

Benefits of Partnering with the OAS

1. The OAS offers a unique forum to strengthen relations with all Member States in one place.
2. The OAS can serve as an **effective cooperation facilitator**, in particular for Permanent Observers that do not have a presence in all countries of the Western Hemisphere.
3. Permanent Observer donors receive **great exposure** and recognition in OAS press releases and different events related to projects funded throughout the Americas.
4. As the main political forum for the convening of government authorities and stakeholders at the Inter-American level, Permanent Observers benefit from a more effective direct engagement and visibility among 34 Member States.
5. The OAS has a unique set of **Inter-American legal frameworks** agreed to by its Member States, allowing the organization to use these frameworks and resolutions to advance cooperation in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
6. **In-depth knowledge of country needs**, in particular of smaller countries and regions at the subnational level where Permanent Observers may not have a direct diplomatic relationship or presence.
7. The OAS presence with **national offices in the entire Hemisphere** allows Permanent Observers to interact at the local level through their Embassies.
8. **Accountability, transparency, monitoring, evaluation, and audits established to oversee the use of donor funds, including external auditors and internal audit boards as required by the standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors.** All funds from Member States and Permanent Observer are closely monitored, reported on, and subject to internal and external audits.