, knowledge generation and strategic alliances. She expressed that *“we believe in collective, global and feminist leadership; therefore, we will keep working so that the CIM continues to raise women's voices to the top of the international agenda, showing the strength of its leadership and pushing parity in all spaces.”*

The President and authorities of the CIM agreed to continue: giving visibility to the situation of women in the period of economic and social recovery and reactivation, with a gender and intersectional perspective; promoting democratic parity throughout the region; strengthening work on the women’s economic empowerment; finalizing a proposal on gender mainstreaming; strengthening strategic alliances; and continuing to highlight women’s leadership in the region.

The meeting was chaired by Mayra Jiménez as President of the CIM and was attended by the main CIM Delegates: Marcela Guerrero Campos from Costa Rica, Nadine Gasman from Mexico, María Inés Castillo from Sanmartín from Panama, Silvia Loli Espinoza from Peru, and Shiefania Jahangier from Surinam, as well as the alternate Delegates: Anne Malépart from Canada, Adriana Maldonado from Colombia, and Marisol del Carmen Nieto Cueva from Ecuador.

Since its beginnings in 1928, the CIM has had a positive impact on the advancement of women's rights through the multilateralism that characterizes the OAS, with constant regional dialogue with the National Machineries for the Advancement of Women, other international organizations, governments, academia, and civil society. In this way, the CIM Delegates take ownership of the multilateralism that continues to be an engine of change for their own national agendas.