

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 16- 02

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

THE SECRETARY GENERAL,

By the authority granted to him under Articles 109 and 113 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Articles 4, 8, 12, and 14 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat of the OAS (General Standards), and

CONSIDERING:

That in response to the region's most pressing needs, it was decided to accord priority to five Strategic Initiatives, namely: School of Governance, Social Conflicts, Interconnectivity in the Caribbean, Inter-American Education System, and Natural Disaster Response;

That, given the cross-cutting nature of these Initiatives, they should be coordinated through Inter-Secretariat Working Groups or Task Forces;

That, to facilitate analysis and debate of cross-cutting policies and initiatives, it is necessary to establish a Committee to Analyze Strategic Initiatives; and

That it is important to appoint, within that Committee to Analyze Strategic Initiatives, persons operationally responsible for each of the Strategic Initiatives,

RESOLVES:

1. To establish the Committee to Analyze Strategic Initiatives, comprising the Chiefs of Staff of the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General and all the Secretaries. The CIM shall participate through its Executive Secretariat to ensure gender mainstreaming in all initiatives to be analyzed. The Director of the Department of Press and Communications shall also participate to ensure that consideration is also given to media coverage. The Committee shall be co-chaired by the Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs and the Advisor for Strategy and Organizational Development and shall be served by a Secretariat responsible for drawing up the agenda for each meeting and keep track of implementation of the agreements and decisions reached by the Committee. The Committee shall be coordinated by the Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs.

2. To allocate responsibility for the Strategic Initiatives as follows:

School of Governance	Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs/Department of Effective Public Management
Social Conflicts	Executive Secretariat for Integral Development/Department of Sustainable Development
Interconnectivity in the Caribbean	Executive Secretariat for Integral Development/Departments of Economic Development and Sustainable Development
Inter-American Education System	Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity/Department of Social Inclusion
Natural Disaster Response	Executive Secretariat for Integral Development/Department of Sustainable Development

3. Given the cross-cutting nature and focus on education and social inclusion of Virtual Educa and its network of PopUp Schools, to allocate Virtual Educa and its network of PopUp Schools to the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity. This Secretariat shall coordinate with other areas of the General Secretariat, including the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development.

4. To instruct the competent areas of the General Secretariat to establish task forces to develop and execute each of the Strategic Initiatives.

5. The Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment shall also provide inputs for the Inter-American Education System, coordinated by the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity.

ABROGATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Executive Order shall replace any contrary provision and practice of the General Secretariat.
2. This Executive Order shall enter into force on the date it is signed.

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Luis Almagro
Secretary General

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