



OPEN CALL
Nominations for the roles of principal and alternate representatives in the Working Group for the Implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) of the Organization of American States (OAS) sends warm regards to the Indigenous Peoples within the framework of the VI Inter-American Week of Indigenous Peoples. In compliance with a mandate from the OAS General Assembly, SARE is pleased to announce the **call for nominations from legitimate Indigenous Peoples organizations for the roles of principal and alternate representatives in the Working Group for the Implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (ADRIP).**

In accordance with the Consensus Document of the **First Inter-American Meeting on the Implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**, the composition of the Working Group shall consist of members from the **two constituent bodies:**

1. Experts designated by OAS member states that have joined the ADRIP consensus.
2. Representatives of Indigenous Peoples.

The Working Group will comprise eight **(8) principal members and eight (8) alternate members, who will act in a personal capacity:**

- (4) Principal expert individuals designated by the states that have joined the ADRIP consensus.
- (4) Alternate expert individuals designated by the states that have joined the ADRIP consensus.
- (4) Principal Indigenous Peoples' representatives.
- (4) Alternate Indigenous Peoples' representatives.

It should be noted that the **selection** of principal and alternate Indigenous Peoples' representatives to integrate the Working Group will be carried out by the **President of the OAS Permanent Council**, considering **criteria** such as geographic and cultural representation, gender equality, intergenerational representation, and affiliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Likewise, you are requested to submit the names and curriculum vitae to the following email address: **civilsociety@oas.org**, with copies to **dsi@oas.org**; **rrojas@oas.org**; **mvidal@oas.org**, no later than **November 30, 2023**.



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Frequently Asked Questions

To present my application, I only have to send my CV (resume), are there any other requirements?

In addition to the CV, the application must include a letter from a legitimate organization of indigenous peoples or from an authority of an indigenous community explaining the reasons why the applicant should be part of the Working Group, in other words, the letter needs to explain what motivates the organization to support that person's application. The letter should be addressed to the OAS Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity.

Can I submit my application individually or does a legitimate organization of indigenous peoples necessarily have to support my application?

Indeed, you must have the support of a legitimate organization, since your application must include a letter from a legitimate organization of indigenous peoples or from an authority of an indigenous community. You can send your application directly (attaching the letter from the legitimate organization of indigenous peoples) or you can ask the organization to send your application directly (including your CV).

What other requirements are important to strengthen my application?

The letter of the legitimate organization of indigenous peoples and the CV are the only requirements. The election of the principal and alternate experts to integrate the Working Group will be carried out by the Chair of the OAS Permanent Council, considering criteria such as geographic and cultural representation, gender equality, intergenerational representation, and affiliation with Indigenous Peoples.

When will the selection of the members of the Working Group take place?

The election of the people who will integrate the Working Group will take place tentatively in mid-October.

What is the period of work within the Working Group?

The members of the Working Group will be elected for three years, and may be reelected for an additional period. If you are selected, once we notify you that you will be part of the Working Group, you will be informed of the start date of your term.

Will the elected working group carry out its work virtually, hybrid or in person?

The members of the Working Group will carry out their work virtually from the place where they currently reside. However, if you are selected, you must be available to attend the different in person activities that are planned during the 3 years, either at the Headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington DC or at OAS Member States.



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Can a State or a legitimate organization present several applications?

Yes.

If I am selected to be part of the Working Group, will I receive any remuneration? Will I have to work full time in the Working Group?

The members of the Working Group will not receive financial remuneration. Being part of the Working Group is a part-time ad honorem activity.

What will be the role of the Working Group?

The Working Group will be the forum to analyze and monitor the hemispheric progress registered in the implementation of the ADRIIP; propose spaces for cooperation to exchange experiences among the OAS member states for the fulfillment of their mission, among others.

Where is the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples available?

You can read the full document at the following link:

<https://www.oas.org/en/sare/documents/DecAmIND.pdf>

If I have another question, who can I contact?

For any other questions, send your query to Roberto Rojas, Chief of Groups of Situation of Vulnerability at the OAS Department of Social Inclusion (rrojas@oas.org)

When is the deadline to send my application?

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