

**FIFTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE OAS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
November 10-12, 2021
Online Session in Washington DC**



WORK METHODOLOGY AND INFORMATION BULLETIN

VENUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Fifty-First regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), whose host country is Guatemala, will take place online, on November 10-12, 2021.

The OAS General Assembly activities will be carried out through the **KUDO Platform**.

Due to space limitations on the **KUDO platform** and the number of people registered, participation will take place as follow:

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 November 9th, 2021**; from 2:30 pm.
 - 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**. **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

In accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the OAS General Assembly, the Civil Society Relations Section of the OAS General Secretariat received requests for registration of participation, granting a one month period, which closed on October 10, 2021.

The requests that met all the requirements have been compiled and elevated to the consideration of the OAS Permanent Council. The Permanent Council approved the requests at its meeting on October 20, 2021. The list is attached.

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.

Representatives of Civil society organizations and social actors that have been approved according to the aforementioned list, must complete the registration form that they can access through the following link <https://cvent.me/2KGQkr>, under the category of: “Civil Society Organizations”, “Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendant Communities” or “Workers organizations”. If you have any doubt regarding your category, please consult the list of special guests. **The delegates of civil society organizations must be accredited with the names and emails provided to the Section of Relations with Civil Society**, otherwise, they will not be able to complete their accreditation.

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 51st General Assembly.

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DIALOGUE WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND OAS 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 purpose 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: **“Towards renewal in the Americas”**

This Dialogue will follow the format that has been used since the 47th General Assembly of the OAS.

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

Deadlines to receive the required information:

By October 29, 2021, at the latest:

1. **Names and emails of the 2 people designated** for the **Dialogue** between Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General and the Representatives of Civil Society, Workers, Private Sector and other Social Actors.
2. **Name and organization of the Coalition spokesperson, along with their contact information.**
3. Taking into consideration that it will be a virtual presentation, it is crucial that the selected person to speak has an adequate internet connection. Otherwise, you will need to record your speech.
4. In order to avoid delays in the Dialogue, the spokespersons will be trained in advance by the OAS General Secretariat on the use of the KUDO Platform.
5. **The names and email addresses of the 2 representatives selected by the Coalition to access the General Committee.**

By November 3rd, 2021, at the latest:

6. **The updated list of the Organizations and/or Social Actors forming the Coalition (organization's name, country, email).**

7. **The written intervention of the spokesperson.** In order to guarantee interpretation, we must receive the full intervention.

- 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 and Venues 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 also be available in the 4 official languages of the OAS.

Appendix 1

Permanent Coalitions

#	Nombre de Coalición / Coalition Name	OSC Coordinadora / Coordinating CSO	Coordinación / Coordination	Email
1	Coalition for Human Development / 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 Stefano Fabeni	marcelo@synergiahr.org stefano@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	Afroamérica XXI	Gloria Núñez Elvia Duque	ngloria29@yahoo.com Duque@raceandequality.org
10	Coalición de Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos	Equality now	Pamela Martin Garcia	coaliciondsdr@gmail.com
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	Consultoría para los Derechos Humanos y el Desplazamiento-CODHES	Luis Carlos Rodríguez	coordinacion.ccd@codhes.org
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 hh@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 Santurio María Camilia Ospina	santiagosanturio@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
24	Coalición Construyendo Nuevos Horizontes	Fundación para el Desarrollo de las Familias DSF	Lisbeth Hernández Lecona	fundacion.ds.familia@gmail.com

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25	Coalición Autodeterminación de los Pueblos vs. Corrupción Institucional	Alliance Defending Freedom	Tomás Henriquez-Sergio Burga	thenriquez@adfinternational.org sergioburga@lapop.org
26	Coalición de Acceso a Justicia y Estado de Derecho	Instituto de Acceso a la Justicia/Concerned Women of America	Gabriel Domínguez Neydy Casillas	iajaguascalientes@gmail.com NCasillas@cwfa.org
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 51st OAS General Assembly

A large number of representatives from civil society and other social actors will participate in the virtual 51st 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, verbal threats, intimidation, stalking, harassment and disruptive behavior at the virtual sessions.
- Participants should not use the Kudo platform chat at any time.
- 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 51st 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.