

Annex 1

Topics and outputs for the Second Edition of the Specialized Academic Network for Technical Cooperation of the IACHR

The IACHR presents the specific topics and outputs of highest priority at present for development in the framework of the Second Edition of the Specialized Academic Network for Technical Cooperation. Proposals submitted by Academic Institutions in response to the call for proposals must be based only on the topics and outputs described below.

It should be clarified that proposals for studies or thematic notes must meet the highest standards of scientific quality, which means that their development they must include hypotheses or clearly defined lines of work, an appropriate methodology, reliable data collection techniques, a review of the relevant literature on the subject, and a section containing conclusions. Proposed studies should have a maximum length of 70 pages.

Activities related to collection of information or promotion of studies or topics may include seminars, courses, forums, debates and webinars, whether in person or online. It is important to note that the proposed activities must be organized exclusively by the University or Academic Center. The IACHR will neither be responsible for nor co-organize such events.

List of topics and outputs:

1. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child

Topic: Alternatives to the institutionalization of children and adolescents

Outputs: Study on international standards (European Court and United Nations) regarding alternatives to the institutionalization of children and adolescents. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

2. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty

Topic: Social reintegration of persons deprived of liberty

Outputs: Study on international standards (European Court and United Nations) on social reintegration of persons deprived of liberty (focus on women and other groups at special risk). Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

3. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants

Topic: International standards and recommendations (European Court and UN) on migrant smuggling and/or rescue at sea.

Outputs: Study on international standards and recommendations of either the European Court and/or the UN System on migrant smuggling and/or rescue at sea

4. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants

Topic: Regional and national protocols on migrant smuggling and/or rescue at sea.

Outputs: A study on regional and/or specific protocols of one or more countries on migrant smuggling and/or rescue at sea.

5. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons

Topic: Institutionalization of older persons, access to health care and social security

Outputs: Studies on institutionalization of older persons, access to health and social security. Information-gathering or promotion activities may be proposed.

6. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Older Persons

Topic: Violence against older persons

Outputs: Studies on violence against older persons Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the studies may be proposed.

7. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice

Topic: Obstacles to justice and the fight against impunity in transitional justice.

Outputs: Conceptualization for the future compendium on national judgments on the subject, identifying and reflecting on lessons learned and regional challenges on the subject; or identifying good practices and gaps in inter-American jurisprudence in that regard. Information-gathering or promotion activities may be proposed.

8. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on Memory, Truth, and Justice

Topic: Memory, truth and justice database

Outputs: Construction of a database of IACHR documents on memory, truth and justice, with an emphasis on transitional justice.

9. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders

Topic: Justice operators and judicial independence

Outputs: Inputs, such as technical notes, a memorandum, a document or a thematic study gathering information on the main obstacles to judicial independence in the region. Information-gathering or promotion activities may be proposed.

10. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons

Topic: "Conversion therapies"

Outputs: Legal study on so-called "conversion therapies" or attempts to modify or suppress sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. The study should include a discussion of whether surgeries to "normalize" the sexual characteristics of intersex persons should, in light of international law, be considered within the sphere of "conversion therapies." The study should also cover international obligations to eradicate such harmful practices with an emphasis, not only on the standards established by the United Nations and regional human rights systems, but also on the pronouncements and practices of States that demonstrate their interpretations of international law in this area.

11. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons

Topic: Access to justice with a diversity perspective

Outputs: Study compiling good practices and opportunities for improvement in access to justice in cases of violence motivated by prejudice against sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or sexual characteristics of the victim. In particular, the research should cover existing legal mechanisms for punishing such violence, including specific criminal offenses or aggravating circumstances recognized in the domestic legal system. In addition, it should present an overview of the use of criminal law recognizing such offenses in the prosecution and punishment of this type of violence by judicial operators. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

12. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women

Topic: Sex work

Outputs: Regional study on sex work that could include: (1) An introduction to the current doctrinal debate on the approach to sex work (regulate or prohibit), including a comparative analysis of the main trends at either the regional or global level; (2) A regional analysis of domestic legal frameworks governing sex work, including, at a minimum, criminal, labor and health standards, as well as applicable international human rights protection framework; (3) It is desirable that the study include updated statistics on violence against sex workers, identifying trends in the forms of violence inflicted, perpetrators, and characteristics of those particularly targeted by such violence. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

13. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women

Topic: Surrogate pregnancy

Outputs: A regional study on surrogate pregnancy that could include: (1) An introduction to the current debate over its regulation or prohibition, including a comparative analysis; (2) Normative analysis that includes national legal frameworks at the regional level, as well as the applicable international human rights framework; (3) Updated statistics on the practice of surrogacy, identifying characteristics of surrogates and contracting persons, as well as countries or regions where it is most common. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

14. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination

Topic: Advances in comprehensive reparations for Afro-Descendants due to enslavement/the transatlantic slave trade.

Outputs: A regional study compiling good practices in the Hemisphere on progress in comprehensive reparations for Afro-Descendants due to enslavement/the transatlantic slave trade. Such practices may include measures of satisfaction, restoration of rights, guarantees of non-repetition, and redress (compensation). Crosscutting issues that can be addressed include Afro-descendent historical memory; access to justice; affirmative actions on economic, social, cultural and environmental rights, as well as on political rights. Incorporate an intersectional approach and a cross-cultural perspective. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

15. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination

Topic: The impact of climate change on Afro-descendent communities

Outputs: Regional study on the impact of climate change on Afro-descendent communities (urban and/or rural). The first part of the study would set the context, providing statistics and case studies of Afro-descendent communities that, due to their geographic location (due to displacement, gentrification, extreme poverty, and so on), are more exposed to the adverse effects of climate change. The second part would focus on how climate change impacts the rights of people of African descent differently by deepening inequalities and reinforcing patterns of historical racial discrimination. The last part would include standards of both the inter-American and the universal human rights system for the protection of people of African descent in the context of climate change. Incorporate an intersectional approach and a cross-cultural perspective. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

16. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Topic: Climate change and human rights of indigenous peoples

Outputs: A regional study on climate change and the human rights of indigenous peoples. The study could include: (1) an introduction to international instruments on climate change and a discussion of challenges regarding the inclusion and participation of indigenous peoples in the development and implementation of those instruments; (2) an analysis of the approach of universal treaty bodies and specific UN mechanisms on indigenous peoples with respect to climate change and indigenous peoples, through thematic reports, case studies, jurisprudence, etc.; (3) reports and cases under examination in the IAHRs that address relevant issues in connection with climate change and indigenous peoples' rights; (4) relevant case studies on the impacts of climate change on indigenous peoples in the region and/or proposals and responses from indigenous peoples to address those impacts (linking issues on the importance of ancestral knowledge and protection of indigenous peoples' lands, territories, natural resources, and self-determination); and (5) recommendations to the IACHR for addressing this issue from a human rights perspective in relation to specific cases, requests for precautionary measures, thematic reports, monitoring, and so on. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

17. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Topic: Appropriate regulatory adjustments for implementing a social model for the integration of persons with disabilities in institutions.

Outputs: A study on regulatory adjustments for implementing a social model for the integration of persons with disabilities in institutions. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

18. Rapporteurship: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Topic: Public policies that ensure the right to education and work for persons with disabilities

Outputs: A study to understand the progress and challenges in terms of access to public policies that ensure the right to education and work for persons with disabilities. The aim is to cast a light on the gaps that affect this group, as well as to promote good practices. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

19. Rapporteurship: Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights

Topic: Climate change

Outputs: Study on climate change in a particular country or group of countries, or at a subregional/regional level. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

20. Rapporteurship: Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights

Topic: Poverty

Outputs: Study on poverty in a particular country or group of countries, or at a subregional/regional level. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

21. Rapporteurship: Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression

Topic: Technology and human rights

Outputs: A study on technology and human rights at the conceptual level or in one or more countries in the region or at the regional level. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

22. Rapporteurship: Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression

Topic: Unprotected speech

Outputs: Study on unprotected speech in one or more countries or at the regional level. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

23. Section Recommendations and Impact Monitoring Section

Topic: Impact of IACHR activities on the promotion and protection of human rights.

Outputs: Useful methodological parameters for defining and measuring the impact of the IACHR activities on the promotion and protection of human rights.

24. Section Recommendations and Impact Monitoring Section

Topic: Implementation of recommendations on issues related to the rights of human rights defenders or LGBTI persons

Outputs: A study on: (1) implementation by one or more OAS member states of recommendations contained in thematic reports of the IACHR on the rights of human rights defenders or LGBTI persons; (2) the impact of IACHR activities for the promotion and protection of the rights of human rights defenders or LGBTI persons in the region or in one or more OAS member states. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

25. Section Promotion, Training, and Technical Cooperation Section

Topic: Justice and comprehensive reparation with a gender and diversity perspective in transitional contexts

Outputs: Inputs, such as technical notes or a thematic study to generate information for a compendium of comprehensive reparations with a gender and diversity perspective in transitional justice contexts, including research on gaps and good practices in the area of reparations and justice with a gender perspective. The aim of the compendium is to systematize standards developed by the Inter-American Commission within the framework of its different mandates and mechanisms on such

matters, highlighting developments with a differentiated approach that apply to justice and reparations in transitional contexts. Information-gathering or promotion activities may be proposed.

26. Section Promotion, Training, and Technical Cooperation Section

Topic: Democratic institutionalality, the rule of law, and human rights

Outputs: Inputs, such as technical notes or a thematic study, for a compendium on democratic institutionalality, the rule of law, and human rights. The aim of the compendium is to systematize standards developed by the Inter-American Commission, within the framework of its various mandates, on democratic institutionalality, the rule of law, and human rights, in light of advances made by the IACHR on individual cases and topics in that regard, in order to have a technical cooperation tool available to users of the IAHRs, state public policy operators, public officials, civil society, grassroots movements, academia, and experts, among other key actors.

Additional topics to expand the work of the IACHR in the Caribbean region

27. Topic: The death penalty in the Caribbean

Outputs: Study on the death penalty in the Caribbean, focusing on a particular country or countries. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.

28. Topic: The main challenges and opportunities for the universalization of the inter-American human rights system in the Caribbean.

Outputs: Study on the main challenges and opportunities for the universalization in the Caribbean of inter-American instruments with a focus on a particular country, countries, or the entire region. Information-gathering or promotion activities in connection with the study may be proposed.