

Report to Permanent Observers



OAS 2023 Programming: Forging Partnerships for the peoples of the Americas

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1) Statement of the Secretary General



The peoples of the Americas face growing demands that require collective responses from governments, civil society, private sector, and multilateral organizations. As the premier inter-governmental forum in the Western Hemisphere, the OAS performs a fundamental role in the promotion of democracy, peace, human rights, multidimensional security, and integral development.

The OAS and its Member States have counted on the steadfast support of Permanent Observers for advancing democracy and human rights in the Americas. Our relationship of friendship and cooperation is based on common values and deep cultural, political, and economic ties.

We welcome with gratitude the support provided by Permanent Observers to projects and programs of the Organization and look forward to continuing to build new partnerships with countries from all regions of the world to advance together in the search of coordinated responses to today's challenges.

Climate change and natural disasters generate consequences that require global cooperation efforts for the development of resilient societies, particularly in the Caribbean and Central America. Migration, inequality, and poverty require joint actions to tackle the root causes of insecurity, informality, unemployment, and climate change while ensuring that economic growth is inclusive, resources are managed sustainably, and the rights of women and marginalized communities are protected.

The 2023 Programming Report of the OAS General Secretariat compiles projects and activities that align with Member States' mandates in our four pillars of work: democracy, human rights, integral development, and security. These projects seek to bring about meaningful transformation in the lives of our populations. The involvement of Member States and Permanent Observers can play a vital role in turning these ideas into reality.

We celebrate the work that we have achieved together with our partners and look forward to many more years of joint-collaboration to promote prosperity and more rights for more peoples in the Americas.

Luis Almagro
Secretary General
Organization of American States

2) OAS at a Glance

The Organization of American States, oldest regional organization in the world, is an institution founded on the belief that the Western Hemisphere must be ground in a framework of democratic institutions, a system of individual liberties, social justice, and economic development as essential conditions for peace and security. Without the OAS, the development of legal instruments, institutions, and mechanisms to advance peace and democratic practices at the Intern-American level could have never taken place. The origins of the OAS date back to the First International Conference of American States, held in Washington, D.C., from October 1889 to April 1890.

The OAS uses a four-pronged approach to effectively implement its essential purposes: democracy, human rights, security, and development. These pillars of work support each other and are intertwined through political dialogue, inclusiveness, cooperation, and legal and follow-up instruments that provide the OAS with the tools to maximize its work in the Americas.

Strengthening Democracy:

The OAS is the preferred cooperation forum for democracy promotion and peacekeeping in the Americas.

The organization works to strengthen democracy by:

- Improving electoral systems
- Strengthening democratic governance
- Promoting access to civil identity
- Preventing and fighting corruption
- Promoting equal participation in politics

Fostering Integral development:



The OAS works to secure sustainable and inclusive development in the Americas as a foundation for democracy, social justice, and progress through its work on the following strategic priorities:

- Guaranteeing sustainable development and integrated approach to climate change
- Promoting economic development & inclusive and competitive economies
- Moving towards inclusive and equitable education, as well as labor inclusion
- Enabling sustainable port management and port competitiveness
- Organizing Member States' policy dialogue at the ministerial and technical level for knowledge





Defending Human Rights

The effective protection of human rights is one of the fundamental bases for democratic governance.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) has as its principal function to promote the observance and protection of human rights in the Americas and to serve as a consultative organ of the Organization in human rights.

The IACHR, pursuant to its mandate:

- Receives, analyzes, and investigates individual petitions alleging human rights violations.
- Observes the general human rights situation of the Member States and publishes reports on the situation in particular states when it deems it appropriate.
- Makes onsite visits to countries for in-depth analysis of general human rights situations or to investigate a particular situation and prepare reports with the findings.
- Asks Member States to adopt precautionary measures, in keeping with Article 25 of its Rules of Procedure, to prevent irreparable harm to persons or the subject of a petition before the IACHR in serious and urgent cases.
- Presents cases to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and appears before it when cases are being tried.

Ensuring multidimensional security:

The OAS supports Member States to assess, prevent, confront, and respond effectively to threats to security, with a view to being the leading point of reference in the Hemisphere for developing cooperation and capacity-building by:

- Combating international organized crime
- Working towards solutions to the world drug problem
- Fighting terrorism
- Making the Americas the first landmine-free zone
- Strengthening cybersecurity



3) OAS Engagements with Permanent Observers

Permanent Observers have access to OAS meetings and can contribute to enriching dialogue on regional topics of the Inter-American agenda. The OAS General Secretariat, through its Department of External and Institutional Relations (DEIR), handles the day-to-day relations associated with Permanent Observer countries, whose interest and participation in the Organization's activities are key to advancing Member States' mandates.

In order to strengthen the dialogue on cooperation between Member States and Permanent Observers, the DEIR, in coordination with Secretariats and Departments of the General Secretariat, organize various activities with Permanent Observers including high-level political dialogues in the framework of the OAS General Assembly and the Permanent Council, donor roundtable meetings, visits to promote OAS projects, and visits to the field and bilateral meetings in order to give visibility to the Organization's work as well as its projects and programs throughout the region.



The Office of the Secretary General and Permanent Observers

The Secretary General holds regular high-level meetings with representatives from the Permanent Observers at the level of Ambassador, Director for the Americas, and Minister and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. These meetings serve as an opportunity to discuss issues of interest to both parties on current outlook and challenges in the Western Hemisphere, strengthen cooperation on the pillars of work of the Organization and envisage pathways of collaboration between the OAS and the Permanent Observers.

As established by resolution CP/RES. 407 (573/84) of the OAS Permanent Council, the OAS Secretary General shall keep a register of Permanent Observers appointed to the Organization. For this purpose, Ambassadors from Observer countries present letters of credential to the Secretary General informing about their appointment as Permanent Observers.



4) Benefits of Partnering with the OAS

- The OAS offers a unique forum to strengthen relations with nations of the Western Hemisphere in one place. It serves as an **effective cooperation facilitator**, in particular for Permanent Observers that do not have presence in all countries of the Americas.
- Permanent Observer donors receive **great exposure** and recognition in OAS press releases and different events related to projects funded throughout the region.
- By participating in the Organization's dialogues with high-level government authorities and various stakeholders at the Inter-American level, Permanent Observers benefit from **effective direct engagement and visibility among 34 Member States**.
- The OAS has a unique set of **Inter-American legal frameworks and a Strategic Plan** agreed to by its Member States, allowing the Organization to use these framework, resolutions and Plan to advance cooperation in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
- **The OAS General Secretariat has in-depth knowledge of country needs**, in particular of smaller countries and regions at the subnational level where Permanent Observers may not have a direct diplomatic relationship or presence.
- The presence in OAS Member States through **National Offices** allows Permanent Observers to interact at the local level through their Embassies.
- **The OAS General Secretariat has established accountability, transparency, monitoring, evaluation, and audits norms to oversee the use of donor funds, including external auditors and internal audit boards as required by the standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors.** All funds from Member States and Permanent Observer are closely monitored, reported on, and subject to internal and external audits.

PILLAR	OUR CORE COMPETENCIES
DEMOCRACY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-American legal framework. • EOMs as inputs for cooperation. • Expertise and Reputation in Special Missions.
HUMAN RIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-American legal framework. • Rapporteurships and Hearings as inputs for cooperation. • Existence of action protocols. • Expertise and reputation in specific areas (Public Security, Drugs...)
MULTIDIMENSIONAL SECURITY	
INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple inter-ministerials that offer an interdisciplinary perspective, partnerships with different stakeholders • Capacity to assist small economies.
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency and accountability.

5) Acknowledgment to our Partners and Donors

The OAS currently has 73 Permanent Observers which provide cooperation in the form of knowledge sharing, training opportunities, exchange of information and experiences, as well as through financial and in-kind contributions to various OAS programs.

The OAS General Secretariat recognizes the unique partnership with Permanent Observers that have designated Missions to the OAS:

Spain, France, Italy and the Holy See.

The General Secretariat also makes a special recognition to its main donors in 2022:





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PROGRAMMING OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT AND THE IACHR 2023

Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy (SSD)

The OAS Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy (SSD) contributes to enhancing political processes in OAS Member States to support democracy as the best option to ensure peace, security, and development. Through its efforts, the Secretariat reinforces the Organization's role as the primary political forum in the inter-American system and actively helps to sustain democracy in the Member States. The SSD develops activities and programs that yield positive results in the areas of electoral observation and cooperation, democratic sustainability, and peace promotion. In 2022, the main results of the SSD included:

Main Results SSD 2022

- 12 Electoral Observation Missions in eight countries of the Americas
- Formation of the High-Level Group for the Strengthening of Women's Political Participation
- Peace-building projects developed in the Adjacency Zone between Belize and Guatemala
- Facilitation of mediation and support for future negotiations with illegal armed groups in Colombia through the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP/OAS)
- More than 1,500 judicial facilitators, conciliators in equity, judges and other justice operators benefited through the Judicial Facilitators Program
- 120 high-level diplomats from 32 Member States trained in mediation, negotiation, preventive diplomacy and conflict management techniques
- Continued cooperation with parliaments from the Americas to address challenges to democracy in the 21st century
- The launching and implementation of the Center for Media Integrity of the Americas



Projects of the GS/OAS to Strengthen Democracy

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (In USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators</u>	Argentina (Córdoba, Corrientes & Formosa Provinces) Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú	\$205,000 Annually	\$205,000	1997-2024 Multiannual	Italy The Netherlands
<u>Belize-Guatemala Process</u>	Belize Guatemala	\$1,500,000 Annually	\$1,500,000 Annually	2001-2024 Multiannual	European Union Spain SICA
<u>Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP/OAS)</u>	Colombia	\$9,000,000 Annually	\$9,000,000 Annually	2004-2024 Multiannual	Canada, USA, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom, Türkiye, Norway
<u>OAS Electoral Observation Missions (OAS/EOMs)</u>	Member States that invite OAS to deploy EOMs to observe their elections	\$4.5 to 5 million Annually	\$1,800,000	Multiannual	Member States and Permanent Observers
<u>Electoral Support Program for Latin America and the Caribbean</u>	Regional projects and targeted countries	\$ 800,000 Annually	----	2021-2024 Multiannual	Canada
<u>Institutional strengthening and capacity-building in the field of conflict resolution and enhancing the role of women in peace building</u>	All Member States	\$211,846 Annually	\$211,846 Annually	2020-2024 Multiannual	University of Kent (United Kingdom), Forum of Federations (Canada)

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is a principal and autonomous organ of the Organization of American States whose function is to promote the observance and protection of human rights and to serve as a consultative organ of the Organization in these matters. The IACHR achieved very important results in the protection of human rights in the Americas, among which the following results stand out in 2022:

Main Results IACHR 2022

Combating procedural delays

- 301 admissibility reports and 67 substantive reports approved
- 24 cases sent to the jurisdiction of the IACHR Court
- 27 new friendly settlement agreements signed and 23 homologated agreements approved
- 1,033 requests for precautionary measures evaluated, 50 granted and/or extended
- Four requests for Provisional Measures submitted to the IACHR Court

Integrated monitoring and timely response to human rights crises

- Seven thematic reports and 2 country reports published
- 14 working visits carried out
- Six Coordination and Timely and Integrated Response Chambers (SACROI) in operation

Follow-up of recommendations

- Special Mechanisms for Follow-up on Recommendations implemented for Bolivia, Colombia, Chile and Guatemala, and for Nicaragua and Venezuela in operation
- Inter-American SIMORE in operation, with more than 6,082 recommendations classified and systematized
- Impact Observatory in operation

Institutional development

- 56 public hearings held, with participation of States and civil society
- 288 press releases published
- Strategic Plan 2023-2037 approved



Projects of the GS/OAS on Human Rights

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (in USD)	Funding Needed For 2023-2024 (In USD)	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>Strengthening the capacities of the Inter- American Commission on Human Rights to address the human rights situation in the region</u>	35 OAS Members States	\$909,404	\$709,404	Multiyear 2023-2027	Ford Foundation
<u>Greater observance and guarantee of human rights in the Hemisphere (IO 2 IACHR Strategic Plan)</u>	35 OAS Members States	\$ 9,081,845	\$ 8,555,897	Multiyear 2023-2027	United States Kingdom of the Netherlands
<u>Strengthening governance and protection of human rights with special attention on vulnerable groups in Central America – Phase III</u>	Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Nicaragua	\$1,800,000	\$300,000	Multiyear 2022-2024	Switzerland COSUDE Agency Italy
<u>Increasing the protection and defense of human rights in the Americas (IO 1 IACHR Strategic Plan)</u>	35 OAS Members States	\$8,806,046	\$8,297,867	Multiyear 2023-2027	European Commission Kingdom of the Netherlands

Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)

The Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) promotes and coordinates cooperation among OAS Member States and between them and the inter-American system and other bodies in the international system, in order to assess, prevent, confront, and respond effectively to threats to security, with a view to being the leading point of reference in the Hemisphere for developing cooperation and capacity-building.

The SMS has achieved substantial results in 2022 to ensure multidimensional security by addressing traditional threats and new threats, concerns, and challenges to the security in countries of the Americas, including actions towards:

Main Results SMS 2022

- Destruction of 17,829 small arms and light weapons and 479,925 ammunition in Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, and Peru.
- Training of 396 officials through the Bolivia/Peru Binational Workshop on best practices for the prevention and combating of firearms trafficking
- Quality assurance and quality control of humanitarian demining and logistical support 358,579 square meters inspected by the OAS/SMS.
- Mine risk education and community liaison to more than 25,000 people, including Afro-descendant, indigenous, mestizo and migrant populations
- Support the efforts of OAS Member States to prevent, investigate and counteract criminal activity linked to the exploitation of Venezuelan refugees and migrants
- Training on the fight against organized crime and money laundering for more that 2,000 officials from the public and private sector of OAS Member States
- Support Member States to ensure border security (air, maritime and land), supply chain security; crowded space security; prevention of violent extremism, counter-terrorism and technical assistance against the financing of terrorism
- 1,122 professionals from the region trained in drug research methods, new trends, early warning systems and networks. research methods, new trends, early warning systems and information networks. information networks.



Projects of the GS/OAS on Multidimensional Security

Project Name	Beneficiary Countries	Budget for 2023 (in USD)	Funding Needed 2023-2024	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>PICAD (Supporting OAS Member States efforts to prevent, investigate and counter criminal activity linked to the exploitation of Venezuelan refugees and migrants)</u>	Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Panamá, Costa Rica, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago	\$1,530,918	\$1,610,000	Currently in Execution until December 2023	Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program (ACCBP), Canada
<u>Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development (DAIS, by its Spanish-language acronym) - the impact of illicit drug cultivation and production on the environment</u>	All Member States participating in DAIS activities	\$ 43,000	\$ 120,000	Ongoing (2022-2024)	German Cooperation Agency (GIZ), UNODC
<u>Maritime and Port Security</u>	All Member States	\$0	\$1,000,000	Multiple year	International Maritime Organization
<u>Public-Private Partnership Against Illicit Economies Associated with Transnational Organized crime in the Americas</u>	Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay and Panamá	\$0	\$1,000,000	Multiple year	Donors are required for funding the project
<u>PACAM (Program of Assistance on Control of Arms and Munition)</u>	All Member States	\$1,300,000	\$2,500,000	2022-2025	European Union; Ministry of Defense of Spain; UNLIREC; CARICOM IMPACS; AMAT-GICHD; INTERPOL

Executive Secretariat on Integral Development (SEDI)

The Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) supports, facilitates, and fosters integral development in OAS Member States through the promotion of intersectoral dialogue, public-private partnerships, and consensus-building. SEDI also endeavors to mobilize resources for the formulation, promotion, and implementation of technical cooperation policies, programs, and projects in the area of integral development and encourages mechanisms and forums for the discussion of experiences and exchange of information among Member States.

During 2022, SEDI implemented programs, projects and initiatives in the areas of economic, social, human, and sustainable development in the Americas.

Main Results SEDI 2022

- In the CARICOM region: 91 new enterprises were created and 6,678 jobs were generated or sustained with support from the Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)
- MOU's were signed with authorities in Brazil and Ecuador to implement and adapt the SBDC program and contribute to the development of a stronger network of support institutions for micro, small, and medium-size enterprises (MSMEs) in the region
- Establishment of a Latin American and Caribbean green hydrogen network and convening of the V Meeting of Energy Ministers of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA)
- Start of implementation of the project "Promotion of water security in the Trifinio Region (El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala): Promoting the formulation of a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for its transboundary Lempa River basin"
- Improving Port Disaster Risk Management. 2,111 port officials from 28 Member States introduced to successful Port Management practices.



Projects of the GS/OAS to Foster Integral Development

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (In USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>OAS Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies</u>	Registered participants in each of the 34 OAS Member States (27,000 registered participants total)	Meta \$2 million in-kind Structuralia \$4 million in-kind	\$1,500,000	2021-2025	Meta, Structuralia and other partnership agreements in-progress
Economically Empowered Women for Equitable and Resilient Societies	OECS region and Northern Triangle countries (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras)	\$3,000,000	\$ 1,400,000	2022-2025	U.S. Permanent Mission to the OAS, CENPROMYPE, Meta, Nasdaq Foundation
<u>Climate Change: Supporting Adaptation and Mitigation Activities</u>	All OAS Member States	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	2022-2025	US Department of State, US Department of Energy, IDB, Caribbean Development Bank, CARICOM, Inter-American Defense Board, CAF, Amazon Web Services
<u>OAS Network of Centers of Excellence on Transformative Technologies</u>	OAS Member States Centers formalized or in-progress in Mexico (Blockchain), Colombia (Robotics and AI), Chile (AI) and between all Centers Peru (Nanomaterials)	\$150,000 In-kind	\$2,000,000	2021-2025	COEBH-Mexico, Government of the State of Hidalgo, Mexico AUDACIA Center on Robotics and AI, University Simon Bolivar, CENIA-Chile, MinCiencias Chile, CEMAT, CONCYTEC Peru
<u>Inter-American Cooperation Network (CooperaNet) Call for Experts / Language Cooperation Program (LCP)</u>	All OAS Member States	\$125,000	\$150,000	2012-ongoing	Cooperation Authorities of the CEIBAL Uruguay Universidad Autónoma de México (UNAM), Microsoft

Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM/OAS)

The Inter-American Commission of Women CIM/OAS is the main political forum in the region for the recognition of the human rights of women and gender equality. The CIM works with the OAS and Member States on the promotion women's rights, including: parity and women's political leadership, the value of women's unpaid work, and the prevention and punishment of all forms of violence, through the follow-up mechanism for the implementation of the Belém do Pará Convention in States Party.



Main Results CIM 2022

- **Women's economic rights for integral development:**
Launching of the Inter-American Model Law on Caregiving and a Guide for its Implementation, as a result of a series of meetings with National Women's Machineries and national and international experts to identify good practices, experiences and areas of cooperation. These discussions resulted in public policies and proposed regulatory frameworks
- **Women's political rights for democratic governance:**
Conducting the 15th edition (Colombia, January 2022), the 16th edition (Peru, July 2022) and 17th edition (Ecuador, December 2022) of the Training Course for Women Electoral Candidates, adding more than 400 women candidates to the more than 2,000 women trained since the beginning of the course in 2018
- **Peace and security from a gender perspective:**
Launching of the report "Pathways to Peace and Security forged by women: An agenda for the Americas," an e-learning course and spaces for the articulation with States, women peace activists and other key partners
- **Follow-up Mechanism of the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI):**
Publication of guides and analyses on experiences and good practices in strategic litigation, the application of the Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate Femicide, legal advisory services for attention to gender-based violence and comprehensive reparation in cases of femicide in Latin America

Projects of the GS/OAS on Human Rights of Women and Gender Equality

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (in USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>Inter-American Program to Strengthen Democracy and Women's Leadership</u>	Regional	\$2,522,000	\$600,640	2021-2024	National Electoral Bodies, Ministries for Women
<u>Strengthening the capacities of the States Parties to improve care for Venezuelan women, girls and adolescents victims of trafficking in transit and destination</u>	Colombia, Dominican Republic, Panama, Peru, Venezuela	\$709,754	\$688,191	2022-2025	OIM, UNWomen, civil society, Competent National Authorities, CLADEM, Women's Link, Consorcio Venezolano de ONGs de Mujeres
<u>Women's Leadership in the Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the Americas</u>	Regional (OAS Member States)	\$315,789	\$195,789	2021 - 2023	Relevant government entities (Ministries, etc.) Women's NGOs UN Women
<u>Strengthening Inter-American Legal Frameworks for Women's Economic Autonomy and Empowerment</u>	34 Member States	\$989,505	\$989,505	2022-2024	National Machineries for the Advancement of Women in Member States
<u>Strengthening the gender, diversity and rights approach in the work of the OAS</u>	34 Member States	\$550,000	\$550,000	2022-2025	National Machineries for the Advancement of Women

Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE)

The Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) works alongside OAS Member States to build more inclusive and equitable societies by promoting access to rights, empowerment of vulnerable groups and citizen participation. SARE also supports the efforts of Member States in formulating initiatives that seek to break structural barriers in access to opportunities, promote public policies that generate social inclusion and raise living conditions of various vulnerable populations.

In 2022, SARE continued to work towards the consolidation of the social inclusion and access to rights agenda in the region by:

Main Results SARE 2022

- Training public, private and civil society authorities with more than 40 courses, lectures, roundtables and workshops on the social inclusion and human rights agenda at the regional level in the Americas
- Supporting OAS Member States in their efforts to prevent, investigate and counteract criminal activities related to the exploitation of Venezuelan refugees and migrants
- Support at the regional level the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) to address the forced displacement crisis in Central America and Mexico, including outreach and participation of the private sector
- Organizing the second edition of the Leadership in Social Inclusion and Access to Rights diploma completed by more than 1,700 people from 27 countries in the Americas, including 18 indigenous leaders from Ecuador
- Promoting and broadening of civil society participation in OAS activities
- Providing technical support to formal/informal meetings of the General Secretariat, and of the Organization's political bodies as Technical Secretariat for the effective implementation of the normative frameworks and action plans in relation to their mandates on social development



Projects of the GS/OAS on Access to Rights and Equity

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (in USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework to Forced Displacement in Central America and Mexico Fund (MIRPS for its acronym in Spanish)</u>	Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama and Mexico	\$260,000	\$200,000	2018-ongoing	UNHCR, MIRPS Support Platform Countries. (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, European Union, France, Spain, Switzerland, Uruguay, USA). Republic of Korea, and Portugal
<u>Strengthening Institutional Mechanisms and Human Capacities to Measure Progress in the Fulfillment of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in the Americas</u>	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela	\$40,000	\$1,438,042.93		REDESCA, FAO, ILO, PAHO, ECLAC, UNICEF, UNRISD, UN WOMEN
<u>Expanding Social Protection and Inclusive Opportunities in the Americas</u> <u>Track 1: reactivation of the Inter-American Social Protection Network (IASPN)</u> <u>Track 2: Advancing Inclusion and Socio-Economic Opportunities for at Risk Populations</u>	OAS Member States	\$250,000	US 8.30 million	October 2023- November 2027	ILO, UNICEF, UNRISD, UNDP, World Bank, CEQ, IDB, EUROsocial, CAF and JA Americas

Other funding Mechanisms and Inter-American Networks of the GS/OAS on Access to Rights

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (in USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework to Forced Displacement in Central America and Mexico Fund (MIRPS Fund for its acronym in Spanish)</u>	Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Mexico	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	2022-ongoing	UNHCR, MIRPS Support Platform Countries. (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, European Union, France, Spain, Switzerland, Uruguay, USA). Republic of Korea, and Portugal
<u>Working Group to Follow-Up on the Implementation of the American Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples</u>	OAS Member States	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	Looking for funding	National Authorities, Indigenous Peoples organizations, NGOs, Academia
<u>Follow-Up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons</u>	Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay	400, 000.00	400, 000.00	Looking for funds	National Authorities, NGOs, Academia

Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs (SHA)

The Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs (SHA) implements inter-sectoral programs to foster the strengthening of public institutions so they can be more transparent, effective, and participatory. SHA also provides support to Member States through all phases of the Summits' process while encouraging the broad participation of strategic partners; and through enhanced cultural and public diplomacy, strengthens the OAS brand.

Through its work in 2022, SHA:

Main Results SHA 2022

- Ensured that public officials in the countries of the region had an understanding of the need to adjust and improve their practices for recognizing gender identity in national identity documents to meet the needs of transgender people
- Developed of a Model Directive for the Promotion of Sustainable Procurement
- Strengthened the capacities of 2,855 public sector servants and civil society representatives through its virtual courses on public procurement, open government, and public management of the OAS School of Government
- As the Technical Secretariat of the Summits of the Americas Process, provided assistance and advice to the Chair and Member States in the Summit process
- As part of the objective of preserving and disseminating the institutional memory of the OAS, provided advice and archival services to all OAS units and virtual training was offered on the management and maintenance of institutional archives



Projects of the GS/OAS on Hemispheric Affairs

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (in USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution (Indicate starting and ending year)	Initial Partners
<u>Strengthening public procurement systems for LAC counties - Interamerican Network on Government Procurement Network (INGP)</u>	OAS Member States	\$4,590,270	\$200,000	5 years	National Procurement Agencies, International Organizations (IDB, CAF, IDRC)
<u>Improving access to registration and identification services for indigenous population in the border areas of Cajamarca, Amazonas, Loreto and Ucayali in Peru</u>	Peru	\$300,000	\$300,000	1 year	National Register of Identification and Civil Status (RENIEC)
<u>Inter-American Open Data Program to Prevent and Combat Corruption (PIDA)</u>	OAS Member States	\$2,203,563	\$350,000	3 years	Ministries of Telecommunications, Open Government Secretariats, Open Data agencies
<u>CML Digitization Project</u>	All Member States, Permanent Observers, and worldwide users from all countries	Approx. OAS inkind \$250,000		2019-Future	William S. Hein & Co.
<u>Art Museum of the Americas exhibition program</u>	All Member States, Permanent Observers, and worldwide users from all countries			On going	Member States, Permanent Observers

Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)

The Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) facilitates and promotes the development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICT); promotes and fosters appropriate telecommunications/ICT for the integral development process in the region, with particular attention to underserved areas; and serves as the Organization's leading advisory body in all matters relating to telecommunications/ICT in the Hemisphere.

In 2022, CITEL assisted Member States with their digital transformation agendas, the use of telecommunications/ICTs as a tool for digital inclusion, and the development of telecommunications infrastructure by:

Main Results CITEL 2022

- Awarding 2,677 fellowships for courses in telecommunications/ICTs and seminars of interest to the sector, benefiting participants from 26 Member States, generating and strengthening capacities and strategic alliances.
- Promoting public-private collaboration through the ICT 2030 Alliance and the Rural Women's Alliance to contribute to and expand the use of ICTs for rural development and expand the use of technologies to reduce the digital divide.
- Developing the CITEL-SEDI-ProFuturo Program in the Caribbean (Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, and St. Lucia), with the support of the Ministries of Education, which provided technological equipment, laptops, tablets, projectors and routers to primary schools in the Caribbean as well as digital academic content for classrooms.
- Continuing the efforts to connect the unconnected, by providing technical assistance to Ecuador, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic in the execution of their roadmaps for the implementation of the "Initiatives for the expansion of telecommunications/ICTs in rural areas and in unserved or underserved areas."



Projects of the GS/OAS on Telecommunications

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (In USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution (Indicate starting and ending year)
<u>Digital Equity: Connect and provide internet infrastructure and services to the most underserved and vulnerable areas in Ecuador</u>	Ecuador	First stage: \$35.000 Second stage: \$86.000	First stage: \$0 Second stage: \$8.600	Nov – 2021 to Dec - 2023
<u>Digital Equity: Connect and provide internet infrastructure and services to the most underserved and vulnerable areas in Dominican Republic</u>	Dominican Republic	First stage: \$30.000 Second stage: \$86.000	First stage: \$15.000 Second stage: \$86.000	Nov – 2022 to Jun – 2024
<u>Digital Equity: Connect and provide internet infrastructure and services to the most underserved and vulnerable areas in Paraguay</u>	Paraguay	First stage: \$30.000 Second stage: \$86.000	First stage: \$30.000 Second stage: \$86.000	May – 2023 to Dec - 2024
<u>Digital Equity: Connect and provide internet infrastructure and services to the most underserved and vulnerable areas in Colombia</u>	Colombia	First stage: \$30.000 Second stage: \$86.000	First stage: \$30.000 Second stage: \$86.000	MoU signatures are in process.
<u>Digital Equity: Connect and provide internet infrastructure and services to the most underserved and vulnerable areas in Panama</u>	Panama	First stage: \$30.000 Second stage: \$86.000	First stage: \$30.000 Second stage: \$86.000	MoU is in the process of review and approval.

Secretariat for Legal Affairs (SLA)

The Secretariat for Legal Affairs is the unit of the General Secretariat responsible for advisory services, development, dissemination, and codification of inter-American international law, support for follow-up mechanisms, legal and judicial cooperation in the Americas, and domestic legal advisory services.

The Secretariat of Legal Affairs in 2022 supported Member States by:

Main Results SLA 2022

- Providing courses on the Inter-American system at diplomatic academies (more than 500 diplomats and other officials received training in Ecuador, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador and Colombia) and at universities in the region
- Disseminating the studies of the Inter-American Juridical Committee through webinars and virtual meetings on the subject of: Cyber operations, Neuro-rights, access to public information, privacy and personal data protection
- Disseminating public and private international law among various actors in the system, including the 2021-2022 Biennial Report on the Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law
- Exchange of 44 best practices and special sessions were held on topics of collective interest to promote cooperation with other international mechanisms and among Member States of the Mechanism for Follow-up on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC)
- Conducted training workshops for prosecutors on cryptocurrencies and on electronic evidence, cybercrime, and legal cooperation and organized training workshops for judges and magistrates on cybercrime
- Advanced on the modernization and updating of the Hemispheric Network for Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters



Projects of the GS/OAS on Legal Affairs

Project Name	Beneficiary countries	Budget for 2023 (in USD)	Funding Needed (In USD)	Years of execution	Initial Partners
<u>Course on the Inter-American system to train diplomats on public and private international law.</u>	Latin America and the Caribbean: Total of 32 countries	\$ 15,000 per country	15,000 per country. Total of 480,000 if all countries are covered	2022-ongoing	Diplomatic academies of the beneficiary countries
<u>Follow-Up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC)</u>	The 33 Member States of the MESICIC	\$600,000	\$600,000	2002-ongoing	

Member States

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica (Commonwealth of), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas (Commonwealth of), Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

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