

# Garantías Electorales en tiempos de COVID-19: La igualdad y los derechos de las mujeres



## Webinar on equality and elections brought together women judges and electoral experts from across the region

Washington DC, June 13th, 2020. - On Thursday, June 11, the online event "Electoral Guarantees in times of COVID-19: equality and women's rights" was held, organized by the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS), International IDEA and the School of Law of the University of Buenos Aires.

The objective of this space was to promote the exchange and analysis among authorities and members of electoral bodies on the fulfillment of women's political-electoral rights and the laws that seek gender equality in the electoral field, especially in view of the new scenario presented by COVID-19 in the region.

*"Women's political rights are also part of the agenda to address COVID-19. Virtuality and the gender gap in digital resources, as well as cyber violence are threats to reach decision-making positions. Here we call to assume equality and women's rights as part of the electoral guarantees in the new normality, we cannot allow setbacks in women's access to power. Democracy needs women,"* said Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the CIM/OAS.

The event highlighted key issues for women's participation in politics such as gender quotas and parity laws from the perspective of crisis contexts, as well as a necessary debate on gender impacts in electoral processes in times of COVID-19. The panels, with representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Paraguay, offered an intersectional and diverse view of the region. With more than 9,000 views of the live broadcast, this high-level event reached more than 20,000 people through the CIM/OAS social networks.

The CIM/OAS is the region's main political forum for the recognition of women's human rights and gender equality. Since its creation in 1928, the CIM has played a predominant and strategic role in the promotion of women's rights in the hemisphere.

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