

FIFTIETH REGULAR SESSION OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
October 19-21, 2020
Online Session in Washington DC

WORK METHODOLOGY AND INFORMATION ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

VENUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) will take place online, on October 19-21, 2020.

The OAS General Assembly meetings will be carried out through the **KUDO virtual meeting platform**.

Participation will be as follows:

1. Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Workers, the Private Sector and Other Social Actors:

- The Dialogue will take place on the **afternoon of October 19th, 2020**.
- The **spokespersons** designated by Civil Society and Social Actor Coalitions to speak at the Dialogue will be granted a **unique and nontransferable access to the KUDO Platform**.
- The rest of the non-speaking participants will follow the Dialogue through the **OAS regular webcast channel**. **Information on the webcast will be available on www.oas.org**

2. Plenary Sessions of the General Assembly:

- Civil society and social actors will be able to follow the Plenary Sessions via webcast. . **Information on the webcast will be available on www.oas.org**

3. General Committee:

- In case there is a need to install a General Committee, access will be limited to **two persons per coalition**. **We ask Coalition coordinators to confirm the name of the persons along with their email addresses.**
- **Access will be unique and nontransferable.**
- Anyone not approved who attempts to enter the platform will be blocked.

PROCEDURE TO APPLY TO ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Civil Society Organizations, Indigenous Peoples and Communities of African Descent:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the OAS General Assembly, the OAS General Secretariat processed all requests received by **September 20th, 2020 at 11:59 pm, Washington, DC-time.**

The requests have been compiled and elevated to the consideration of the OAS Permanent Council.

Once the Permanent Council has approved the requests, participants will receive a copy of the list, along with the corresponding link to complete their online accreditation.

The registration of Civil Society Organizations in the Organization of American States is free; as is the registration for attending and participating in meetings of the General Assembly of the Organization.

Civil society organizations and social actors that have been approved and that appear in the list previously mentioned, must complete the online Accreditation Form available in the Accreditation System, under the category of: “Civil Society Organizations”, “Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendant Communities” or “Workers organizations”.

If you have a doubt regarding your category, please consult the list of special guests which will be sent to you to find your category.

COORDINATION

Civil Society and Social Actors

The Section of Relations with Civil Society of the OAS Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity will coordinate civil society and social actors' participation in the 50th General Assembly, for further information, please contact:

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Section of Relations with Civil Society
Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
Email: civilsociety@oas.org

Workers' representatives

María Claudia Camacho, Section Chief
Section of Labor and Employment
Executive Secretariat for Integral Development
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DIALOGUE WITH OAS SECRETARY GENERAL AND MEMBER STATES

The main activity planned at the General Assembly for Civil Society is the **“Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Workers, the Private Sector and Other Social Actors”**.

The objective of the event will be to foster an open and proposition-based dialogue between social actors, Member States and the General Secretariat.

The dialogue will be carried out online, through the KUDO meeting platform and regular OAS Webcast channels.

The Dialogue will center on the main topic of the General Assembly, namely:

“Facing the Challenges of COVID-19 in the Hemisphere: A Collaborative Approach to Address Vulnerabilities and Build Resilience in Times of Crisis, Based on the Four Pillars of the OAS”

The Dialogue will follow the same format used since the 47th OAS General Assembly.

- **Each coalition will have 1 speaking slot.**
- **Workers' representatives** and the **Private Sector** will each have 2 speaking slots.
- **Youth** (through the YABT), will have 1 speaking slot.

Speaking time: the time allotted to each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes per intervention. Once the maximum speaking time is reached, the microphone will be turned off. Along these lines, we invite coalitions and social actors to draft their interventions accordingly.

COALITIONS

- Since 2017, Civil Society organizations and social actors have been organized in **Coalitions** or groups of like-minded representatives who choose a spokesperson to represent them at the OAS General Assembly Dialogue with Member States and OAS authorities.
- In 2019, the Coalitions were made permanent.
- Each Coalition determines its membership and work methodology. If an organization is interested in joining a coalition, they may approach the Coordinator (See Appendix 1 for contact information).

- Each Coalition must **present the following information to the OAS General**. The information must be submitted via email at civilsociety@oas.org with a copy to oassociedadcivil@gmail.com:

By October 12, 2020

1. **The name and organization / group and spokesperson of the coalition and his/her contact information.**
2. **Taking into account that the presentation will be online, it is crucial that the selected spokesperson have an adequate internet connection. Otherwise, the intervention will have to be taped in advance.**
3. In order to avoid delays in the Dialogue, the OAS General Secretariat will train the spokespersons in advance on the use of the KUDO Platform.

By October 15, 2020

4. **The updated list of the Organizations and/or Social Actors forming the Coalition (name of the organization, country, email).**
 5. **The text of the intervention of the spokesperson.** In order to guarantee interpretation, we must receive the complete intervention.
 6. **The names and email addresses of the two representatives chosen by the Coalition to access the General Committee**
- Each Coalition is asked to present proposals geared towards fomenting a constructive reflection and/or propose solutions or **actions** to address problems common to the region, in the framework of the thematic areas of the segments of the Dialogue and the OAS Agenda.

We ask that participants carefully read Appendix 2 to the present document: Rules of Participation in the Activities of the General Assembly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Working and document Languages:

The “Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and the Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Workers, the Private Sector and other Social Actors” will have simultaneous interpretation in the four official languages of the OAS: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese, as well as American Sign Language.

All documents to be considered by the General Assembly will be available in the four official languages of the OAS.

Appendix 1

Permanent Coalitions

#	Nombre de Coalición / Coalition Name	OSC Coordinadora / Coordinating CSO	Coordinación / Coordinators	Email
1	Human Life Internacional (HLI) / Coalición para el Desarrollo Humano	Human Life Internacional	Mario Rojas Marlene Gillette Luis Antonio Martinez	jmrojas98@gmail.com gilletteibern@gmail.com godot1920@hotmail.com
2	Coalición Derechos Humanos de las Mujeres en las Américas	Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe - RSMLAC	Clara Elena Cardona Tamayo	fortalecimiento@reddesalud.org
3	Coalición LGBTTTI	Synergia - Iniciativa por los Derechos Humanos	Marcelo Ferreyra	marcelo@synergiahr.org
4	Coalición Derechos de las Personas que Ejercen Trabajo Sexual	RedTraSex LAC	Elena Eva Reynaga	coordinador@redtralsex.org
5	Coalición Religiones, Creencias y Espiritualidades en Diálogo con la Sociedad Civil	Grupo de Estudios Multidisciplinarios sobre Religión e Incidencia Pública - GEMRIP	Nicolás Panotto	nicolaspanotto@gmail.com
6	Coalición RedLad Diálogos Incluyentes como base de la Innovación Social	Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe para la Democracia	Gina Romero	gina.romero@redlad.org

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7	Coalición Foro Ciudadano de las Américas	Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo - DESCO	Molvina Zeballos Eduardo Toche Medrano	molvina@desco.org.pe etoche@desco.org.pe
8	Coalición de Comunidades Afrodescendientes	Comunidad Afrodescendiente de Santiago de Cali, Valle del Cauca, Colombia	Hernando Viveros	hernandoviveros@gmail.com
9	Coalición Afrodescendientes de las Américas	Asociación de Afrocolombianos Desplazados - AFRODES	Erlendy Cuero Bravo Elvia Duque	dycuero.afrodes@gmail.com Duque@raceandequality.org
10	Coalición de Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos	Católicas por el Derechos a Decidir - Colombia	Sandra Mazo Cardona Mariel Ortega de los Santos Barbará Jimenez Santiago	sandramazo@cddcolombia.org mortega@reprorights.org bjimenezsantiago@equalitynow.org
11	Coalición de Organizaciones de Derechos Humanos de las Américas	CEJIL	Francisco Quintana	fquintana@cejil.org ; grodriguez@cejil.org ; jramirez@cejil.org
12	Coalición de Movilidad Humana en las Américas	Servicio Jesuita de Refugiados para Latinoamérica y el Caribe	Monica del Pilar Gómez Gómez	monica.gomez@jrs.net
13	Indigenous Nations and Organizations Coalition	Indian Law Resource Center	Miranda Carman Armstrong Wiggins	mcarman@indianlaw.org Awiggins@indianlaw.org
14	Coordinadora Indígena Abya Ayala	Consejo Regional Indígena y Popular de Xpujij S.C	Romel Rubén González Díaz	balamha58@gmail.com

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15	Coalición Democracia, Libertad, Justicia y Renovación Política	Red Latinoamericana de Jóvenes por la Democracia	Jonathan Maza	jmaza88@gmail.com
16	Coalición por la Dignidad de las Personas con Discapacidad en las Américas	Comisión de Damas Invidentes del Perú	Elizabeth Francisca Campos Sánchez	elizabethcampossanchez@gmail.com ddhh@ulacdigital.org
17	Congreso Evangélico Iberoamericano	Asociación Mutualista Evangélica Neuquina	Hugo Márquez	auxadm@amen.org.ar
18	Coalición Vida y Familia	Asociación de Iglesias Evangélicas del Paraguay	Miguel Ortigoza Ligia Briz	miguel@siembra.com.py direccion@lafamiliaimporta.org
19	Coalición para el Progreso de la Sociedad	Centro para el Desarrollo de la Familia	Guillermo Aguayo Horna	gymaguayo@gmail.com informes@fundacionfamilia.org
20	Coalición para Oportunidades el Ordenamiento Social Contemporáneo	Casasistencia	Clara Vega	claravega@casasistencia.org.mx
21	Coalición Juventud y Libertades	Frente Joven Nueva Democracia	Santiago Santuario María Camilia Ospina	santiagosantuario@gmail.com mccospina93@gmail.com
22	Coalición Educación y Cultura para la Democracia	Centro de Estudios Universitarios Calacoaya	Gilberto Rocha Margáin	giroma@me.com
23	Coalición de Libertad de Conciencia y de Expresión	Red de Acción Ética Política	Bernardo Urzúa Rodrigo Iván Cortés	urzuabernardo80@gmail.com

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24	Coalición Construyendo Nuevos Horizontes	Fundación para el Desarrollo de las Familias DSF	Lisbeth Hernández Lecona	fundacion.ds.familia@gmail.com
25	Coalición Autodeterminación de los Pueblos vs. Corrupción Institucional	Alliance Defending Freedom	Neydy Casillas	ncasillas@adfinternational.org
26	Coalición de Acceso a Justicia y Estado de Derecho	Instituto de Acceso a la Justicia	Gabriel Domínguez	iajaguascalientes@gmail.com
27	Coalición por Venezuela	Venezolanos en Barranquilla	Juan Carlos Viloría Doria	vicepresidente@venezolanosenbarranquilla.org
28	Economía Inclusiva con Justicia Social	Transformarte 2.0 A.C	Rodrigo Colchado Terrazas	Trans.formar.arte@gmail.com
29	Derechos Humanos de Adolescentes y Jóvenes en América Latina y el Caribe	Programa Right Here, Right Now	María Inés Re	mariainesre@yahoo.com.ar
30	Coalición Americana sobre Políticas de Drogas (CAPD)	Intercambios A.C.	Pablo Cymerman	pablocymerman@intercambios.org.ar
31	Coalición por un Laboratorio Interamericano de Innovación Política y Social	1001 Ideas para mi país	Carlos Eduardo Vargas	carlos.vargas.palencia@gmail.com

APPENDIX 2

Rules of Participation for Civil Society Organizations and Social Actors in the 50th OAS General Assembly

A large number of representatives from civil society and other social actors will participate in the virtual 50th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), which will provide an online forum for dialogue and exchange of views with OAS Member States.

The organizers of the General Assembly want this to be a safe and productive forum for all participants. To this end, we set forth the following rules of conduct expected from each one of the participants at these events.

- We are committed to having diverse points of view represented, as well as rich and constructive discussions based on plurality and respect. Thus, participants must commit to making the forums of the General Assembly welcoming and respectful places for all participants, regardless of their national origin, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, or physical appearance.
- No harassment of any kind toward General Assembly participants (civil society and Member State Delegates) or organizers will be tolerated. Examples of harassment include offensive online comments, threats, intimidation, stalking, harassment and disruptive behavior at the virtual sessions.
- Participants must follow these rules of participation at all times. If participants are requested to desist from any inappropriate behavior, they are to immediately comply with such request.
- In the event a participant violated these principles, the organizers of the 50th OAS General Assembly reserve the right to bar participants involved from remaining, inviting them to leave our virtual spaces without a right to continue to participate, as well as to consider adopting the measures they deem appropriate to safeguard the principles of pluralism and respect. Individual sanctions, where applicable, will be determined at the organizers' discretion.