**CHAPTER III**

**ACTIVITIES OF THE RAPPORTEURSHIPS, COUNTRY**
**AND THEMATIC REPORTS, AND PROMOTION**

1. The Inter-American Commission for Human Rights performs its monitoring and promotion mandate through its thematic rapporteurships and country rapporteurships.
2. In 1990, the Inter-American Commission began creating thematic rapporteurships in order to devote attention to certain groups, communities, and peoples that are particularly at risk of human rights violations due to their state of vulnerability and the discrimination they have faced historically. The aim of creating a thematic rapporteurship is to strengthen, promote, and document the Inter-American Commission's own work on a specific issue. In this regard, the Rapporteurships encourage awareness of human rights among the peoples of the Americas.[[1]](#footnote-1) The Rapporteurships also support the work of the IACHR in developing legal standards; raise awareness of the inter-American system mechanisms; and further access to national and international justice for the persons, groups, and communities related to the thematic approach. At the same time, the Rapporteurships of the IACHR engage in sustained cooperation with various sectors working on the issues they focus on, including inter alia the United Nations Rapporteurships and other universal and regional mechanisms, civil society organizations, the States, and academia.
3. The IACHR Thematic Rapporteurships are governed by provisions established in Article 15 of its Rules of Procedure and in the practices established by the plenary of the Commission. The Commission approves the reports and work plans of each Rapporteurship and supervises the day-to-day implementation of their mandates. Given their status as thematic offices created by the IACHR itself, the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR define with precision the procedure for establishing them and for choosing the thematic rapporteurs. In addition, the Rules of Procedure regulate the functions performed by the IACHR in which its Rapporteurships participate. The rules and practices mentioned constitute an important set of rules that regulate the conduct of all the Rapporteurships and establish rigorous procedures for action.
4. The Thematic Rapporteurships also cooperate in performing the principal function of the IACHR of promoting the observance and protection of human rights, and to serve as the consultative organ of the OAS on human rights.[[2]](#footnote-2) In this regard, they may ask governments of the States to provide reports on the human rights-related measures they adopt[[3]](#footnote-3) and make recommendations for them to adopt progressive measures in favor of human rights, in keeping with the mandate of the IACHR. The rapporteurs also prepare studies and reports relevant to their thematic functions.[[4]](#footnote-4) As part of their duties, the rapporteurs may make working visits to the States and participate in on site visits by the IACHR, with the consent or at the invitation of the respective government. At this time, the IACHR has eight Rapporteurships and three Thematic Units:
	* Rights of indigenous peoples (1990);
	* Rights of women (1994);
	* Rights of migrants (1996);
	* Rights of the child (1998);
	* Rights of persons deprived of liberty (2004);
	* Rights of Afro-descendants and against racial discrimination (2005);
	* Rights of human rights defenders (2011)
	* Rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex persons (2014);
		+ Rights of persons with disabilities;
		+ Rights of older persons; and
		+ Memory, truth, and justice
5. The IACHR also has the authority to establish Special Rapporteurships, entrusted to persons other than the Commissioners, who are designated by the Commission.[[5]](#footnote-5) There has been an Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression[[6]](#footnote-6) since 1997; it is a permanent office, with its own operational structure and functional independence within the legal framework of the IACHR. On April 3, 2014, the IACHR also decided to create a Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (ESCER), mindful of the interdependent and indivisible nature of human rights and the importance of protecting and promoting economic, social, and cultural rights in the region. By establishing this new Rapporteurship, which at present operates as a unit, the IACHR seeks to strengthen and deepen its work of defending and protecting the economic, social and cultural rights of the inhabitants of the Americas. Prior to the creation of this Special Rapporteurship, during the process for strengthening the Inter-American System of Human Rights, the OAS Member States and other actors of the System expressed their interest in directing greater attention to the issue of ESCR. As a result of that process, the IACHR created specialized institutional spaces. Indeed, during the 146 Regular Period of Sessions, which took place from October 29 to November 16, 2012, the Commission under its commitment to strengthen its work in economic, social and cultural rights, and responding to the suggestions of the States and civil society, created a Unit on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR Unit).
6. Among their functions, the Rapporteurships have taken advantage of their mandate to promote regional initiatives on issues of priority for the region and relevant to their areas of focus. These initiatives have been strengthened by participatory processes of compiling information, including the perspectives of the States and civil society, preparing regional reports on pressing issues and presenting these reports, organizing promotional activities to disseminate knowledge of the standards of the inter-American system, circulating questionnaires, preparing consultations with experts, organizing relevant thematic hearings and working visits, producing press releases, and using other mechanisms. In relation to individual cases, the Rapporteurships continue participating and providing specialized inputs in the processing of individual petitions received by the IACHR alleging human rights violations. They are also actively involved in analyzing requests for precautionary measures and accompanying hearings and friendly settlements.
7. The IACHR Thematic Rapporteurships employ continuous efforts to work in an articulated and strategic manner, taking into consideration the intersectionality of identities and risks that could aggravate human rights violations against various individuals, groups, and collectives in the hemisphere. In this regard, over the years the Rapporteurships have identified issues of potential joint and crosscutting collaboration, for example indigenous women, girls, and migrants deprived of liberty, among others.
8. This chapter is divided into three sections: 1. Observation activities conducted by the IACHR in 2017 via on-site and working visits by both the country and the thematic Rapporteurships; 2. [Human rights] promotion and training activities; and 3. Activities of the Rapporteurships and Thematic Units.

# Observation activities conducted by the IACHR in 2017

1. This section provides an account of the Inter-American Commission’s on-site visit to Guatemala and recaps the official visits made by members of the Commission in their capacity as thematic or country Rapporteurs. It also includes a list of the press releases issued by the IACHR based on its observation work, as well as requests for information sent to the States to that same end.

## On-site visits

1. The IACHR conducted an on-site visit to Guatemala from July 31 to August 4, 2017. The objective of the visit was to observe the human rights situation on the ground in the country.
2. The delegation was comprised of the IACHR President, Francisco Eguiguren, the First Vice-President, Margarette May Macaulay, the Second Vice-President, Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, José de Jesús Orozco Henríquez, Paulo Vannuchi, James Cavallaro, and Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva. Other members of the delegation included Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão, the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza, and specialists from the Executive Secretariat.
3. The Inter-American Commission held meetings with government authorities from the three branches of the State and with civil society representatives and organizations, human rights defenders, indigenous authorities, autonomous and international agencies, academics, and journalists. It also collected testimony from victims of human rights violations and their family members. During its visit, the IACHR carried out unrestricted visits to several regions, including, Alta Verapaz, El Petén, and Huehuetenango, and visited prisons and other State custody facilities. The IACHR visited the *Aleluya* Children’s Home; the Detention Center for Male Juveniles in San José, Pinula; the Detention Center for Female Juveniles (CEJUPLIM – *Los Gorriones*); the small jails located on the first basement level of the Judiciary Court Towers; the *Santa Teresa* Pretrial Detention Center for Women; the Women’s Detention Facility at the *Pavón* Criminal Rehabilitation Farm; and the *Federico Mora* National Mental Health Hospital. It also visited the Regional Training Command for Peacekeeping Operations (CREOMPAZ) and the National Police Historical Archive and met with leaders of the Network of Afro-Descendant Women and the Afroamerica XXI Network.
4. When the visit ended, the Commission thanked President Jimmy Morales and his government for the invitation to conduct this visit, as well as for all the logistical support and assistance that allowed the visit to be carried out in a satisfactory manner, especially by the Presidential Coordinating Commission for Executive Policy on Human Rights. The IACHR also recognized the support it received during the visit from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Guatemala. The Commission further appreciated the information provided by State authorities, in addition to their openness to engage in constructive dialogue with the IACHR, and was grateful for the efforts made by victims of human rights violations and their families, and by civil society organizations and groups, to meet with the delegation and present their testimony, complaints, and communications.
5. Upon conclusion of its on-site visit on August 4, 2017, the IACHR held a press conference that was attended by representatives of national and international media, representatives of the State, and civil society and international organizations. During the conference, the Commission revealed its preliminary observations on the visit, which are contained in the appendix [*Press Release No. 114/17*](http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2017/114.asp).
6. Lastly, as a result of its on-site visit to Guatemala, the IACHR adopted the [Country Report](http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/reports/pdfs/Guatemala2017-en.pdf).

## Working visits

1. The table below lists the working visits conducted by members of the IACHR in their capacity as thematic and country Rapporteurs and Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.

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| **State** | **Dates / Locations** | **Topic(s) / Rapporteurships** | **Institutions visited** | **Commissioner/ Rapporteur** | **Observations** |
| **Peru**  | February 23 –24 | Pretrial detention Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty | The IACHR Rapporteurship met with different authorities, including the Minister of Justice and Human Rights; the Vice Minister of Human Rights and Access to Justice; and the President of the National Council of Prisons. It also met with civil society and academic organizations. | Commissioner James Cavallaro | The primary objective of the visit was to examine the main progress and challenges faced by the State of Peru in reducing the use of pretrial detention. |
| July 8 – 9 | Human rights situation of the communities in the areas of Chiriaco, Cuninico, and Morona in the Peruvian Amazon region affected by oil spills from the Norperuano oil pipeline.Country Rapporteur | The delegation visited the communities together with staff from the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, the Supranational Office of the Prosecutor, the Environmental Assessment and Oversight Agency, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Housing, the Ministry of Energy and Mines, the Ministry of Health, and representatives of Petroperú. | Commissioner Paulo Vannuchi | The primary objective of the visit was to gather information about the communities affected by oil spills from the Norperuano pipeline. |
| **Guatemala** | March 30 – 31, Guatemala City | Events that occurred on March 8, 2017 in the *Hogar Virgen de la Asunción*, and the deaths of 41 girls and adolescents as a result of the fire. Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child | The delegation visited the *Hogar Virgen de la Asunción*, where the fire had taken place; the *Hogar Refugio de la Niñez*, which was providing care for the girls and adolescents who had survived the fire; and the *Escuela Alida España*, which was operating as a temporary home for children and adolescents with mental disabilities.The Rapporteur held meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation; the Vice-Minister for Health; the Presidential Commission on Human Rights (COPREDEH); the Secretary for Social Welfare; and the Public Prosecution Ministry. She further met with the Deputy Attorney General for Human Rights and members of her team; with family members of victims of the fire; with the *Fundación Sobrevivientes* and the technical team from *Refugio de la Niñez*; with children and adolescents who had survived the fire; with UNICEF; and with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR). | Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Second Vice-President of the Commission and Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child and Executive Secretariat staff. Sylvia Mesa, Vice President of the Follow-up Mechanism for the Convention of Belém do Pará (MESECVI) accompanied the delegation as an observer. | The primary objective of the visit was to follow up on implementation of Precautionary Measure No. 958/16, granted on March 12, 2017. When the visit concluded, a press release with the main observations and recommendations was issued. Thereafter, the situation was followed up on during the on-site visit to Guatemala. |
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| Brazil  | November 13 – 17Brasilia and the states of Ceará, Espírito Santo, and São Paulo  | Follow-up on the functioning of the National System for Socio-Educational Services (SINASE) for adolescent offenders.Situation of Indigenous Peoples Situation of Afro-Descendant and Tribal PeoplesRapporteurship on the Rights of the Child, in coordination with the Country Rapporteur | Meetings were held in Brasilia with federal authorities and civil society organizations. In the states of Ceará, Espírito Santo, and São Paulo, the Commissioners held meetings with state authorities and civil society organizations and visited different adolescent detention centers: The Socio-Educational Internment Unit (UNIS), the Temporary Internment Unit (UNIP II), and the Female Internment Unit (UFI) in Espírito Santo; CASA Cedro and CASA Nova Aroeira, both in the Raposo Tavares Complex in São Paulo; and the San Miguel and Dom Bosco Educational Centers, and Passaré Educational Center in Ceará. | Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño and Commissioner James Cavallaro | The visit was conducted following an invitation extended by the Government of Brazil during the thematic hearing: “Human Rights Situation of Adolescents Offenders in Brazil,” held on March 22, 2017. The IACHR issued a press release with its main observations and recommendations from the visit. |
| **El Salvador** | November 20 – 22, 2017 San Salvador | Violence and discrimination against girls and womenRapporteurships on the Rights of Women and the Rights of the Child  | The IACHR delegation met with officials from the: Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Supreme Court of Justice, including the Constitutional and Criminal chambers; Ministry of Health; Ministry of the Interior and Public Security; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Defense; National Police; Office of the Attorney General of the Republic; Office of the Prosecutor for Human Rights; Office of the Prosecutor General; CONNA; ISNA; Office of Victim Services; Under Secretariat for Social Inclusion; ISDEMU. The IACHR delegation visited the *Ciudad Mujer* facilities in San Martín and the Women’s Hospital. The delegation also held meetings with members of El Salvador’s Legislative Assembly, with the United Nations agencies present in the country, and with civil society organizations.  | Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay  | *These activities were carried out within the context of the project: “Eradicating violence and discrimination against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean,” funded by Canada.*The IACHR issued a press release with its main observations and recommendations from the visit. |

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| **Dominican****Republic** | November 23 – 24, 2017Santo Domingo | Nationality, migration, and gender equalityCountry Rapporteur Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants Rapporteurship on the Rights of WomenRapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination | The delegation held meetings with the Minister of the Interior and the Director General for Migration; with the Minister for Women; and with members of the Central Electoral Board. The delegation visited Batey Vasca.The delegation held meetings with civil society organizations.  | Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay  |  |
| **Mexico** | November 27th to December 4th, 2017 |  Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression | The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the IACHR held a joint visit to Mexico with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, David Kaye, per invitation of the Government of Mexico. At the end of their visit, on December 4, the two Special Rapporteurs published their preliminary observations.  | the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Edison Lanza |  |
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## Press Releases

1. As part of its mandate to monitor the human rights situation in the hemisphere, the Commission issued 222 press releases in 2017 in connection with situations that raised concern; similarly, the IACHR made statements recognizing best practices being followed by a number of States. Below is a list of all of the press releases issued by the Commission in 2017:

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| **Country** | **Number and Title** |
| **Regional** | 204/17 – IACHR and UN Regional Human Rights Offices Express Concern over Deteriorating Situation for Rights Defenders in the Americas. Washington, D.C. / Panama City / Santiago, December 8, 2017 |
| 203/17 – Joint Statement of UN and Regional Experts on Migration in Light of Stocktaking Meeting in Puerto Vallarta towards a Human Rights-based Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration. Geneva / Banjul / Washington, D.C., December 6, 2017 |
| 195/17 – IACHR Urges States to Adopt Measures to Better Protect and Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Washington, D.C., December 1, 2017 |
| 192/17 – IACHR Calls on States to Recognize and Protect the Work of Women Human Rights Defenders. Washington, D.C., November 29, 2017 |
| 189/17 – IACHR Urges States to End Violence and Harmful Practices against Intersex Persons. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2017 |
| 188/17 – International Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women. Washington, D.C. / Geneva, November 22, 2017 |
| 186/17 – On Universal Children’s Day, the IACHR Urges States to Improve Investment in Childhood. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2017 |
| 185/17 – On International Transgender Day of Remembrance, the IACHR Urges States to Protect Trans Persons’ Full Access to their Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2017 |
| 169/17 – IACHR Publishes Report on the Human Rights of Indigenous Women in the Americas. Montevideo, October 27, 2017 |
| 167/17 – UN Human Rights Office, Inter-American Commission Launch Joint Action Plan on Protection of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas. Geneva/Montevideo, October 25, 2017 |
| 166/17 – Older persons made visible through living with dignity and rights at all ages campaign. Brasilia/Montevideo, October 24, 2017 |
| 165/17 – IACHR Urges All States to Adopt Comprehensive, Immediate Measures to Respect and Protect Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Rights. Washington D.C., October 23, 2017 |
| 159/17 – IACHR Issues Call for Participation in Public Consultation on the Thematic Unit on the Rights of Older Persons. Washington D.C., October 13, 2017 |
| 152/17 – IACHR Calls on States to Combat Discrimination against Older Persons. Washington D.C., October 4, 2017 |
| 146/17 – IACHR Issues Call for Participation in Public Consultation on the Thematic Unit on Memory, Truth, and Justice. Washington D.C., September 27, 2017 |
| 139/17 – IACHR Expresses Solidarity with People Affected by Earthquake and Hurricanes in Countries of the Region and Urges States and the International Community to Take Steps to Address the Situation of Those Affected. Washington, D.C., September 12, 2017 |
| 136/17 – IACHR presents Report on Measures Aimed at Reducing the Use of Pretrial Detention. Mexico City, September 7, 2017 |
| 117/17 – IACHR Urges the States to Reaffirm Commitment to Gender Equality and Non-discrimination and to Guarantee the Rights of Afro-descendant Women. Washington, D.C., August 8, 2017 |
| 110/17 – In the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, the IACHR calls on States to Adopt a Human Rights Approach in Response to the Diverse Forms of Human Trafficking. Washington, D.C., July 31, 2017 |
| 95/17 – Joint Statement on Gender Equality and Violence against Women. Geneva/Washington, D.C., July 10, 2017 |
| R86/17 – Resolution of the OAS General Assembly is a step forward for Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists. Washington, D.C., June 27, 2017 |
| 80/17 – Joint Statement of the IACHR and UNHCR on World Refugee Day: 10 Steps the States of the Americans Can Take to Respond to the Refugee Crisis. Washington, D.C. / Geneva, June 20, 2017 |
| 72/17 – IACHR Issues Call for OAS States to Protect Defenders of the Land and Environment. Washington, D.C., June 5, 2017 |
| R20/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and UNESCO Invite Judges and Judicial Officers to the Online Course “International Legal Framework on Freedom of Expression, Access to Information, and the Safety of Journalists." Washington, D.C., February 28, 2017 |
| Regional | R63/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Launches Report on National Jurisprudence on Freedom of Expression. Washington, D.C., May 16, 2017  |
| 62/17 – IACHR Condemns Killings of Women and Urges States to Intensify Prevention Efforts. Washington, D.C., May 16, 2017  |
| 61/17 – Embrace Diversity and Protect Trans and Gender Diverse Children and Adolescents. International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. Geneva / Banjul / Strasbourg / Washington, D.C., May 16, 2017  |
| R55/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression presents its 2016 Annual Report. Washington, D.C., April 28, 2017  |
| 40/17 – On Trans Day of Visibility, IACHR Urges States to Ensure Full Inclusion of Trans People and Combat the Factors that Exacerbate Discrimination and Exclusion. Washington, D.C., March 31, 2017  |
| 37/17 – IACHR Condemns Alarming Numbers of LGBT Killings in the Region So Far this Year. Washington, D.C., March 23, 2017  |
| 36/17 – IACHR Holds First Hearing on the Rights of Sex Workers in the Americas. Washington, D.C., March 23, 2017  |
| 28/17 – IACHR Hails Regional Progress on Human Rights of LGBTI People in the Americas. Washington, D.C., March 10, 2017  |
| R25/17 – Joint Declaration on Freedom of Expression and “Fake News,” Disinformation, and Propaganda. Washington, D.C., March 7, 2017  |
| 24/17 – On International Women’s Day, the IACHR urges the States to reaffirm commitment to gender equality and non-discrimination in the workplace. Washington, D.C., March 7, 2017  |
| R20/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and UNESCO Invite Judges and Judicial Officers to the Online Course “International Legal Framework on Freedom of Expression, Access to Information, and the Safety of Journalists." Washington, D.C., February 28, 2017  |
| 011/17 – IACHR Condemns Murders of Human Rights Defenders in the Region. Washington, D.C., February 7, 2017  |
| **Argentina** | 219/17 – IACHR Welcomes the Adoption of Argentina’s National Human Rights Action Plan. Washington, D.C., December 29, 2017 |
| 214/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over Police Actions in Protests and Attacks on Journalists in Argentina. Washington, D.C., December 21, 2017 |
| 180/17 – IACHR Refutes False News Report about Alleged Commission Forensic Expert in Maldonado Case. Washington, D.C., November 10, 2017 |
| 173/17 – IACHR Finds Failure to Comply with Precautionary Measures for Milagro Sala in Argentina and Sends Request to Inter-American Court. Washington, D.C., November 3, 2017 |
| 128/17 – IACHR Welcomes Historic Decision of the Federal Oral Court of Mendoza, Argentina. Washington, D.C., August 29, 2017 |
| 71/17 – IACHR to Visit Milagro Sala in Jujuy, Argentina. Buenos Aires, May 27, 2017  |
| 60/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over Argentine Supreme Court Decision. Washington, D.C., May 15, 2017  |
| 26/17 – IACHR Laments Deaths in Fire at Police Jail in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Washington, D.C., March 9, 2017  |
| **Bolivia** | 142/17 – IACHR Welcomes the Establishment of the Truth Commission in Bolivia. Washington, D.C., September 14, 2017 |
| **Brazil** | 209/17 – IACHR Rapporteurs Wrap Up Visit to Brazil. Washington, D.C., December 15, 2017 / 209A/17 – Annex to the Press Release on the Visit |
| 160/17 – UN Human Rights and IACHR Categorically Reject Bill Expanding Jurisdiction of Military Courts in Brazil. Santiago, Chile / Washington D.C., October 13, 2017 |
| 144/17 – IACHR and UNHCR Express Concern over Reports of a Massacre against Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact in the Brazilian Amazon Region. Washington D.C. / Santiago de Chile, September 21, 2017 |
| 78/17 – IACHR Welcomes Approval of New Migration Law in Brazil. Washington, D.C., June 16, 2017 |
| 69/17 – UN Human Rights and IACHR Condemn Excessive Use of Force during Social Protests and during Security Operations in Brazil. Santiago, Chile / Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 26, 2017  |
| 57/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over Increase in Rural Violence in Brazil. Washington, D.C., May 2, 2017  |
| 39/17 – UN Human Rights and IACHR Express Concern over the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Brazil. Santiago, Chile / Washington, D.C., March 27, 2017 |
| 002/17 – IACHR Condemns the Deaths of Nearly One Hundred People in Prisons in Brazil. Washington, D.C., January 12, 2017 |
| **Canada** | 198/17 – IACHR Joins UN Rapporteur in Recognizing Canadian Human Rights-Based Approach to Housing. Washington, D.C., December 4, 2017 |
| 158/17 – IACHR Welcomes Decision to Grant Asylum to LGBTI Russian Chechens in Canada. Washington D.C., October 13, 2017 |
| **Chile** | 220/17 – IACHR Welcomes the Adoption of the First National Human Rights Plan in Chile. Washington, D.C., December 29, 2017 |
| 151/17 – IACHR Welcomes Progress toward Marriage Equality in Chile. Washington D.C., October 3, 2017 |
| 133/17 – IACHR Welcomes Approval of Chilean Law Decriminalizing Abortion on Three Grounds. Mexico City, September 5, 2017 |
| 82/17 – IACHR Welcomes Progress in the Protection of Human Rights of Migrants’ Children and in Efforts to End Statelessness in Chile. Washington, D.C., June 22, 2017 |
| 45/17 – IACHR Hails Decision of Chilean Supreme Court. Washington, D.C., April 12, 2017  |
| **Colombia** | R171/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur issues call to investigate and determine the circumstances of the murder of community journalist Efigenia Vásquez. Washington D.C., October 30, 2017 |
| 164/17 – IACHR Condemns the Killing of Colombian Farmers and a Community Leader as well as the Attack on a Humanitarian Mission and on Journalists. Washington D.C., October 19, 2017 |
| R106/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Expresses Concern over Stigmatization and Violence against Journalists in Colombia. Washington, D.C., July 26, 2017 |
| 77/17 – IACHR Condemns the Killing of Bernardo Cuero in Colombia. Washington, D.C., June 16, 2017 |
| 76/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over the Use of Force in Protests in Colombia. Washington, D.C., June 13, 2017 |
| 23/17 – IACHR Examines Progress and Challenges in the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Colombia. Washington, D.C., March 6, 2017  |
| **Ecuador** | 22/17 – IACHR Hails Human Mobility Law in Ecuador. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2017  |
| **El Salvador** | 210/17 – IACHR Grants Precautionary Measure to Family Displaced by Gang Violence in El Salvador. Washington, D.C., December 18, 2017 |
| 170/17 – IACHR and UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons Welcome Decisions in El Salvador. Washington/Geneva, October 27, 2017 |
| 150/17 – IACHR Hails El Salvador for Creating the National Commission on the Search for Disappeared Persons. Washington D.C., September 29, 2017 |
| 012/17 – IACHR Urges El Salvador to Continue Fighting Impunity for Serious Crimes of the Past. Washington, D.C., February 9, 2017  |
| **United States** | 182/17 – IACHR Condemns Mass Shooting in United States and Calls on the State to Adopt Measures to Prevent Future Tragedies. Washington, D.C., November 16, 2017 |
| 175/17 – IACHR Urges United States to Comply with Recommendations in Death Penalty Case. Washington, D.C., November 7, 2017 |
| 155/17 – IACHR Expresses Deep Concern over the Decision to End the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Other Legal Avenues for Migrants and Refugees in the United States. Washington D.C., October 11, 2017 |
| 154/17 – IACHR Condemns Mass Shooting in the United States. Washington D.C., October 6, 2017 |
| 124/17 – IACHR Repudiates Hate Speech and Violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, United States. Washington, D.C., August 18, 2017 |
| 119/17 – IACHR Expresses Deep Concern over Deaths and Detention Conditions at Migrant Detention Centers in the United States. Washington, D.C., August 11, 2017 |
| 33/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over Setbacks in Federal Protections for Trans and Gender-Nonconforming Students in the United States. Washington, D.C., March 15, 2017 |
| 008/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over Executive Orders on Immigration and Refugees in the United States. Washington, D.C., February 1, 2017 |
| **Guatemala** | 221/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over Deaths in Guatemalan Jails. Washington, D.C., December 29, 2017 |
| 174/17 – IACHR Grants Precautionary Measures for Human Rights Ombudsman of Guatemala. Washington, D.C., November 3, 2017 |
| 140/17 – IACHR Publishes Resolution on Human Rights, the Fight against Impunity, and Corruption. Washington, D.C., September 12, 2017 |
| 127/17 – IACHR Expresses Alarm at the Declaration of Persona Non Grata of Iván Velásquez, Head of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), and the Order for his Expulsion. Washington, D.C., August 27, 2017 |
| 114/17 – IACHR Wraps Up On-Site Visit to Guatemala. Washington, D.C., August 4, 2017 |
| 103/17 – IACHR to Conduct On-Site Visit to Guatemala. Washington, D.C., July 21, 2017 |
| 88/17 – Experts Condemn the Attacks and Killings of Environmental Defenders in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., June 30, 2017 |
| 79/17 – IACHR Hails Entry into Force of Migration Code in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., June 19, 2017 |
| 46/17 – Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child Conducts Visit to Guatemala. Washington, D.C., April 13, 2017 |
| 31/17 – IACHR Issues Precautionary Measures to Guatemala and Laments Deaths in Fire at Children’s Residential Institution. Washington, D.C., March 13, 2017 |
| **Honduras** | 217/17 – IACHR Exhorts the State of Honduras to Guarantee and Respect Human Rights in the Post-Electoral Context. Washington, D.C., December 22, 2017 |
| R212/17 - Honduras: Human Rights Experts Condemn Measures against Protesters and Media. Washington, D.C., December 20, 2017 |
| 197/17 – IACHR and OHCHR Express Concern over Post-Election Violence in Honduras. Tegucigalpa / Washington, D.C., December 3, 2017 |
| 176/17 – UN Human Rights and IACHR Urge Honduras to Investigate Crimes against Human Rights Defenders. Tegucigalpa / Washington, D.C., November 7, 2017 |
| R162/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Journalist Osmin Antonio España Chávez in Honduras and Urges the State to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington D.C., October 13, 2017 |
| R143/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Journalist Carlos William Flores in Honduras and Urges the State to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington, D.C., September 19, 2017 |
| 118/17 – IACHR Condemns Attack on LGBTI Rights Defender David Valle in Honduras. Washington, D.C., August 9, 2017 |
| 104/17 – IACHR Condemns Attack on Human Rights Defenders Berta Zúñiga Cáceres, Sotero Chavarría, and Asunción Martínez in Honduras. Washington, D.C., July 25, 2017 |
| R81/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Journalist Víctor Fúnez in Honduras. Washington, D.C., June 20, 2017 |
| 56/17 – IACHR Condemns Attack against Union Members in Honduras. Washington, D.C., May 1, 2017 |
| R18/17 – IACHR and Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Honduras Express Concern Over Adopted Reforms in the Honduran Penal Code. Washington, D.C., February 23, 2017 |
| 14/17 – Five Years After the Comayagua Fire, IACHR Reminds Honduras of its Duty to Investigate What Happened and Adopt Non-Repetition Measures. Washington, D.C., February 15, 2017 |
| R4/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns the Murder of Television Journalist in Honduras. Washington, D.C., January 23, 2017  |
| **Mexico** | 206/17 – Special Follow-Up Mechanism to Ayotzinapa Case Makes Fourth Official Visit to Mexico. Mexico City / Washington, D.C., December 12, 2017 |
| 200/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern regarding Draft Law on Internal Security in Mexico. Washington, D.C., December 4, 2017 |
| R199/17 – Mexico Must Redouble Efforts to Protect Journalists, Human Rights Experts Urge. Mexico City / Washington, D.C. / Geneva, December 4, 2017 |
| 196/17 – IACHR Welcomes Entry into Force of General Law on Disappearance of Persons in Mexico. Washington, D.C., December 1, 2017 |
| 193/17 – IACHR Condemns Killing of Silvestre de la Toba, Human Rights Ombudsman in Baja California Sur, Mexico. Washington, D.C., November 29, 2017 |
| 183/17 – IACHR and UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons Welcome the Recommendation of Mexico’s National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) for the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons in Mexico. Washington, D.C. / Geneva, November 17, 2017 |
| 163/17 – IACHR Condemns Death of at Least 17 Prison Inmates in Cadereyta, Mexico. Washington D.C., October 18, 2017 |
| 145/17 – IACHR Expresses Solidarity with Ayotzinapa Families and Urges Mexico to Avoid Impunity. Washington D.C., September 27, 2017 |
| 130/17 – Follow-Up Mechanism to Ayotzinapa Case Makes Third Visit to Mexico. Washington, D.C., August 30, 2017 |
| R129/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns the Murder of Journalist Cándido Ríos Vázquez in Mexico and Urges the State to Investigate Connection to His [Journalistic] Activity. Washington, D.C., August 29, 2017 |
| R120/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns the Murder of Journalist Luciano Rivera in Mexico and Urges the State to Investigate the Connection to His [Journalistic] Activity. Washington, D.C., August 15, 2017 |
| 100/17 – IACHR Welcomes Important Progress against Torture in Mexico. Washington, D.C., July 18, 2017 |
| 97/17 – IACHR Condemns Death of 28 Prison Inmates in Acapulco, Mexico. Washington, D.C., July 13, 2017 |
| R96/17 – Office of Special Rapporteur Expresses Concern over Alleged Spying Targeting Journalists and Human Rights Defenders in Mexico and Urges the State to Conduct a Thorough and Independent Investigation. Washington, D.C., July 12, 2017 |
| 75/17 – IACHR Welcomes Progress on the Protection of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Mexico. Washington, D.C., June 13, 2017 |
| 67/17 – IACHR Repudiates Killing of Human Rights Defenders in Tamaulipas, Mexico. Buenos Aires, May 24, 2017 |
| R64/17 – UN and Inter-American Experts Condemn Reporter’s Killing in Mexico and Call for Immediate Action to End Cycle of Killings of Journalists. Washington, D.C., May 18, 2017 |
| 49/47 – Follow-Up Mechanism to Ayotzinapa Case Makes Second Visit to Mexico. Washington, D.C., April 21, 2017 |
| R47/17 – Office of Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Journalist Maximino Rodríguez Palacios in Mexico. Washington, D.C., April 18, 2017 |
| R38/17 – International Organizations Roundly Condemn the Murder of Journalist Miroslava Breach in Chihuahua, Chihuahua. Washington, D.C., March 23, 2017 |
| R30/17 – Office of Special Rapporteur Condemns Killing of Journalist Cecilio Pineda in Mexico and Urges the State to Review Action of the Federal Protection Mechanism in the Case. Washington, D.C., March 10, 2017 |
| **Nicaragua** | 187/17 – IACHR Regrets Nicaragua’s Decision Not to Allow a Promotional Visit to the Country. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2017 |
| **Panama** | R5/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Commends Panama’s Release of Journalist and Urges the State to Repeal Criminal Defamation Laws. Washington, D.C., January 24, 2017 |
| **Paraguay** | 208/17 – IACHR Regrets Ban on Gender Education in Paraguay. Washington, D.C., December 15, 2017 |
| 149/17 – IACHR Regrets Deaths in Fire at Juvenile Detention Facility in Paraguay. Washington D.C., September 29, 2017 |
| 42/17 – IACHR Deeply Concerned over Acts of Violence and Repression in Context of Protests in Paraguay. Washington, D.C., April 3, 2017  |
| **Peru** | 218/17 – IACHR Expresses Deep Concern and Questions the Presidential Pardon Granted to Alberto Fujimori. Washington, D.C., December 28, 2017 |
| 205/17 – IACHR Grants Precautionary Measure to the Communities of Cuninico and San Pedro in Loreto, Peru. Washington, D.C., December 12, 2017 |
| R29/17 – Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty Conducts Visits to Peru. Washington, D.C., March 10, 2017  |
| 105/17 – IACHR Carries Out Visit to Peruvian Amazon Region. Washington, D.C., July 25, 2017 |
| 91/17 – IACHR Announces Visit to Peruvian Amazon Region. Lima, Peru, July 5, 2017 |
| R50/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur Expresses Concern over a New Criminal Conviction for Defamation of a Columnist and Human Rights Defender in Peru. Washington, D.C., April 24, 2017  |
| 43/17 – IACHR Welcomes Measures to Provide Protection to Venezuelan Migrants in Peru and Calls on States in the Region to Implement Measures for their Protection. Washington, D.C., April 4, 2017  |
| 29/17 – Rapporteurship on Persons Deprived of Liberty Conducts Visit to Peru. Washington, D.C., March 10, 2017  |
| **Dominican Republic** | 194/17 – IACHR Carries Out Working Visit to the Dominican Republic. Washington, D.C., November 30, 2017 |
| 87/17 – IACHR Welcomes Willingness of Dominican Republic to Comply with Recommendations. Washington, D.C., June 29, 2017 |
| R17/17 – Office of Special Rapporteur Condemns Killing of Journalists While They Were on the Air in the Dominican Republic and Urges the State to Promptly and Opportunely Punish Those Responsible. Washington, D.C., February 17, 2017  |
| **Uruguay** | 153/17 – IACHR Welcomes Passage of Legislation Codifying the Crime of Feminicide in Uruguay. Washington D.C., October 6, 2017 |
| 21/17 – IACHR Condemns Death Threats in Uruguay. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2017  |
| **Venezuela** | 184/17 – IACHR Expresses Concern over Suspension of Parliamentary Immunity of Vice-President of Venezuela’s National Assembly. Washington, D.C., November 17, 2017 |
| R179/17 – Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Expresses Serious Concern over the Enactment of the “Anti-Hate Law” in Venezuela and its Effects on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press. Washington, D.C., November 10, 2017 |
| R135/17 – Office of Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Condemns the Closure of more than 50 Media Outlets in Venezuela without Legal Guarantees and for Reasons Related to their Editorial Line. Washington, D.C., September 6, 2017 |
| 134/17 – IACHR to Draft Country Report on Human Rights Situation in Venezuela. Mexico City, September 5, 2017 |
| 131/17 – IACHR Deeply Concerned about Further Weakening of Separation and Independence of Powers and Undermining of Democratic Institutions in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., August 31, 2017 |
| 126/17 – IACHR Condemns 37 Violent Deaths at a Venezuelan Detention Center. Washington, D.C., August 25, 2017 |
| 112/17 – IACHR Condemns New Imprisonment of Leopoldo López and Antonio Ledezma in Venezuela. Guatemala City, August 1, 2017 |
| 111/17 – IACHR Condemns the Deaths and Acts of Violence on Election Day in Venezuela. Guatemala City, August 1, 2017 |
| R109/17 –Office of Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the IACHR Condemns Arbitrary Restrictions on Freedom of Expression and Assembly in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., July 29, 2017 |
| 94/17 – IACHR Welcomes Compliance with Precautionary Measures for Leopoldo López and Braulio Jatar. Washington, D.C., July 10, 2017 |
| 93/17 – IACHR Condemns Serious Acts of Violence at National Assembly in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., July 10, 2017 |
| 84/17 – IACHR Strongly Condemns Indiscriminately Repressive Military Operations in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., June 27, 2017 |
| 68/17 – IACHR Deeply Concerned over Worsening Violence in Venezuela and the Use of Military Courts to Prosecute Civilians. Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 26, 2017  |
| 58/17 – IACHR Deplores Repressive Measures Taken by Venezuela against Protests and Condemns Resulting Deaths and Injuries. Washington, D.C., May 9, 2017  |
| R51/17 - Venezuela/Protests: UN and IACHR Rapporteurs Condemn Censorship, Arrests, and Attacks on Journalists. Washington, D.C. / Geneva, April 26, 2017  |
| 48/17 – IACHR Urges Venezuela to Guarantee the Right to Protest and to Demilitarize the Streets. Washington, D.C., April 19, 2017  |
| 44/17 – IACHR Urges Protection of the Right to Protest in Venezuela and Respect for Freedom of Expression. Washington, D.C., April 11, 2017  |
| 41/17 – IACHR Condemns Supreme Court Rulings and the Alteration of the Constitutional and Democratic Order in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 31, 2017  |
| R16/17 – Office of Special Rapporteur Condemns Censorship and Intimidation of International Media and Journalists in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., February 17, 2017  |
| 006/17 – IACHR Concerned about Situation of Venezuelan Migrants and Calls on States in the Region to Implement Measures to Protect Them. Washington, D.C., January 25, 2017  |

## Requests for information

1. As part of its monitoring functions, the IACHR also issued 42 letters requesting information from the States in the region. Ten letters were sent pursuant to Article 18 of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, while 32 letters were sent pursuant to Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights. The table below lists the requests for information by country, date, and topic.

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| **State** | **Requests for Information – Article 18** | **Requests for Information - Article 41** |
|  | **Date** | **Topic** | **Total** | **Date** | **Topic** | **Total** |
| **Argentina** |  |  |  | 6/28/17 | Law 14910, Legislature of the Province of Buenos Aires. | 2 |
|  |  |  | 10/23/17 | Human rights situation of UBER drivers in Argentina |  |
| **Bahamas** |  |  |  | 12/20/17 | Situation of undocumented migrants and nationals | 1 |
| **Bolivia** |  |  |  | 3/13/17 | Draft Law 047/2017-2018 that establishes 17 as the age for military service | 2 |
|  |  |  | 7/13/17 | Human rights situation of LGBT persons in Bolivia |  |
| **Brazil** |  |  |  | 3/8/17 | Acts of violence in Brazilian prisons | 5 |
|  |  |  | 8/9/17 | Situation of the Quilombola communities and public policies targeting these groups |  |
|  |  |  | 8/16/17 | Information on homicide and death rate stemming from law enforcement interventions |  |
|  |  |  | 9/20/17 | Draft law regarding special military jurisdiction for crimes deliberately committed against life |  |
|  |  |  | 9/26/17 | Proposed constitutional amendment PEC 33 regarding legal age of majority for specific crimes |  |
| **Canada** | 9/25/17 | Bill S-3 – An Act to Amend the Indian Act | 1 |  |  |  |
| **Chile** |  |  |  | 5/8/17 | Alleged restrictions on foreign journalists’ access | 4 |
|  |  |  | 7/13/17 | Protest of victims of torture and political imprisonment under the military dictatorship |  |
|  |  |  | 7/14/17 | The situation of the right to health for trans and intersex persons in Chile |  |
|  |  |  | 9/26/17 | Decree No. 866 that sets forth regulations on wiretapping telephone calls and other kinds of telecommunication, and conservation of communications data |  |
| **Colombia** |  |  |  | 7/31/2017 | Hearing on Special Justice for Peace and the responsibility of third parties | 1 |
| **Costa Rica** |  |  |  | 2/6/17 | Threats against journalists and protection of journalists at risk | 1 |
| **Ecuador** |  |  |  | 1/10/17 | Conflict between the Shuar people and the army. Status of the proceedings to dissolve the civil society organization *Corporación Acción Ecológica* | 1 |
| **El Salvador** |  |  |  | 4/11/17 | Violence and its impact on children and adolescents in El Salvador | 3 |
|  |  |  | 7/7/17 | Unit to investigate serious human rights violations that occurred during the internal armed conflict in El Salvador |  |
|  |  |  | 7/13/17 | Defenders of trans persons rights |  |
| **Guatemala** |  |  |  | 4/17/17 | Request for information prior to on-site visit to Guatemala | 1 |
| **Haiti** | 6/28/17 | 2017 draft law on defamation | 1 |  |  |  |
| **Honduras** |  |  |  | 2/6/17 | Package of criminal reforms sent to Congress by the Executive Branch | 5 |
|  |  |  | 5/12/17 | Draft Criminal Code – Honduras |  |
|  |  |  | 6/2/17 | Debate on legal reform to lower the age at which juveniles can be tried as adults in the criminal justice system |  |
|  |  |  | 7/14/17 | Conviction of students from the National Autonomous University of Honduras in the context of student protests |  |
|  |  |  | 9/12/17 | Attack on journalists from the daily newspaper *El Libertador* |  |
|  |  |  | 12/15/17 | Impairment of freedom of expression and post-electoral violence in Honduras |  |
| **Mexico** |  |  |  | 2/21/17 | National Security Law in Mexico | 1 |
| **Nicaragua** |  |  |  | 4/7/17 | Situation of inmates at the Tipitapa Penitentiary | 1 |
| **Paraguay** |  |  |  | 12/18/17 | Situation of evicted and displaced persons from the Ava Guarani Jejeytymiri indigenous community | 2 |
|  |  |  |  | 4/13/17 | Acts of violence and repression during protests |  |
| **Peru** |  |  |  | 12/15/17 | Independence and autonomy of justice institutions in Peru  | 1 |
| **United States** |  |  | 5 | 1/23/17 | The effect of prison debt on former inmates after release |  |
|  |  | 5 | 1/23/17 | The effect of prison debt on former inmates after release |  |
|  |  |  | 4/20/17 | Impact of Executive Orders on Human Rights |  |
|  |  |  | 6/13/17 | Information request regarding the aggression of The Guardian reporter Ben Jacobs and detention of Public News Service West Virginia journalist Dan Heyman. |  |
|  |  |  | 9/26/17 | Ban on transgender people to serve in the United States Military |  |
|  | 11/3/17 | Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; and the Special Rapporteur for freedom of expression of the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights |  |  |  |  |
| **Uruguay** |  |  |  | 12/18/17 | Threats to the Prosecutor of the Court and Prosecutor General of the Nation, Jorge Diaz | 1 |
| **Venezuela** | 4/20/17 | Judgments of the Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ) and acts of violence and repression at protests | 3 |  |  |  |
| 4/24/17 | Mandates of the [UN] Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and by the IACHR Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression |  |  |  |  |
| 6/28/17 | National Constituent Assembly |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **10** | **32** |

## Reports prepared

In 2017 the IACHR prepared and adopted the following thematic reports:

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| **RAPPORTEURSHIP** | **REPORT TITLE** |
| Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples | Indigenous Women and Their Human Rights in the Americas |
| Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty | Report on Measures Aimed at Reducing the Use of Pre-Trial Detention in the Americas |
| Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty | Practical Guide to Reduce Pre-Trial Detention |
| Unit on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights | Report on Poverty and Human Rights in the Americas |
| Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child | Towards Effective Protection of Children: National Child Protection Systems  |
| Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders | Towards Effective Policies for Comprehensive Protection of Human Rights Defenders |
| Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders | Basic Guidelines for Investigating Violations of the Rights of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas  |

# Human Rights Promotion and Training Activities

1. The Inter-American Commission has the mandate to “promote” human rights in the region, in keeping with the Charter of the Organization, as well as its Statute and Rules of Procedure. In this regard, the IACHR raises public awareness about human rights in the Americas and recommends to OAS member states the adoption of measures that contribute to the protection thereof.
2. The IACHR has focused its promotion activities on disseminating and providing training on inter-American human rights standards that have been generated through inter-American human rights system (IAHRS) doctrine and case law in order to promote greater understanding among civil society, networks of social actors, and members states about their scope and relevant application, as well as incorporation thereof in decisions, normative frameworks, and public policies with a human rights focus.
3. The IACHR’s Strategic Plan 2017-2021 established strategic objective 3 (SO3), which focuses on creating an orderly strategy that strengthens the promotion and training activities conducted by the IACHR as one of the pillars of its institutional work. In that framework, the IACHR decided to develop a “comprehensive promotion and training program on the inter-American system,” which will include: Awareness and prevention campaigns; inter-American human rights conferences, seminars, and events; activities for disseminating reports; measures to have an impact on education in human rights; training courses on public policies on human rights and on the inter-American system and inter-American standards; thematic courses; and support for national and regional competitions related to the inter-American system.

## First Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System

1. In furtherance of the above-mentioned Strategic Plan, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (the Court) organized, in December, for the first time in their history an event to stimulate and promote debate on the present and future of human rights in the region, the system’s effectiveness, the need to increase members states’ compliance with IACHR recommendations and the Court’s judgments, as well as other key topics on the human rights agenda in the Americas.
2. Present at this event were officials and representatives of States, civil society, international organizations, universities, social movements, unions, as well as the general public. Attendees participated in different activities and events that took place on December 4-5 as part of the IAHRS Forum.
3. Organizers of the IAHRS Forum facilitated the participation of 507 individuals who had registered for the event in advance. It bears mentioning that 24 events were organized in the framework of the Forum with the aim of promoting and disseminating a culture of respect for human rights in the region based on analysis of topics of interest and current regional issues. The events organized were:

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| **DAY 1****MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**  | **DAY 2****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**  |
| **OPENING LECTURE** The future of human rights in the Americas. | **PANEL 1**The effectiveness of the inter-American system: Experiences of national legislation for complying with decisions and recommendations.  |
| **PANEL**Taking stock, challenges, and main gains of the inter-American human rights system. | **PANEL 2**The effectiveness of the inter-American system: Experiences with official institutional systems and mechanisms for complying with the decisions and recommendations.  |
| **ROUNDTABLE** Gender, health, discrimination, and diversity: risks and vulnerabilities. | **SPECIALIZED COLLOQUIUM**Implementing decisions and friendly settlements before the organs of the inter-American human rights system.1. The mechanisms for supervising compliance with decisions of the Inter-American Commission and the judgments of the I/A Court HR. A look at how the organs supervise their decisions. 2. The perspective of victims’ representatives on the implementation of the organs’ decisions. Issues, challenges, and recommendations for the organs of the system. 3. The states’ perspectives on implementation of the organs’ decisions. Issues, challenges, and recommendations for the organs of the system. 4. Friendly settlements before the organs of the system. Mechanisms and challenges for implementing friendly settlement agreements. 5. The role of the national human rights institutions and official ombudspersons’ offices in the implementation of the decisions adopted by the organs of the system. How could better use be made of the national institutions in implementing the decisions and friendly settlement agreements adopted and ratified by the organs of the system.  |
| **MEETING OF EXPERTS** Corruption and human rights Part 1 (closed event). | **PRESENTATION**Joint Actions Mechanism of the IACHR and OHCHR for the protection of human rights defenders. |
| **ROUNDTABLE**New paradigms on drugs and human rights in the Americas + Launch of report of the IACHR on “Measures to reduce pretrial detention.”  | **PRESENTATION AND OPEN CONSULTATION** Strategic agenda of the Office of the Special Rapporteur on ESCE Rights + Human Rights and Business in the region.  |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Rights of refugees and stateless persons in the Americas: Analysis of nationality laws, international refugee law, and the standards of the inter-American human rights system.  | **COLLOQUIUM**Challenges to the universalization of the inter-American human rights system in the Caribbean.  |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Missing persons in the Americas: Presentation of the “*Missing Persons Project*” of the International Committee of the Red Cross. | **GQUAL ROUNDTABLE**Achieving a geographic balance, balance of legal systems, and gender balance in the representation of the organs of the inter-American human rights system (GQUAL Campaign). |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Access to information and transparency in the extractive sector and the rights of defenders of the environment.  | **ROUNDTABLE**Poverty and human rights in the Americas + Launch of the report. |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Human rights defenders in the Northern Triangle of Central America: Risks and Challenges. | **ROUNDTABLE**Criminal due process in the Americas. |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Corruption and human rights Part 2: Open to the public. | **ROUNDTABLE**The Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance: Challenges and opportunities for its implementation. |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Sexual and reproductive rights from an ESCE rights perspective.  | **ROUNDTABLE**The autonomy of prosecutorial authorities and the struggle against impunity in the Americas: Reflections, challenges, and the role of the inter-American human rights system. |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Gains and setbacks in protecting the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas.  |  |
| **ROUNDTABLE**Symbolic reparation: A contribution from art and memory studies.  |  |

## IACHR training activities

1. Below is a concise account of all the training activities conducted by the IACHR in 2017. The training activities focused on disseminating knowledge about different IACHR work mechanisms, strengthening States’ institutional frameworks and public policies related to human rights, as well as building the capacity of organizations, networks of social actors, and academics to act in defense of human rights.

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| **Name of the Course** | **Topic** | **Date** | **Number of persons trained** | **Specific groups trained**  |
| Workshop given by the ICRC on protection and assistance related to missing persons and their families | Protection and assistance in relation to missing persons and their families  | February 2 and 3 | 24 | IACHR staff |
| Training workshop for public servants San Salvador | The workings of the IAHRS and the work of the IACHR  | March 30 and 31 | 24 | Public servants  |
| Training workshop by the IACHR for public servants in Honduras | The workings of the IAHRS and the work of the IACHR  | April 3 and 4 | 29 | Public servants  |
| Visit to the OAS by the National Defense University | Training visit  | May 3 | 43 | Open to the public  |
| Talk on Lethal and non-lethal weapons from a human rights perspective  | Lethal and non-lethal weapons from a human rights perspective  | May 11 |  | IACHR staff  |
| 22nd Annual Inter-American Moot Court Competition  | Inter-American system  | May 21 to 26 | 250 | Students and participants  |
| Training workshop of the IACHR for public servants in Guatemala | The workings of the IAHRS and the work of the IACHR  | June 8 and 9 | 51 | Public servants  |
| Working tools of the IACHR (Washington College of Law) and presentation of strategic plan of the IACHR  | The IACHR in the inter-American system, working tools  | June 12 and 13 |  | Civil society organizations  |
| Presentation on the Minnesota Protocol on investigating extra-legal executions  | Minnesota Protocol on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions  | June 13 |  | IACHR Staff  |
| Visit and talk by the IACHR for students attending the human rights summit of AFSC youth | The IACHR in the inter-American human rights system  | June 22 |  | Civil society organizations  |
| Visit to the IACHR of the American Bar Association/Rule of Law Initiative (New lawyers for the justice system in Mexico) | The IACHR in the inter-American human rights system | June 28 | 10 | Civil society organizations |
| Technical assistance and capacity building workshop for public servants on human rights provisions and standards on migrants, asylum-seekers, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons, and others in the context of human mobility. El Salvador | Human rights provisions and standards on migrants, asylum-seekers, refugees, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons and others in the context of human mobility | July 17 and 18 | 28 | Public servants  |
| Technical assistance and capacity building workshop for public servants on human rights provisions and standards on migrants, asylum-seekers, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons, and others in the context of human mobility. Honduras | Human rights provisions and standards on migrants, asylum-seekers, refugees, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons and others in the context of human mobility | July 20 and 21 | 29 | Public servants  |
| Seminar for sharing experiences using the IAHRS and application of its standards for human rights ombudspersons  | Sharing experiences using the inter-American human rights system  | July 19 and 20 |  | Human Rights Ombudspersons |
| Technical assistance and capacity building workshop for public servants on human rights provisions and standards on migrants, asylum-seekers, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons, and others in the context of human mobility. Guatemala | Human rights provisions and standards on migrants, asylum-seekers, refugees, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons and others in the context of human mobility | August 7 and 8 | 38 | Human Rights Ombudspersons |
| “Héctor Fix Zamudio” Diplomate Program(Legal Research Institute of the UNAM) | Inter-American human rights system  | August 30 -September 13  | Participants in the 2017 program at the UNAM (Mexico) | Civil society, public servants, students, academic and public. |
| Course on strategic litigation before the inter-American human rights system  | Strategic litigation before the inter-American human rights system  | September 19 to 22 | 11 | Civil society organizations Northern Triangle. |
| Course for civil society in Montevideo on inter-American human rights system  | Inter-American human rights system  | October 23 to 27 | 37 | Civil society organizations  |
| Visit and presentation on the IAHRS to the students of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo | The role of the IACHR as principal human rights organ of the IAHRS | October 24 | 45 | Students from the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo  |
| Course in strategic litigation before the inter-American human rights system in Washington, D.C.(IIRESODH)  | Strategic litigation before the inter-American human rights system  | November 13 to 17 | 46 | Civil society organizations and judges  |
| Workshop on human rights-based public policies for the staff of the IACHR  | Human rights-based public policies  | November 13 | 17 | IACHR staff  |
| Workshop: Fighting violence and discrimination against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean. El Salvador | Violence and discrimination against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean  | November 16 | 36 | Public servants  |
| Fifth Special International Course on Human Rights (instituto Colombiano de Derechos Humanos and Universidad Antonio Nariño)Santa Marta (Colombia) | Human rights and the inter-American human rights system  | November 27 to December 7  | 93 | Civil society organizations, public servants, and public. |

## Rapporteurships’ Promotion Activities

1. In 2017, the IACHR organized or was invited to participate in a large number of promotion activities and events. The IACHR has included below informative tables on promotion activities conducted by each Thematic Rapporteurship and Unit throughout the year in the performance of its duties to promote human rights. The activities of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and the Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (ESCERSR) are listed in Appendices 1 and 2 to this Annual Report.

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|  | **RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**  |
|  | **Name of activity** | **Organized by:** | **Audience\*** | **Location** | **Date** | **Objective** |
|  | Presentation of reports on extractive industries and indigenous communities in the Amazon  | IACHR and REPAM | Indigenous leaders in the Amazon | Washington, D.C. | March 27-28, 2017 | Train indigenous leaders in the Amazon Basin region on the standards contained in the report on extractive industries  |
|  | Presentation of the report on extractive industries in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues  | United Nations Special Rapporteur, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Columbia University Funds used: IWGIA and USA | States, civil society, and law students  | New York, New York, USA | May 1-2 2017. | Joint presentation by the IACHR and CADPP of reports by both institutions on the impact of extractive industries on the human rights of indigenous peoples |
|  | Seminar on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  | IACHR and the School of Law of the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA) | States, civil society, and law students | Buenos Aires, Argentina | May 23, 2017  | Panel 1: Presentation of reports on extractive industries and indigenous communities in the Amazon |
|  | Experts event: International law on the human rights of indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation and initial contact in Amazonía and the Gran Chaco: overview and proposals for action | UNHCR, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,IWGIAFunds used: IWGIA | Representatives of indigenous communities, civil society, States, and international organizations  | Lima, Peru | June 8 and 9, 2017.  | Review and evaluate the implementation of UN guidelines on indigenous peoples in isolation and initial contact, and the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on this issue to identify best practices (specific examples of measures that have had a positive impact); principle challenges for implementation; potential gaps; and consideration of emerging issues.  |
|  | Seminar on inter-American standards on equity and non-discrimination | IACHR and Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru (PUCP)Funds used: USA | Civil society, law students | Lima, Peru | July 3, 2017. | Presentation of report on extractive industries and dissemination of its standards during a panel entitled “Defense of the rights to land, territory, the environment, and other human rights”  |
|  | Presentation in a session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  | IACHR, EMRIP, and IWGIAFunds used: IWGIA | States, members of national human rights committees, and civil society | Geneva, Switzerland. | July 11, 2017. | Participation in an interactive dialogue with other regional and national human rights and civil society institutions on the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Region, as well as the presentation of the report on Extractive Industries.  |
|  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries | University of the District of Columbia  | Law students | Washington, D.C. | July 27, 2017. | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries |
|  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries | IACHR and Universidad Diego Portales and the National Human Rights Institute  | Civil society, academia, and law students  | Santiago, Chile. | August 14, 2017. | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries |
|  | Dialogue with civil society on Easter Island | IACHR  | Institutions representing the indigenous and civil society on Easter Island | Easter Island  | August 11-12, 2017. | Institutions representing the indigenous and civil society on Easter Island (Council for the Elderly, Rapa Nui Parliament, high school students, etc.) |
|  | Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program | IACHR and UNAMFunds used: USA  | Justice officials, members of human rights committees, civil society, and law students | Mexico City | September 1, 2017. | Presentation of the Report on Extractive Industries  |
|  | Dialogue with civil society - Regional hearing on peoples in voluntary isolation and initial contact | United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, UNHCR (Latin America Regional Office)Funds used: USA | Civil society, States, indigenous communities, etc.  | Montevideo, Uruguay  | October 23, 2017. | This hearing was conceived as through cooperation between the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the IACHR, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the OHCHR on the subject of indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation and initial contact, which previously had led to the organization of an expert event in Lima in June 2017.  |
|  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries | International Land Coalition andUniversidad de la República, MontevideoFunds used: USA  | Human rights defenders from Africa, Asia, Latin America, civil society | Montevideo, Uruguay | October 27, 2017. | Presentation of the Report on Extractive Industries  |
|  | Launch of the report on the Human Rights of Indigenous Women | International Land Coalition | Human rights defenders from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and civil society  | Montevideo, Uruguay | October 28, 2017.  | Launch of the report on the Human Rights of Indigenous Women  |
|  | Presentation of the report on the Human Rights of Indigenous Women  | Funds used: Lawyers without Borders Canada | Indigenous women, civil society organizations, public officials  | Guatemala City  | November 8-11, 2017 | Presentation of the report on the Human Rights of Indigenous Women and general training on the inter-American system and the work of the Rapporteurship on the rights of indigenous peoples.  |
|  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries | IACHR and DPLFFunds used: USA | Civil society and law students | Montréal, Canada  | November 21, 2017  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries  |
|  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries | DPLFFunds used: USA | Civil society and law students | Ottawa, Canada | November 22, 2017  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries  |
|  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries | African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Funds used: IWGIA and USA | Civil society, companies, States.  | Geneva, Switzerland. | November 29, 2017.  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries |
|  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries | IACHR and the Colombian Institute of Human Rights  | Law students | Santa Marta, Colombia  | December 4, 2017.  | Presentation of report on Extractive Industries during a course organized by the Colombian Human Rights Institute |

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| RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN  |
| Name of Activity | **Organized by** | **Audience** | **Place** | **Date** | **Objective** |
| South-South Dialogue on Women's Rights | Rwanda Supreme Court & Women's Link*- participation with support of USA project*  | Justice operators from Africa and Latin America | Kigali Rwanda | March 3rd 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| Dissemination of the IACHR Report: "Legal Standards related to Gender Equality” | IACHR, in partnership withUniversidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad Nacional de San Martin, Universidad Nacional de San Luis, Universidad Nacional de la Plata,Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, Centro Internacional para la Promoción de los Derechos Humanos, Centro de Estudios para la Defensa Pública*- participation with support of USA project* | General Public, Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | Buenos AiresArgentina | June 24th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |

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| Name of Activity | Organized by | Audience | Place | Date | Objective |
| 30th Anniversary DEMUS | DEMUS Peru  - *participation* *with support of USA Project* | Women’s Rights movement, Civil Society, Victims and their representatives | LimaPeru | June12th & 13th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| V International Congress on Human Trafficking | Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos de la PUCP (IDEHPUCP), Capital Humano, Social y Alternativo (CHS Alternativo) - *participation* *with support of USA Project* | Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | LimaPeru | June 16th 2017 | Dissemination of Inter-American standards regarding Human Trafficking from a gender perspective |
| Current Trends and Challenges in Matters of Human Rights for Vulnerable Groups | IACHRRapporteurship on the Rights of Women - *participation* *with support of Netherlands Project* | General Public, Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | LimaPeru | June 7th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| Seminar on Inter-American Standards of Equity and Non-Discrimination | IACHR, in partnership with, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Universidad Ruiz de Montoya Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos*- participation with support of USA project* | General Public, Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | LimaPeru | June 7th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| Training session: “The IACHR system and the Rights of Women”  | IACHR with Red Naranja de Venezuela*- participation with support of Netherlands project* | Civil society Organizations, Women’s Rights Organizations. | Caracas Venezuela*(via Skype)* | August 29th 2017 | Provide technical training to Women’s Rights movement in Venezuela on the IACHR system |

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| Name of Activity | Organized by | Audience | Place | Date | Objective |
| FIX ZAMUDIO : “The rights of migrants, LGBTI, African-American and Women” | IACHR in partnership with UNAM*- participation with the support of USA project* | General Public, Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | Mexico D.FMexico | September 7th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| "Legal Standards related to Gender Equality” | Universidad Católica Andrés Bello*- participation with support of Netherlands project* | Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | Caracas Venezuela*(via Skype)* | September 26th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| GQual conference: Changing the picture of International Justice | Gqual Campaign*- participation with the support of USA project* | Civil Society, Academic Institutions, Justice Operators, State Officials. | The HagueNetherlands | May 10th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards related to discrimination against women and women’s political participation |
| ABA International Section Conference | ABA International Section Conference*- participation with the support of USA project* | Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | MiamiU.S.A | October 26th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| “Regional and International Mechanisms to address violence against women and girls”  | OAS, CIM, MESECVI*- participation with support of Netherlands project* | Permanente Missions to OAS, Civil Society, Academic Institutions. | Washington D.CU.S.A | November 7th 207 | IACHR mechanisms and current trends addressing the rights of women and girls in the Americas |
| Training Seminar: “Inter-American Standards the Rights of Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean” | IACHR *- Training Seminar organized with the support of Canada project* | State officials from the Judiciary, Legislative and Executive and representatives from Women’s Rights and Girls’ Rights public entities. | San SalvadorEl Salvador | November 16th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| Situation of Sexual and Reproductive Rights in El Salvador  | Center for Reproductive Rights, Agrupación Ciudadana por la Despenalización del Aborto, Cejil, Colectiva Feminista- *Participation with the support of Canada Project*  | Civil Society, Academic Institutions, General Public. | San SalvadorEl Salvador | November 20th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on sexual and reproductive rights |
| Inter-American Forum of Human Rights: ‘Health, Gender, Discrimination and Diversity: Risks and Vulnerabilities’ | IACHR- *Participation with the support of Netherlands Project* | Civil Society, Academic Institutions, General Public. | Washington D.CU.S.A | December 4th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on sexual and reproductive rights |
| Name of Activity | Organized by | Audience | Place | Date | Objective |
| Inter-American Forum of Human Rights: “Sexual and Reproductive Rights from an ESCER perspective” | Amnesty Internationl, O’Neill Institute for Human Rights, Planned Parenthood, OAS/CIM, Center for Reproductive Rights - *Participation with the support of Netherlands Project* | Civil Society, Academic Institutions, General Public. | Washington D.CU.S.A | December 4th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards on sexual and reproductive rights |
| Inter-American Forum of Human Rights: “Towards a Geographical and Gender Balance in the Inter-American System” | Gqual Campaign, Cejil- *Participation with the support of Netherlands Project* | Civil Society, Academic Institutions, General Public. | Washington D.CU.S.A | December 5th 2017 | Promotion of Inter-American standards related to discrimination against women and women’s political participation |
| OAS Permanent Council Extraordinary Session “Adressing Violence Against Women in the Americas” | IACHR with Canada, Jamaica, Domincan Republic and Peru missions to OAS- *Participation with the support of Canada Project* | Missions to OAS Representatives, Civil Society, State Officials. OAS/CIM representatives, PAHO Representatives. | Washington D.CU.S.A | December 6th 2017 | IACHR mechanisms and current trends addressing the rights of women and girls in the Americas |

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| **RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS** |
| **Name of activity** | **Organized by:** | **Audience\*** | **Location** | **Date** | **Objective** |
| **Informal Meeting of the Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, Including Migrant Workers and Their Families of the Committee on Migration Issues** | Committee on Migration Issues of the OAS | Governmental authorities  | OAS headquarters | March 23, 2017 | Exchange views on how the issue of migration in the region should be addressed for the Global Compact on Refugees.  |
| **Training on the Report on the Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, Victims of Human Trafficking and Internally Displaced Persons** | Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the OAS | Immigration authorities | Guatemala, Guatemala  | March 29, 30, 31 | Train immigration authorities on inter-American standards in the context of human mobility  |
| **Group Work Meeting of the Committee on Migration Issues on the Political Dialogue of the Regional Consultative Processes** | Committee on Migration Issues | Governmental authorities | OAS headquarters | March 31, 2017. | Exchange views on how the issue of migration in the region should be addressed for the Global Compact on Refugees. |
| **Training on the Report on the Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, Victims of Human Trafficking and Internally Displaced Persons** | Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the OAS | Immigration authorities | Panama City, Panama | April 20 and 21, 2017. | Train immigration authorities on inter-American standards in the context of human mobility  |
| **Training on the Report on the Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, Victims of Human Trafficking and Internally Displaced Persons** | Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the OAS | Immigration authorities | Dominican Republic. | May 18 and 19 | Train immigration authorities on inter-American standards in the context of human mobility  |
| **Immigration and Human Rights: National Conference of Socio-juridical Clinics 2017, Buenos Aires, Argentina** | CAREF, CELS, Red Nacional de Líderes Migrantes en Argentina, Pastoral de Migraciones de Neuquén, and the Asociación Ecuménica de Cuyo | Civil society representatives | Buenos Aires, Argentina | May 26 | Share the Rapporteurship’s vision for the rights of migrants with civil society organizations as preparation of Global Compact for Migration and a Global Compact on Refugees move forward. |
| **Regional exchange of good practices on identifying cases of human trafficking for the purposes of forced labor** | UNODC office in Colombia, together with the Government of Colombia |  50 professionals from the Ministry of Labor, especially labor inspectors from all over the country, members of the Interinstitutional Committee to Combat Trafficking, academic organizations, and other international experts | Bogotá, Colombia | June 6 and 7  | The IACHR shared regional experiences in cases of human trafficking of migrant workers, focusing on inter-American standards.  |
| **Training on the Report on the Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, Victims of Human Trafficking and Internally Displaced Persons** | Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the OAS | Immigration authorities | San José, Costa Rica | June 7 and 8 | Train immigration authorities on inter-American standards in the context of human mobility.  |
| **Thirty-third General Assembly of PARLATINO and “High-level Parliamentary Discussion on Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean: Realities and Commitments toward the Global Compact in Panama** | Latin American and Caribbean Parliament | International Organization for Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and representatives of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament | Panama City, Panama | June 9 | The Assembly aimed to reach points of agreement towards the Global Compact for Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees The IACHR participated in the discussion of inclusion and social cohesion, and elimination of all forms of discrimination. |
| **Latin American Conference on Human Trafficking** | Observalatrata | Observalatrata, public officials from different government agencies of Peru, and civil society organizations from a number of countries in the region. | Lima, Peru | June 13, 2010.  | The Inter-American Human Rights System’s rules and standards on human trafficking were presented. |
| **Global Expert Consultation: Violence against children in transit** | Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children and the Universidad Iberoamericana | Academia, civil society, members of the Committee on Migrant Workers and members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, government representatives | Mexico City, Mexico | June 27 and 28  | Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children sought information on the situation of violence against children and adolescents in the context of migration. The IACHR participated with a presentation entitled “From the continuum of violence to the protection continuum" proposing seven lines of action. Likewise, on June 28, the Rapporteurship team participated in the Consultation for Joint Observations on Migrant Children, hosted by the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. |
| **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Workshop on Human Rights Law and Standards Applicable to Migrants, Asylum Seekers, Refugees, Stateless Persons, Victims of Human Trafficking, Displaced Persons, and Other Persons in the Context of Human Mobility** | Pan American Development Foundation  | Public officials belonging to different agencies and government bodies, such as the National Migration Institute, prosecutors, and others.  | San Salvador, El Salvador | June 17 and 18 | Train public officials on the standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons, and other persons in the context of human mobility.  |
| **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Workshop on Human Rights Law and Standards Applicable to Migrants, Asylum Seekers, Refugees, Stateless Persons, Victims of Human Trafficking, Displaced Persons, and Other Persons in the Context of Human Mobility** | Pan American Development Foundation | Public officials belonging to different agencies and government bodies, such as the National Migration Institute, prosecutors, and others.  | Guatemala City, Guatemala | July 20 and 21 | Train public officials on the standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons, and other persons in the context of human mobility.  |
| **International Seminar: Justice and migration from a human rights perspective** | Office of the Public Criminal Defense and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights  | Academia, civil society, members of the consular corps of other countries, President Bachelet, National Defender.  | Santiago, Chile. | August 6 | A presentation was given on national and international migration policy |
| **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Workshop on Human Rights Law and Standards Applicable to Migrants, Asylum Seekers, Refugees, Stateless Persons, Victims of Human Trafficking, Displaced Persons, and Other Persons in the Context of Human Mobility** | Pan American Development Foundation | Public officials belonging to different agencies and government bodies, such as the National Migration Institute, prosecutors, and others.  | Tegucigalpa, Honduras | August 7 and 8 | Train public officials on the standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless persons, victims of human trafficking, displaced persons, and other persons in the context of human mobility.  |
| **Regional Meeting of Experts in Latin America and the Caribbean on International Immigration, in preparation for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (CEPAL)** | Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the International Organization for Migration | Government authorities, academia, civil society  | Santiago, Chile. | August 30 and 31 | Generate inputs for governments as part of the negotiations process for the global compact.  |
| **Regional Roundtable: Toward a Comprehensive Regional Framework for Protection and Solutions - An Academic Contribution** | Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and UNHCR | Academia and UNHCR staff | San José, Costa Rica | September 4 and 5 | Present specific proposals for academia’s participation in the Comprehensive Regional Framework for Protection and Solutions  |
| **Third Summit of the Ibero-American Network of Public Prosecutors Specialized in Human Trafficking and Illicit Trafficking of Migrants of AIAMP** | Office of the Attorney General | Prosecutors who are points of contact for the Prosecutor Network against Illicit Trafficking of Migrants of the AIAMP, from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Haiti, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela. | Bogotá, Colombia | September 19 to 21 | A presentation was made on human trafficking |
| **Migrants, refugees** | Institute of the Federal Judiciary – Judicial School | Federal judges | Mexico City, Mexico | October 26 and 27 | A training session for judges was conducted on inter-American standards for their incorporation nationally |
| **Global Chair of the Universidad del Norte 2017** | Universidad del Norte 2017 | Academia, students, civil society  | Barranquilla, Colombia | October 17 to 20 | A presentation was given entitled Human Rights and Migration: Issues and challenges in Latin America and Europe. |
| **Regional Consultation of the Comprehensive and Lasting Solutions Program** | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | Civil society, delegations from the governments of Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica, Brazil, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Mexico | Quito, Ecuador | November 13 and 14 | Learn the integration practices of the various countries.  |
| **Thematic discussions for the global compact on refugees** | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | Government authorities, academia, civil society | Geneva, Switzerland. | November 14 and 15 | Awareness was raised as to the contribution regional human rights bodies could make to the upcoming Global Compact on Migrants and Refugees with regard to human rights. Specifically, the work of the IACHR and the Rapporteurship on the rights of migrants was described.  |
| **Inaugural Conference of the On-site Stage of the Third Cohort of the****Specialization in Migration and Asylum from a Human Rights Perspective****of the Universidad Nacional de Lanús** | Universidad de Lanús | Academia, students, civil society | Buenos Aires, Argentina | November 20. | An inaugural lecture was given for the Specialization in Migration and Asylum on the rights of migrants and refugees in the Inter-American Human Rights System.  |

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| **RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD** |
| **Activity name** | **Organized by:**  | **Audience\*** | **Location** | **Date** | **Objective** |
| **"First Inter-American Forum on National Systems for the Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents."**  | IACHR, IIN-OAS, UNICEF, the National Board of Children of Costa Rica (PANI), REDLAMYC, and the Government of Mexico, through the Executive Secretariat of the National System for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents of Mexico (SIPINNA).*Funds used for IACHR participation: USA* | Senior authorities on children of 16 States in the region, as well as Latin American civil society organizations.Participating States: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay. | Mexico City, Mexico  | April 24 to 26, 2017  | Analyze how national systems in the region for protecting children and adolescents function, looking at challenges, progress, and good practices. In addition, the international human rights standards applicable to this matter were presented, and the IACHR collected information for its report on the subject.  |
| **Regional presentation of the IACHR report entitled "Violence, children and organized crime”**  | IACHR, REDLAMYC, and the Government of Mexico, through the Executive Secretariat of the National System for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents of Mexico (SIPINNA).*Funds used for IACHR participation: USA* | Senior authorities on children of 16 States in the region, as well as Latin American civil society organizations. | Mexico City, Mexico | April 26, 2017. | Regional presentation of IACHR report entitled “Violence, children and organized crime” in the framework of the closing event of the First Inter-American Forum on National Systems for the Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents. |
| **Participation in the Fifth Forum of the Global Network of Religions for Children** | World Vision | The Forum was attended by 500 leaders from the world’s main religions and spiritual traditions, along with 60 representatives of adolescents and young people, State representatives, several United Nations agencies, and international and civil society organizations. | Panama City, Panama | May 9, 10 and 11, 2017 | The objective of the Forum was to make a commitment to declare violence against children unacceptable, reaffirming the “moral imperative to protect children from harm” and cooperate on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly SDG 16.2, as well as those that include ending violence against women and girls (SDG 5.2 and 5.3), ending economic exploitation of children and adolescents (SDG 8.7), and the safety of children and adolescents in schools and communities, as well as the promotion of peace and of violence-free environments (SDG 4.a, 4.7, 11.2, and 11.7).  |
| **Seminar on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, held during the 162nd Period of Sessions of the IACHR** | IACHR, UNSAM, CEDeP, Universidad Nacional de la Plata, UNLa, Universidad de Buenos Aires, UNESCO, and CIPDH.  | General public, civil society, academia | Buenos Aires, Argentina  | May 23 and 24, 2017 | Seminar describing the IACHR’s work, for which the Rapporteur gave a talk on the rights of intersex children.  |
| **Dialogue in the National Congress of Argentina with Deputies and Senators**  | National Congress of Argentina, UNICEF, and civil society organizations.*Funds used for IACHR participation: USA* | Participants in the dialogue included Deputies and Senators, UNICEF experts, and experts from civil society organizations part of the “*Infancia en Deuda*” platform.  | Buenos Aires, Argentina  | May 29, 2017. | Analyze the current legislative initiatives on the rights of children, particularly regarding the creation of the Ombudsperson on the Rights of Children and Adolescents.  Two days after the meeting with the IACHR, the National Congress decided to complete establishment of the Bicameral Committee to Appoint the Ombudsperson on the Rights of Children and Adolescents after 12 years without complying with the mandate of law 26,061.  |

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| **Event: The pending regional agenda on the rights of children and adolescents.** |  REDLAMYC, Programa Tejiendo Redes and Save the Children, with the support of the European Union and Swedish cooperation.  | Representatives of a number of civil society organizations from MERCOSUR States, representatives of children and adolescents, UNICEF officials, and Argentine State authorities.  | Buenos Aires, Argentina | May 29, 2017. | Analyze the central issues of the MERCOSUR region’s agenda on children’s issues. |
| **Event: Launch of the report En Deuda con la Niñez, by Save the Children.**  | Save the Children | Government authorities, experts, academics, and civil society. | Panama City, Panama | June 1, 2017. | The report entitled “*En Deuda con la Niñez*” presents a global index of the main violations of the rights of the child, with figures that demonstrate the scope of the various issues. The Rapporteur’s presentation addressed States’ obligations on investment in public policy on children and the need for information quantifying the public resources allocated for them and the impacts attained.  |
| **Participation in the annual meeting of the Movimiento Mundial por la Infancia de América Latina y el Caribe (MMI-LAC)** | MMI-LAC, which is comprised of UNICEF and the leading international and national organizations working on the rights of the child in the region. | Members of MMI-LAC and IIN-OAS, and United Nations system experts.  | Panama City, Panama  | June 9, 2017. | The objective of the annual meetings is to identify issues in the region requiring the coordinated action of all these organizations in synch with the Rapporteur and its mandate. This coordination of the Rapporteurship with the organizations that comprise the MMI-LAC is strategically important for properly monitoring emerging and structural situations and for conducting timely and appropriate engagements in response to the scenarios.  |
| **"Analysis Forum: The rights of children and adolescents in Mexico and Agenda 2030"** | National Human Rights Committee of Mexico and ChildFund.*Funds used for IACHR participation: USA* | More than 330 participants, including government authorities, experts, academics, international cooperation representatives, civil society, diplomatic delegations, and United Nations agencies. | Mexico City, Mexico | June 29 and 30, 2017 | Promote understanding of the connection between fulfilling the rights of the child and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while raising awareness on the human rights perspective and making some recommendations to the State. The presentations given during the forum were later published to disseminate them more broadly. |
| **Seminar on Inter-American standards of equity and nondiscrimination, held during the 163 Extraordinary Period of Sessions of the IACHR.** | IACHR, with the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, the Universidad Ruiz de Montoya, and the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos as cosponsors. | Students, academics, human rights defenders, and the general public. | Lima, Peru  | July 3, 2017 | Strengthen knowledge on the inter-American system’s central standards on the rights of the child among students, academics, human rights defenders, and the general public by deepening their knowledge on the promotion and defense of the rights of children and adolescents. |
| **Participation in a forum entitled “A decade on from entry into force of the International Human Rights Treaty on Disability in Panama.”**  | State of Panama  | State authorities, experts, civil society organizations, and the general public. | Panama City, Panama | July 10, 2017. | Presentation on the rights of people with disabilities, particularly the situation of children and adolescents with disabilities and their connection with poverty and social exclusion.  |
| **Presentation made in the framework of the General Assembly of the OAS in Mexico.**  | OAS - IACHR | Participants in the General Assembly of the OAS | Mexico City, Mexico | August 24 and 25, 2017 | Presentation on the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in the context of progress on economic, social, and cultural rights in the region, with an emphasis on the rights of children, describing the IACHR's perspective and raising awareness on the connection between SDGs and human rights among State representatives and General Assembly participants. |
| **Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program** | Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM | Participants in the diploma program: Justice officials, members of human rights committees, civil society, and law students | Mexico City, Mexico  | September 5, 2017. | Delivery of a specialized class on the rights of the child, which included presentation of the IACHR's main findings and recommendations found in its report entitled “Violence, children and organized crime.”  |
| **Seminar on inter-American standards on equity, non-discrimination, justice, and human rights, UNAM** | IACHR and UNAM | Students, academics, civil society, and the general public. | Mexico City, Mexico  | September 7, 2017. | Participation in a panel entitled “Inter-American standards on democratic institutions; access to justice; and pretrial detention.” |
| **Participation in international seminar entitled "Freedom of Expression, Media, and the Rights of Children and Adolescents: prioritizing legal frameworks and public policies."**  | ANDI Latin America Network, CONCORTV, Universidad de Lima, UNESCO, IPPDH, OPS, Save the Children, REDLAMYC, Rednatic, Alana, and Criança e Consumo. | Government authorities in charge of audiovisual matters, journalists, social communicators, academics, and civil society organizations.  | Lima, Peru  | October 2, 3 and 4, 2017 | Analysis of the relationship and tensions between freedom of expression, the media, and the rights of children and adolescents.  |
| **Launch of LUMOS in Colombia and symposium entitled "Transforming alternative care services in Colombia."** | Fundación LUMOS | Government authorities, experts, and civil society organizations. | Bogotá, Colombia | October 10, 2017. | The main findings and recommendations of the IACHR report entitled "The Right of Boys and Girls to a Family. Alternative care. Ending institutionalization in the Americas."  |
| **Seminar “Violence against children: How can it be prevented and eliminated?"** | World Vision and Revista SEMANA | Government authorities, experts, and civil society organizations. | Bogotá, Colombia | September 29, 2017. | Presentation of the lecture entitled "Violence: realities, social perceptions, and legal responses." |
| **Participation in the “Second Latin American Thought Seminar on the rights of children and adolescents: Investing in childhood and adolescence in the face of the challenges of tax havens, corruption and budget sub-spending"** | REDLAMYC, with the support of Save the Children, the European Union and Swedish Cooperation. | Government authorities, experts, and civil society organizations. | Mexico City, Mexico | November 8, 2017. | Presentation of a lecture on applicable international human rights law standards on investment and childhood  |
| **Dialogue on “Violence, children and organized crime.”**  | IACHR*Funds used for IACHR participation: USA* | Civil society organizations, experts, and academics.  | Vitoria, Brazil | November 14, 2017. | Presentation of the IACHR report entitled "Violence, children and organized crime.” |
| **Dialogue on “Violence, children and organized crime.”**  | IACHR *Funds used for IACHR participation: USA* | Civil society organizations, experts, and academics. | Fortaleza, Brazil | November 17, 2017. | Presentation of the IACHR report entitled "Violence, children and organized crime.” |
| **Participation in a seminar commemorating the anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** | Coordinating Federation of Nicaraguan NGOs that Work on Childhood and Adolescence - CODENI | Civil society organizations | Managua, Nicaragua(The Commissioner made her presentation via videoconference) | November 20, 2017. | Presentation on the role of civil society organizations in the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and how national systems in the region for protecting children and adolescents function. |
| **Training seminar:****"Inter-American standards on the rights of women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean"** | IACHR*With support from Canada’s project* | State officials of the judicial, legislative and executive branches and representatives of the government entities responsible for issues related to the rights of women and girls. | San Salvador,El Salvador | November 16, 2017. | Promotion of inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women |
| **Event on the Situation of Sexual and Reproductive Rights in El Salvador** | Center for Reproductive Rights, Agrupación Ciudadana por la Despenalización del Aborto, Cejil, Colectivo Feminista*Participation with support from Canada’s project* | Civil society, academic institutions, general public. | San Salvador,El Salvador | November 20, 2017. | Promotion of inter-American standards on sexual and reproductive rights |
| **First Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System**  | IACHR  | Civil society, specialists in the field, students, and representatives of the State  | Washington, D.C. | December 4, 2017.  | Roundtable discussion, “Gender, health, discrimination, and diversity: risks and vulnerabilities”  |

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|  | **RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS**  |
|  | Name of Activity | Organized by: | Audience\* | Location | Date | Objective |
|  | Workshop on promotion and guarantee of the work of defenders. | State of Colombia | Civil society, state authorities | Bogotá, Colombia | February 21 and 22, 2017 | Participation in this workshop was part of the activities to support the process to implement the Peace Agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) |
|  | Meeting with civil society and state authorities | IACHR | Civil society, representatives of the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Director for Human Rights of the Foreign Ministry of Panama. | Panama City, Panama | April 19 and 20, 2017. | Reference was made to the report on criminalization, as well as the possibility of pushing for a bill to protect human rights defenders. |
|  | Meeting with civil society | IACHR | Civil society | La Paz and Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia | April 29 and 30, 2017. | Meeting on the IACHR’s mechanisms for protecting human rights defenders |
|  | Seminar on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights | IACHR | General public, civil society, academia | Buenos Aires, Argentina | May 24, 2017. | Seminar in the framework of the 162nd period of sessions. The Commissioners spoke about the criminalization of the work of human rights defenders (presentation of thematic report) and comprehensive protection. |
|  | Interdisciplinary workshop, "Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights in the Context of Promoting Transparency and Fighting Corruption” | CIPRODEH, IIDH, FES | Civil society | Tegucigalpa, Honduras | June 1, 2017. | A presentation was made on the Rapporteurship’s mechanisms for protecting environmental defenders and on criminalization in the context of environmental conflicts. |
|  | Forum, “Enabling environment and the new challenges for regional democracy” during a roundtable entitled “Measures of Protection for Human Rights Defenders, Activists, and Journalists." | REDLAD, Freedom House | Civil society | Cancún, Mexico | June 18, 2017. | The event took place in Cancun, Mexico, prior to the General Assembly of the OAS. The workshop presented the Rapporteurship’s mechanisms for protecting environmental defenders, specialized protocols with a gender perspective, and at-risk groups, and criminalization in the context of environmental conflicts.  |
|  | Seminar on inter-American standards on equity and non-discrimination | IACHR | General public, civil society, academia | Lima, Peru | July 3, 2017. | In this seminar, the Commissioner spoke about the criminalization of the work of human rights defenders (presentation of thematic report) and comprehensive protection, specifically with regard to defending rights to land, territory, and the environment. It was carried out in the framework of the 163rd period of sessions. |
|  | Talk, “Current challenges and trends on human rights for particularly vulnerable groups,” at a table entitled “Special situation of vulnerability of people who defend the environment, land, and territory; sexual and reproductive rights; and LGBTI persons." | Thematic Monitoring Section of the IACHR | Civil society | Lima, Peru | July 4 | Parallel event in the framework of the 163rd period of sessions. The workshop presented the specific protection standards and specialized protocols for defenders of the environment, land, and territory; sexual and reproductive rights; and LGBTI persons, as well as the pending challenges facing the protection mechanisms or programs in this area. |
|  | Seminar "Inter-American Standards on the Criminalization and Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Journalists" | Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders, OHCHR, Guatemala and Universidad Rafael Landívar. | Civil society; Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza; Deputy Human Rights Ombudsperson Hilda Morales, and OHCHR representatives.  | Guatemala City, Guatemala | August 1, 2017. | Even took place in Guatemala City as a parallel activity to the IACHR’s *in loco* visit to the country. Commissioner Orozco gave a presentation at the roundtable discussion entitled "Inter-American standards on criminalization and protection of human rights defenders," where it was noted that the Rapporteurship has identified with great concern the existence of groups of especially vulnerable human rights defenders who are vulnerable to the violation of their rights due to the causes they defend or the content of their demands. |
|  | International Seminar "Criminalization of the Defense of Human Rights in Latin America and Europe: eco-territorial conflicts and feminist struggles" | AIETI, Brigadas Internacionales de Paz (PBI), and Mundubat | Civil society, Universitat de Barcelona, and Red Malla. | Madrid, Spain. | October 4 and 5 |  |
|  | Meeting on the Mechanisms for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Communicators in Latin America | IACHR and Article 19 | Civil society, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Edison Lanza. | Montevideo, Uruguay | October 20 and 21, 2017 | Commissioner Orozco presented information on the system’s mechanisms and the protection of human rights defenders. |
|  | Workshop on Land and Environment Defenders  | IACHR, International Land Coalition | Civil society | Montevideo, Uruguay | October 25, 2017. | Parallel event in the framework of the 165th period of sessions. The workshop presented the specific protection standards and specialized protocols for defenders of the environment, land, and territory, as well as the pending challenges facing the protection mechanisms or programs in this area. |
|  | Inter-American standards on selection of high court judges: Input on appointments to the Constitutional Chamber in El Salvador | DPLF, OHCHR, FUSADES UCA | Civil society and justice officials | San Salvador, El Salvador | November 22, 2017. | The event took place in San Salvador as a parallel activity to the IACHR’s *in loco* visit to the country. |
|  | Rethinking the protection of human rights defenders: a critical and creative reflection on protection approaches | Protection International | Civil Society | Brussels, Belgium | December 12and 13, 2017.  |  |

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| **RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY** |
| **Activity name** | **Organized by:**  | **Audience\*** | **Location** | **Date** | **Objective** |
| **Forum “Challenges facing the National Penitentiary System”** | National Mechanism for Prevention of Torture and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) | Civil society, justice officials, members of MNP-CONAPREV and the UN | Tegucigalpa, Honduras  | February 14  | Presentation of the 2016 Annual Report of the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (MNP-CONAPREV) and debate on penitentiary reforms in 2017 |
| **National Symposium on Human Rights and Criminal Law** | OHCHR | Civil society, UN representatives, and academia.  | Tegucigalpa, Honduras | February 15 and 16 | Presentation of the lecture "Fundamental guarantees in the fight against terrorism and crimes against public order" |
| **Strategic Session on the US Naval Base in Guantánamo Bay** | Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Rights of the Washington College of Law and the former Rapporteur on Torture, Juan Mendez | Specialists in the field, academia, and civil society  | Washington, D.C.  | February 22 | Analyze the role of government and civil society to design strategies before the IACHR on the military tribunals in Guantanamo  |
| **Discussion on “Measures Aimed at Reducing Use of Pretrial Detention in Peru”** |  Ministry of Justice and Human Rights and the IACHR  | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia  | Lima, Peru  | February 24  | Analyze the main challenges and progress toward establishing measures to reduce use of pretrial detention |
| **Inter-American Seminar on Human Rights** | IACHR  | General public, civil society, academia | Lima, Peru  | July 3, 2017. | Presentation of a lecture on standards for pretrial detention. |
| **Sector exercise to coordinate approach to judgments issued by the inter-American human rights system** | Coordinating Committee of the Justice Sector, DPLF, and Counterpart International | Justice system officials (judges, prosecutors, public defenders and police agents) | San Salvador, El Salvador | August 24 and 25 | Provide information on: a) standards on presumption of innocence and public defense, derived from the judgment handed down in the case of José Agapito Ruano Torres vs El Salvador, and b) good practices on complying with IACHR recommendations on deprivation of liberty. |
| **Meeting with civil society of El Salvador** | Coordinating Committee of the Justice Sector, DPLF, and Counterpart International | Civil society | San Salvador, El Salvador | August 24 | Discuss the use of the Inter-American Commission’s different mechanisms for protecting human rights. |
| **Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program** | Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM | Participants in the diploma program: Justice officials, members of human rights committees, civil society, and law students | Mexico City | September 5 | Class given entitled “Alternative Measures to Pretrial Detention” |
| **Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program** | IACHR and IIJ - UNAMFunds used: USA  | justice officials, members of human rights committees, civil society, and law students | Mexico City | September 7 | Presentation of Report on Measures to Reduce Pretrial Detention and its Practice Guidelines |
| **Postgraduate Course in Criminal Enforcement and Penitentiary Law** | Universidad de Barcelona and the Universidad para la Cooperación Internacional (UCI) of Costa Rica | Students of the graduate program: justice system officials  | Costa Rica  | September 22.  | Virtual Presentation of the Report on Measures to Reduce Pretrial Detention |
| **Seventh Public Presentation “Alternative Measures to Pretrial Detention: A topic for discussion”** | Inter-American Human Rights System Observatory of the Institute for Legal Research | Students, justice operators, and civil society  | Mexico City | October 16  | Presentation of the Report on Measures to Reduce Pretrial Detention Lectures entitled "Main challenges to reducing pretrial detention in the Americas," and "Implementation of measures to reduce pretrial detention" |
| **Presentation of the Report on Measures to Reduce Pretrial Detention** | Office of the Public Criminal Cassation Defender of the Province of Buenos Aires and the provincial Office of the Public Prosecutor, among others.  | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia | La Plata, Argentina  | October 25  | Presentation of the report on pretrial detention  |
| **Forum “Pretrial Detention: Presumption of innocence vs. citizen security?”** | DPLF and Counterpart International  | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia | San Salvador, El Salvador  | November 8.  | Presentation of the report on pretrial detention |
| Conference "Towards a scientific and humanistic penitentiary policy" | Ministry of Justice and Human Rights  | Justice operators and civil society  | San José, Costa Rica | December 11-12 | Presentation on the humanization of prisons in the Americas |

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| **RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF AFRO-DESCENDANTS AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION** |
| **Activity name** | Organized by: | Audience\* | Location | Date | Objective |
| **International Forum on Political Participation of Afro-Colombian Women in Peacebuilding** | Race and Equality (Funds: United States) | Civil society, academia, and representatives of the State.  | Bogotá, Colombia  | April 28, 2017. | Public recognition of the ratification of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance. |
| **Inter-American Forum Against Discrimination** | Race and Equality (Funds: United States) | Civil society, academia, and representatives of the State. | Cancún, Mexico  | June 16-17, 2017 | Promote the effective participation of Afro-descendant organizations and LGBTI Afro-descendants organizations in the General Assembly of the OAS and increase their involvement in the system; raise awareness on the situation of racial discrimination faced by the Afro-Mexican population and its main demands. |
| **Talk on “Current human rights challenges and trends for particularly vulnerable groups”** | IACHR | Civil society and academia | Lima, Peru  | July 3, 2017. | Discuss the current status of access to rights and protection for vulnerable groups such as Afro-descendents; lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transsexuals, and intersex persons (LGBTI); girls, women, and adolescents; and human rights defenders. |
| **Seminar on equality and non-discrimination: "Violence against Afro-descendant women: public policies and mechanisms for access to justice in development"** |  IACHR | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia  | Lima, Peru  | July 3, 2017. | Conduct a debate on discrimination against women hurt by racism, especially involving violence, access to justice, and access to sexual and reproductive rights. |
| **Dialogue with Civil Society at the Center for Peruvian Black Women - CEDEMUNEP** | Race and Equality(Funds: United States)  | Civil society  | Lima, Peru  | July 8, 2017. | Presentation of a lecture on standards for pretrial detention. |
| **Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program** | Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM | Justice officials, members of human rights committees, and law students | Mexico City | September 5 | Promote a specialized training activity with high academic standards on the inter-American human rights system for students, members of civil society, and public officials interested in the subject. |
| **Two-day follow-up workshop****The situation of the Roma in the Americas** | United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues (Funds: United States) | Representatives of various state institutions and civil society | Buenos Aires, Argentina | September 20-21, 2017 | The objective was to meet with approximately 20 participants, including a mix of Roma participants and government representatives. The intention was to ensure that the discussions were open, informal, and substantive. The meeting was organized in specific sessions, followed by a discussion and intermediate conclusions. |
| **Roundtable: "Resilient or in decline?: Current Democratic Trends in Latin America”** | Brookings Institution / IDEA | Representatives of various state and academic institutions | Washington, D.C. | September 29, 2017. | The conference brought together government officials, academics, and experts to discuss the current challenges that democracy in the region faces in the context of the next wave of presidential and legislative elections. It also identified opportunities for Latin American leaders to strengthen their democratic practices and institutions within their respective countries. |
| **Session of the Permanent Council of the OAS on Diversity in the Americas** | Organization of American States | Diplomatic representations of the various States | Washington, D.C. | October 11, 2017. | Presentation of the work done by the Rapporteurship and strategies for promoting equality. |
| **Ceremony with the president of Uruguay** | Race and Equality | Representatives of various state institutions and civil society | Montevideo, Uruguay  | October 30  | Public commemoration of the ratification of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance. |
| **Dialogue with Civil Society hosted by the National Office on Afro-Uruguayans** | Race and Equality  | Civil society | Montevideo, Uruguay | October 30 | Bring together Afro-Uruguayan activists who represent different communities to participate in this dialogue with Commissioner Margarette Macaulay. They reported on the Afro-Uruguayan community and provided reports on the subject. |
| **Meeting on racial profiling**  | UN Brazil / Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) | Representatives of various state institutions and civil society | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | November 8-9, 2017 | Discuss the use of racial profiling and how to respond to it and to strategies for prevention.  |
| **Regional meeting on the International Decade for People of African Descent**  | Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) | Representatives of various state institutions and civil society | Geneva, Switzerland. | November 23-24, 2017 |  |
| **First Inter-American Human Rights Forum: “Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance, challenges and opportunities for implementation”** | IACHR, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Race and Equality | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia | Washington, D.C.  | December 5, 2017.  | Discussion of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance, challenges and opportunities for implementation |
| **First Inter-American Forum on Human Rights: "Gender, health, discrimination and diversity:****risks and vulnerabilities "** | IACHR, Inter-American Court of Human Rights  | Civil society, academic institutions, general public. | Washington, D.C.  | December 4, 2017. | Discussion of gender, health, discrimination, and diversity: risks and vulnerabilities |

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| **RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF LESBIAN, GAY, TRANS, BISEXUAL, AND INTERSEX PERSONS** |
| **Activity name** | **Organized by:** | **Audience\*** | **Location** | **Date** | **Objective** |
| **Panel on violence against LGBTI persons in the Americas in the framework of the working meeting of the IACHR in San Francisco** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  | Civil society, local and international governmental bodies | San Francisco, USA | January 16, 2017. | Presentation of the English version of the report “Violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Persons in the Americas"​ |
| **Presentation to CAJP - OAS / Permanent Council** | Committee on Political and Juridical Affairs of the OAS | Representatives of OAS Member States; OAS staff | Washington, D.C., USA | February 2, 2017. | Presentation on human rights, sexual orientation and identity, and gender expression |
| **Training Workshop for Cuban LGBTI Activists** | International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights  | Cuban activists and human rights defenders  | Cali, Colombia | February 10 and 11, 2016 | Training on the inter-American human rights system's mechanisms for protecting LGBTI persons, legal standards, and how civil society organizations can activate those mechanisms in their work to defend and promote the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas |
| **Dialogue on the rights of intersex people in the Americas** |  Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  | Intersex people from Costa Rica, the United States, Chile and Mexico, as well as representation from the missions of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay | Washington, D.C. | March 20, 2017.  | Hear the testimony of intersex persons and the measures needing urgent implementation by the States of the region to protect their rights. |
| **Meeting “Latin America moves towards respect for the rights of LGBTI populations”** | Ombudsman's Office of Costa Rica | General public, civil society, academia | San José, Costa Rica | May 3, 4, and 5 | Round table presentation entitled “Hate crimes and violence against the LGBT population / Status of the situation: Hate crimes" |
| **Seminar on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights – Panel on “Violence against LGBTI persons and intersex children”** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  | General public, civil society, academia | Buenos Aires, Argentina | May 24 | Presentation of the report “Violence against LGBTI Persons in the Americas” and the contextualization of violence suffered by intersex children and adolescents |
| **Talk on “Current human rights challenges and trends for particularly vulnerable groups”** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights | Civil society | Lima, Peru | July 3 | Discussion with civil society on the main challenges faced by LGBTI people for recognition of their rights - focus on the discussion of hate speech |
| **Working meetings with civil society and government bodies of Argentina** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights | Civil society and government bodies | Buenos Aires, Argentina | August 15 and 16 | Dialogue toward cooperation on good practices in the region |
| **Fifth Public Consultation of the Forum for Social Participation of the IPPHD on Regional Public Policies for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of LGBTI Persons** | Mercosur Public Policy Institute (IPPDH) | Civil society, international institutions; diplomatic representatives of Mercosur member States | Buenos Aires, Argentina | August 17, 2010. | Presentation of the report Violence against LGBTI Persons in the Americas and participation in public consultation |
| **Presentation of the report “Violence against LGBTI Persons in the Americas"​** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights National Council to Prevent Discrimination - Mexico | Civil society, international institutions, Mexican diplomats, academics, and the general public | Mexico City, Mexico | September 6 | Presentation of the report Violence against LGBTI Persons in the Americas in the framework the Mexican State’s fulfillment of its commitment to sign during the 163rd Extraordinary Period of Sessions |
| **Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program** | Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM | Participants in the diploma program: Justice officials, members of human rights committees, civil society, and law students | Mexico City, Mexico | September 7 | Class entitled “Inter-American Standards on the Rights of LGBTI Persons, Afro-descendant Women and Migrants” |
| **Justice Works: An Expert Workshop on Comprehensive Responses to Violence** | American Bar Association (ABA) | Justice officials, members of human rights commissions, and civil society | Lima, Peru | November 15 to 17 | Presentation of the report on challenges on the issue of the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas |
| **Global LGBT Business Week on the panel "Generating databases: LGBTI persons and economic development"** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) - OAS, National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NLGCC), Core Group LGBTI-OAS | Civil Society, diplomatic representatives, general public, companies | Washington, D.C. | November 15 | Presentation of the work of the IACHR and Rapporteurship; presentation that recognition of the rights of LGBTI people has on economies and businesses |
| **7th ILGALAC Regional Conference - Roundtable on "The region’s role in recognizing LGBTI rights in universal and inter-American human rights mechanisms** | ILGA-LAC  | Civil society and academia | Guatemala City, Guatemala  | November 18  | Progress report on LGBTI rights in the Americas promoted by the inter-American human rights system |
| **First Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System - Panel: Gender, health, discrimination, and diversity: risks and vulnerabilities** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Inter-American Court of Human Rights | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia | Washington, D.C. | December 4  | Presentation on the progress made and challenges faced on health in connection with issues of gender and discrimination |
| **First Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System – Roundtable: Progress and setbacks in the protection of the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Synergía | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia | Washington, D.C. | December 4 | Mediation of debates on the agenda of progress and setbacks in the protection of the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas  |
| **Meeting of Experts to design the inclusion indicators for the UNDP and the World Bank’s LGBTI Index** | UNDP, World Bank | Experts on the rights of LGBTI persons | Washington, D.C. | December 13 to 15 | Presentation on the process to design the indicators for the Security and Access to Justice group in the framework of designing the indicators of the LGBTI Inclusion Index  |
| **OAS Regional Forum “Access to Rights and Social Inclusion of LGTBI People in the Americas: Progress and Challenges at the Regional level.”** | Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) - OAS | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia | Washington, D.C. | December 11 | Presentation on the progress made and challenges faced on social inclusion and recognition of LGBTI rights |
| **Awards: Advocates and Allies in the Global Equality Movements** | Human Rights First, Human Rights Campaign | Representatives of various state institutions, civil society, and academia | Washington, D.C. | December 11 | Recognition of the work done by the IACHR and the Rapporteurship to promote and protect the rights of LGBTI persons |

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| **THEMATIC UNIT ON MEMORY, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE** |
| **Activity name** | **Organized by:**  | **Audience\*** | **Location** | **Date** | **Objective** |
| **Public Consultation on the Thematic Unit on Memory, Truth, and Justice** | IACHRThis activity was conducted in the framework of the 165th Period of Sessions  | Civil society, government agencies | Montevideo, Uruguay  | October 21 | Receive suggestions on the priority lines of action with a view to preparing the work plan of the Thematic Unit for the period 2018-2019 |

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| **THEMATIC UNIT ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS** |
| **Activity name** | **Organized by:**  | **Audience\*** | **Location** | **Date** | **Objective** |
| **Public Consultation on the Thematic Unit on Older Persons** | This activity was conducted in the framework of the 165th Period of Sessions Vannuchi, INMAYORES, and IPPDH participated as presenters  | Civil society, government agencies | Montevideo, Uruguay  | October 24 | Receive suggestions on the priority lines of action with a view to preparing the work plan of the Thematic Unit for the period 2018-2019 |

1. See Article 18(a) of the Statute of the IACHR. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See Article 106 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights (ACHR). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See Article 41 of the ACHR and Article 18(d) of the Statute of the IACHR. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Article 41 of the ACHR; and Articles 58 and 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Article 15(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. The activities of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression are discussed in the annex to this Annual Report. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)