
The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, through its Observatory of Impact,

CALLS FOR PAPERS

on the analysis of the impact of the IACHR activities and resolutions.

Introduction

On July 2, 2021, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights made the Impact Observatory of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (the Observatory) available to the public. It is a collaborative analysis platform that aims to reflect, systematize, highlight, and methodologically evaluate the impact of the IACHR on the defense and protection of human rights in the hemisphere. Likewise, it aims to foster synergies with other similar initiatives, and to promote articulated dialogues with strategic actors and communities interested in the Inter-American Human Rights System.

Within the framework of this initiative, the IACHR summons researchers, students, members of civil society, and other interested public to participate in the process of the analysis and discussion of the impact of the various activities and resolutions of the Inter-American Commission, in accordance with the following:

Basis

1. Participation in this call is open to any person affiliated to an academic institution as a teacher, student or researcher, or persons not affiliated to academic institutions with academic work on the subject. The call is also open to members of civil society organizations, as well as members of the state structure of the American States and international organizations with academic work related to the subject.
2. The papers presented must demonstrate methodology, as well as scientific and academic rigor in their preparation. The papers presented should focus on making some relevant theoretical-practical contribution to the analysis of the impact of the activities, decisions, and standards developed by the IACHR. Particular value will be placed on qualitative and quantitative work focused on analyzing the impact that the various mechanisms and resolutions of the IACHR (Monitoring, Petitions and Cases, Precautionary Measures, Friendly Solutions, Follow-up of Recommendations, Promotion and Training), have generated in areas and specific structures of the State, as well as in the life and rights of specific social groups (girls, boys and adolescents, LGBTI population, migrants, women, indigenous people, etc.).
3. Papers submitted must not have been presented, published, or edited by any other person or civil, academic or state entity.
4. Papers may not have the purpose of resolving a case pending decision by the organs of the Inter-American System.
5. Papers may be presented in a single authorship or in co-authorship, in any of the different official languages of the Organization of American States.
6. The Commission will assess the possibility of publishing the papers presented in a compilation or academic product as part of the Observatory's editorial line through its website. For this purpose, authors must authorize the IACHR to publish and disseminate the papers submitted. Likewise, the IACHR will assess the possibility for the authors to present the selected papers at a particular event or forum as part of its activities.

7. The content of academic papers and presentations is the sole responsibility of the author (s). The Commission is not responsible for the opinions expressed in the papers presented.

8. The IACHR will not consider those papers in which plagiarism or conduct of academic dishonesty is identified.

9. The IACHR reserves the right to declare this call void in the event that the papers that are submitted do not meet the requirements indicated.

Stages of participation

1. First Phase

Candidates may submit an abstract of their work in any of the official languages of the OAS (Spanish, English, Portuguese, French) **until 30 November 2021**.

Abstracts should be sent to the e-mail address CIDHSeguimiento@oas.org with the subject: "Impact Paper". The email should include a single attachment with the following characteristics:

Cover: With the following information:

- Name and academic degree of the author (s)
- Title of the paper
- Academic Institution
- Country of origin
- Contact email
- Contact address and telephone number

Abstracts must not exceed 350 words. They must be typed using Times New Roman 12 font, single-spaced, and justified. Abstracts must be sent in Word or PDF format.

2. Second Phase

An Academic Committee to be determined by the IACHR will select the abstracts that will proceed to the second phase where the full paper will be requested.

The selected persons will be notified by the Academic Committee no later than **20 December 2022** and must submit their full paper no later than **31 March 2022**.

Those whose abstracts have been selected must submit the final version of the paper by the above date, based on the following characteristics: The length should not exceed 8,000 words. It should be submitted in Times New Roman 12 font, 1.5 point spacing and in justified format. Papers should be submitted in Word or PDF format.

The selected articles will be part of a proposal for the strengthening of the Follow-up and Impact Section of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Academic Committee:

1. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights shall appoint an Academic Committee composed of specialists from its Executive Secretariat. The IACHR may invite academics recognized in the field to form part of this Committee.
2. The Academic Committee will be responsible for evaluating and selecting, in accordance with the rules established in this call, the abstracts of the academic papers presented.
3. Any aspect regarding the interpretation of situations not foreseen in this call for papers will be resolved by the Academic Committee itself and by the Executive Secretariat of the IACHR.