
CHAPTER III

ACTIVITIES OF THE THEMATIC AND COUNTRY RAPPORTEURSHIPS AND PROMOTION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

1. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights performs its work of observing and follow-up specific human rights issues through its Country Rapporteurships and Thematic Rapporteurships. It should be noted that the IACHR conducts the aforementioned activities of observing and follow-up the human rights situations of the countries of the region, as well as the activities related to the issues addressed by the Thematic Rapporteurships, Units, and Special Rapporteurships, through a series of mechanisms that include *in loco* visits, country visits, press releases, and requests to States for information (letters based on Article 41 and Article 18).

2. Likewise, the IACHR conducts training and promotion activities—very frequently in coordination with the aforementioned rapporteurships—through its specialized work areas in order to disseminate information and provide training on inter-American human rights standards that have been set through the doctrine and case law of the IAHRs. The goal is to foster better understanding among civil society, networks of social actors, and Member States on their scope and, where pertinent, for their application to and incorporation into decisions, legal frameworks, and human rights-focused public policies. For the IACHR, strengthening State institutions today constitutes the basis for the materialization of rights in these countries.

3. With regard to the Rapporteurships, in 1990, the Inter-American Commission began creating thematic rapporteurships in order to devote attention to certain groups, communities, and peoples that are particularly at risk of human rights violations due to their state of vulnerability and the discrimination they have faced historically. The aim of creating a thematic rapporteurship is to strengthen, promote, and document the Inter-American Commission's own work on a specific issue. In this regard, the Rapporteurships encourage awareness of human rights among the peoples of the Americas.¹ The Rapporteurships also support the work of the IACHR in developing legal standards; contribute to the knowledge of the mechanisms of the inter-American system; and further access to national and international justice for the persons, groups, and communities related to this thematic approach. At the same time, the Rapporteurships of the IACHR engage in sustained cooperation with various sectors working on the issues they focus on, including the Rapporteurships of the United Nations and other universal mechanisms, civil society organizations, the States, and academia.

4. The Thematic Rapporteurships of the IACHR are governed by provisions established in Article 15 of its Rules of Procedure and in the practices established by the plenary of the Commission. The Commission approves the reports and work plans of each Rapporteurship and supervises the day-to-day implementation of their mandates. Given their status as thematic offices created by the IACHR itself, the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR define with precision the procedure for establishing them and for choosing the thematic rapporteurs. In addition, the Rules of Procedure regulate the functions performed by the IACHR in which its Rapporteurships participate. The rules and practices mentioned constitute an important set of rules that regulate the conduct of all the Rapporteurships and establish rigorous procedures for action.

¹ See Article 18(a) of the Statute of the IACHR.

5. The Thematic Rapporteurships also cooperate in performing the principal function of the IACHR of promoting the observance and protection of human rights, and serve as the consultative organ of the OAS on human rights.² In this regard, they may ask governments of the States to provide reports on the human rights-related measures they adopt³ and make recommendations for them to adopt progressive measures in favor of human rights, in keeping with the mandate of the IACHR. The rapporteurs also prepare studies and reports relevant to their thematic functions.⁴ As part of their duties, the rapporteurs may make working visits to the States and participate in on-site visits by the IACHR, with the consent or at the invitation of the respective government. Right now, the IACHR has eight Rapporteurships and Thematic Units:

- ◆ rights of indigenous peoples (1990);
- ◆ rights of women (1994);
- ◆ rights of migrants (1996);
- ◆ rights of the child (1998);
- ◆ rights of persons deprived of liberty (2004);
- ◆ rights of Afro-descendants and against racial discrimination (2005);
- ◆ rights of human rights defenders (2011);
- ◆ rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex persons (2014);
- ◆ rights of persons with disabilities (2017)
- ◆ rights of older persons (2017); and
- ◆ memory, truth, and justice (2017).

6. The IACHR also has the authority to establish Special Rapporteurships led by other individuals appointed by the Commission.⁵ In this framework, the Commission has had an Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression since 1997.⁶ This is a permanent office with its own operational structure. It is functionally independent and operates within the IACHR legal framework. On April 3, 2014, the IACHR also decided to create a Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (SRESCER), mindful of the interdependent and indivisible nature of human rights and the importance of protecting and promoting economic, social, and cultural rights in the region. By establishing this new Rapporteurship, which at present operates as a unit, the IACHR seeks to strengthen and deepen its work of defending and protecting the economic, social and cultural rights of the inhabitants of the Americas. As background for the creation of SRESCER, it should be recalled that during the process of strengthening the Inter-American system, both OAS Member States and other system stakeholders expressed interest in more attention being directed toward the issue of ESCR. As a result of that process, the IACHR created specialized institutional spaces. Effectively, during the 146th Ordinary Period of Sessions, which took place October 29 to November 16, 2012, the Commission, by virtue of its commitment to strengthening its work on economic, social, and cultural rights, and in response to input from States and civil society, established a Unit on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ESCR Unit).

7. Among their functions, the Rapporteurships have taken advantage of their mandate to promote regional initiatives on priority issues in the region relevant to their areas of focus. These initiatives have been strengthened by participatory processes of compiling information, including the perspectives of the States and civil society, preparing regional reports on pressing issues and presenting these reports, organizing promotional activities to disseminate knowledge of the standards of the inter-American system, circulating questionnaires, preparing consultations with experts, organizing relevant thematic hearings and working visits, producing press releases, and using other mechanisms. In relation to individual cases, the Rapporteurships continue participating and providing specialized input in the processing of individual

² See Article 106 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights (ACHR).

³ See Article 41 of the ACHR and Article 18(d) of the Statute of the IACHR.

⁴ Article 41 of the ACHR; and Articles 58 and 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR.

⁵ Article 15(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR.

⁶ The activities of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression are discussed in the annex to this Annual Report.

petitions alleging human rights violations received by the IACHR. They are also actively involved in analyzing requests for precautionary measures and accompanying hearings and friendly settlements.

8. The IACHR Thematic Rapporteurships employ continuous efforts to work in an articulated and strategic manner, taking into consideration the intersectionality of identities and risks that could accentuate human rights violations against various individuals, groups, and collectivities in the hemisphere. In this sense, the Rapporteurships have over the years identified issues of potential joint and cross-cutting collaboration, for example indigenous women, girls, and migrants deprived of liberty, among others.

9. By virtue of the aforementioned with regard to observation, promotion, and training activities, as well as the thematic work of the thematic Rapporteurships, this chapter is divided into three sections: A. Observation activities conducted by the IACHR through *in loco* and working visits, by country Rapporteurships as well as thematic Rapporteurships; B. Promotion and training activities; and C. Activities of Rapporteurships and thematic units.

A. IACHR observation activities conducted in 2018

10. By virtue of the aforementioned with regard to observation, promotion, and training activities, as well as the thematic work of the thematic Rapporteurships, this chapter is divided into three sections: 1. Observation activities conducted by the IACHR through *in loco* and working visits, by country Rapporteurships as well as thematic Rapporteurships; 2. Promotion and training activities; and 3. Activities of Rapporteurships and thematic units.

1. *In loco* visits

1.1 *In loco* visit to Honduras

11. The IACHR conducted an *in loco* visit to Honduras from July 30 to August 3, 2018. The purpose was to observe the situation of human rights in the country.

12. The delegation was led by First Vice President Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño and included Second Vice President Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva; Commissioners Flávia Piovesan and Antonia Urrejola; and Commissioner Joel Hernández García, IACHR country rapporteur for Honduras. Also joining the delegation were the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Paulo Abrão; the Assistant Executive Secretary, María Claudia Pulido; the Chief of Staff of the Executive Secretary, Marisol Blanchard Vera; the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza; Special Rapporteur for Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights, Soledad García Muñoz; and specialists from the Executive Secretariat.

13. The Inter-American Commission held meetings with government authorities, civil society representatives and organizations, human rights defenders, indigenous leaders, international organization, academic, journalists, and the private sector. It also collected testimony from victims of human rights violations and their relatives. The IACHR conducted unrestricted visits to a number of regions, including Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula, Tela, Puerto Lempira, and el Bajo Aguán. It also visited several State institutions, including detention centers and military bases.

14. At the conclusion of the *in loco* visit, on August 3, 2018, the IACHR held a press conference attended by representatives of domestic and international media, representatives of the State, civil society organizations, and international organizations. There, it issued its preliminary observations for the visit, which can be found in the Annex to [Press Release 171/18](#).

1.2 *In loco* visit to Brazil

15. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) conducted an *in loco* visit to Brazil on November 5-12, 2018. The purpose was to observe the situation of human rights in the country.

16. The delegation that conducted the *in loco* visit to Brazil was led by the President, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, and included the First Vice President, Commissioners Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Francisco Eguiguren Praeli, Joel Hernández García, and Antonia Urrejola Noguera, the country rapporteur for Brazil. Also joining the delegation were the Assistant Executive Secretary, María Claudia Pulido; the Chief of Staff of the Executive Secretary, Marisol Blanchard Vera; the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza; Special Rapporteur for Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights, Soledad García Muñoz; and specialists from the Executive Secretariat of the IACHR.

17. The Inter-American Commission held meetings with national authorities including the Ministry of Human Rights, the Supreme Federal Tribunal, the Ministry on Foreign Relations, the National Human Rights Council, the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic and state prosecutors, the Office of the Public Defender of the Union, state public defenders' offices, and other authorities from different municipal and state powers. It also met with civil society representatives and organizations, social movements and collectives, human rights defenders, people of African descent, *quilombolas*, indigenous peoples, *campesinos* and *campesinas*, people facing poverty and living on the street, leaders of the movement to defend the rights of a variety of groups facing historic discrimination, relatives of murdered police officers, leaders of the LGBTI movement, *favela* residents, and others. The IACHR also met with international bodies of the United Nations System and representatives of the diplomatic corps.

18. At the conclusion of the *in loco* visit, on November 12, 2018, the IACHR held a press conference attended by representatives of domestic and international media, representatives of the State, civil society organizations, and international organizations. There, it issued its preliminary observations for the visit, which can be found in the Annex to [Press Release 238/18](#).

19. The following is a table showing the *in loco* visits made by the IACHR during this period.

State	Date/place	Issue(s)/rapporteurships	Institutions visited	Commissioner/Rapporteur	Comment
Honduras	July 30 to August 3, 2018	Justice and impunity; violence; inequality; democratic institutions; the rights of girls, boys, adolescents, and young people; economic, social, cultural and environmental rights; and freedom of expression.	Government authorities of the three branches of State, civil society representatives.	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena; Commissioner Flávia Piovesan, Commissioner Antonia Urrejola, Commissioner Luis E. Vargas Silva, Commissioner Joel Hernández, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights	The IACHR conducted on-the-ground observation activities on the human rights situation in the country. See the Preliminary Observations from the visit: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media_center/PReleases/2018/171.asp

Brazil	November 5 to 12, 2018	Discrimination, inequality, poverty, democratic institutions and public policies on human rights.	Government authorities at the federal, state, and local level; civil society organizations; social movements and members of academia; human rights victims and their families.	President Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena; Commissioner Luis E. Vargas Silva; Commissioner Francisco José Eguiguren Praeli, Commissioner Joel Hernández, Commissioner Antonia Urrejola, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights	The IACHR conducted on-the-ground observation activities on the human rights situation in the country. See the Preliminary Observations from the visit: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media-center/PReleases/2018/238.asp
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2. Work visits

20. During this period, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted 25 work visits to 12 countries of the region (Bahamas, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, United States, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay). Of these work visits, eight were for promotion, one was protocolary, nine were for follow-up, and seven were visits to observe the human rights situation.

21. The following is a table showing the work visits made by members of the IACHR during this period in their capacity as thematic rapporteurs and country rapporteurs, as well as by the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.

State	Date/place	Issue(s)/rapporteurships	Institutions visited	Commissioner/Rapporteur	Nature of the visit	Comment
Mexico	February 6 and 7, Mexico	Special Follow-Up Mechanism for the Ayotzinapa Case (MESA, by its initials in Spanish)	Attorney General, Governance, Foreign Ministry, and representatives of the relatives	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena, Commissioner Luis E. Vargas	Follow-up visit.	Fifth follow-up visit on the Ayotzinapa matter.

Honduras	April 3 Tegucigalpa	Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child	Office of the Special Prosecutor on Children, Office on Children, Adolescents, and Family, Resident Representative of the OHCHR; civil society organizations.	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena	Promotion visit	Promotion visit: Dialogue roundtable with human rights civil society organizations on the “Political and social situation in Honduras in a context of violence that affects children and young people;” Forum: Violence, children and organized crime; Discussion with children, adolescents, and young people.
Honduras	April 2 to 4, Tegucigalpa	Post-electoral context, country situation.	Foreign Affairs, Secretariat on Human Rights, Presidency, Supreme Court, Public Min., Attorney General, OHCHR, United Nations Agencies, G16 Civil society organizations	Commissioner Joel Hernández	Protocolary visit	Protocolary and work visit. Issues addressed were related to precautionary measures and cases under friendly settlement agreements.
Peru	April 10-13 Lima	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child	In the framework of the Summit of the Americas, participation in promotional events.	President Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena.	Promotion visit	In the framework of implementing the project “Violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents: Challenges and good practices in Latin America and the Caribbean”.
Colombia	May 14 to 18 Bogotá and Cali,	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-descendants and against racial discrimination	Civil society organizations, United Nations agencies (UNICEF and UN Women) and the Office of the Ombudsman.	President Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena	Promotion visit	Promotion visit on the situation of women, girls, and adolescents, people of African descent, and the indigenous.

Nicaragua	May 17 to 21 Managua Masaya Leon Matagalpa	Excessive use of force Freedom of expression Human rights defenders Arbitrary arrests Life and integrity Health Access to justice	State facilities, health centers, hospitals, the Institute of Forensic Medicine and detention centers.	Commissioner Antonia Urrejola, Commissioner Joel Hernández, Commissioner Francisco Eguiguren, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression	Observation visit	Preliminary visit to observe the on-the-ground situation of human rights in the country in relation to the violent events that have taken place since April 18, 2018, document these facts, and issue the initial specific recommendations to the State. Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media-center/PReleases/2018/113.asp
Bolivia	May 20 and 21 Cochabamba	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women	Participation in the “International forum on comprehensive laws to eradicate violence against women: progress and challenges in the region.” Protocolary meeting with the Vice-Foreign Minister and Vice-Minister of Justice.	President Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay	Promotion visit	In the framework of implementing the project “Violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents: Challenges and good practices in Latin America and the Caribbean.”
Colombia	June 26 to 28 Bogota	Country rapporteur and vice president and Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child	Institutions included in the Peace Agreement (Unit on Victims, Special Jurisdiction for Peace, and Truth Commission), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Office of the Mayor of Bogotá.	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena, Commissioner Francisco Eguiguren	Follow-up and promotion visit.	Work visit to follow up on recommendations on adolescents in the framework of the implementation of the peace agreement.

Nicaragua	July 2-4 Managua	Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI, by its initials in Spanish) Country rapporteur	State authorities, civil society organizations, attorneys and relatives of detained individuals, human rights defenders, and representatives of the Catholic Church.	Commissioner Antonia Urrejola	Observation visit	Visit to verify the human rights situation in Nicaragua and establish the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts for Nicaragua (GIEI, by its initials in Spanish).
Ecuador	July 23-27 Quito	Special Follow-up Team (ESE, by its initials in Spanish), Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and country rapporteur	Foreign Minister, Attorney General, Prosecutor in charge of the case, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense, Secretariat of Communications, Judiciary Power, the Office of the Ombudsman, relatives of the victims and representatives.	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Edison Lanza,	Follow-up visit.	Visit to establish the Special Follow-up Team (ESE, by its initials in Spanish) to follow the investigation into the murders and the search for and delivery of the bodies in the context of Precautionary Measure 309-18, still in force.
United States	July 24 and 25, Washington D.C.	First Working Table on Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic	Team from the Executive Branch, Permanent Representative of Dominican Republic to the OAS, Attorney General, Ministry of the Presidency, Central Board of Elections, civil society.	Commissioner Luis E. Vargas	Follow-up visit.	Meeting to follow up on recommendations See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media_center/PReleases/2018/163.asp
Bolivia	August 14 to 17 La Paz, Cochabamba, and Santa Cruz	Official visit to introduce Commissioner Francisco Eguiguren as the new Country Rapporteur. Cases and petitions; labor rights; indigenous peoples	State Authorities. Universities, civil society organizations, political leaders	Commissioner Francisco Eguiguren	Work and promotion visit	Official visit to introduce Commissioner Francisco Eguiguren as the new Country Rapporteur. Working meetings on friendly settlements; academic activities and meetings. See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media_center/PReleases/2018/164.asp

Ecuador	August 20 to 24, Quito and Guayaquil	Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.	Journalists, media, civil society organizations and victims of violations of freedom of expression during the previous term of office, President Lenín Moreno, Foreign Minister José Valencia, Minister of the Interior, Vice Minister of Information and Communication Technologies, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Faith, President of the National Court of Justice, President of the Provincial Court of Guayas, National Secretary of Communication, the Office of the Ombudsman, President of the National Assembly, State Attorney General, the Minister of Telecommunications, the Telecommunications Regulation and Control Agency, Council for Regulation and Development of Information and Communication, General Manager of Public Media, General Director of the CIESPAL, Superintendent of Information and Communication, and with the Deputy Attorney General.	Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Edison Lanza	Observation visit	Official visit to Ecuador to evaluate the situation of freedom of expression in the country. See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/expression/showarticle.asp?artID=1115&IID=2
Mexico	September 3 and 5 Mexico DF Ayotzinapa	Special Follow-Up Mechanism for the Ayotzinapa Case (MESA, by its initials in Spanish)	Attorney General, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and victims' relatives and their representatives	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena, Commissioner L.E. Vargas	Follow-up visit.	Sixth follow-up visit on the Ayotzinapa case. See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2018/202.asp
Nicaragua	September 18 to 20 Managua	Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI, by its initials in Spanish) , Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty	Civil society representatives, human rights defenders and relatives of people deprived of liberty, relatives of detained individuals and their defense attorneys.	Commissioner Joel Hernández	Observation visit	Visit to analyze the detention conditions of people deprived of liberty over incidents associated with the protests that began on April 18. See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media-center/PReleases/2018/210.asp

<p>Colombia</p>	<p>September 24 to 26, Bogotá</p>	<p>First official visit to Colombia in the framework of the Special Follow-up Team (ESE, by its initials in Spanish) Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and country rapporteur Protection</p>	<p>Prosecutor in charge of the case, the director of the forensic medicine institute, and the medical team who conducted the examinations to identify the bodies, as well as with the Gaula anti-kidnapping and extortion unit that was in charge of advising the State of Ecuador on the management of the kidnapping of the aforementioned journalists, among other officials and entities involved in the investigation of the case.</p>	<p>Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Edison Lanza</p>	<p>Follow-up visit.</p>	<p>Follow-up visit on the progress made in this country to investigate the murders of three Ecuadorian journalists in the framework of the Special Follow-up Team (Precautionary Measure 309-18), still in force.</p>
<p>Costa Rica</p>	<p>October 14 to 18 San Jose, Upala, Peñas Blancas, La Cruz</p>	<p>Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants</p>	<p>Presidency of the Republic, General Office on Migration and Foreigners, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Faith, judges of the Migratory Administrative Court, Ministry of Interior, officials from the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, staff of the Refugee Units and the Office on Migration; and the Director of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Public Education.</p>	<p>Commissioner Luis E. Vargas</p>	<p>Observation visit</p>	<p>Visit to follow up on the situation of Nicaraguan individuals requesting asylum in need of international protection who have been forced to flee their country and seek international protection in Costa Rica.</p> <p>See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media_center/PReleases/2018/233.asp</p>

Uruguay	October 21 to 26 Montevideo	Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child	The Commissioner participated in the Second Forum on National Systems to Provide Comprehensive Protection to Children and Adolescents, organized by the Government of Uruguay. She also participated in the regular meeting of the Iniciativa NIÑ@SUR of RAADH-MERCOSUR and the Regional Consultation on Children and Adolescents Deprived of Liberty	Commissioner Emeralda Arosemena	Promotion visit	The IACHR provided comments on the declaration of Montevideo on systems of protection, presented the report "Guaranteeing the Rights of Children and Adolescents," and the Commissioner participated as a guest on the panel on the institutionalization of children and adolescents deprived of parental care.
Nicaragua	October 25-27, Managua	Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI, by its initials in Spanish), Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, and Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination	Civil society organizations, human rights defenders, representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Nicaragua, and representatives of the Catholic Church. Relatives of people who had died and individuals deprived of liberty in the context of the incidents involved in the protests that began on April 18. The State did not respond to a request to meet with officials.	President Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay	Observation visit	Visit to analyze the human rights situation in the country, especially the situation of women human rights defenders, women deprived of liberty, and people of African descent. See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media_center/PReleases/2018/245.asp

Peru	October 29 to 31 Lima	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child, democratic institutions, and judicial independence.	Foreign Ministry, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Ministry on Women and Vulnerable Populations, Constitutional Tribunal, Office of the Ombudsman, National Reparations Commission, High-level Multisector Commission, Supranational Human Rights Ombudsman, Supreme Court of Justice, Congressional Women and Family Committee, Congressional Legislative and Human Rights Committee.	President Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner Joel Hernández.	Promotion visit	Visit conducted in the framework of the project "Eradicating Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls, and Adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean" See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media-center/PReleases/2018/243.asp
Dominican Republic	November 20 and 21, Santo Domingo	Second Working Table on Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic	Representatives of the State.	President Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner Luis E. Vargas	Follow-up visit.	Follow-up visit on recommendations. See Press Release: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media-center/PReleases/2018/253.asp
Ecuador	November 22 to 24, Quito	Second Official Visit to Ecuador in the framework of the Special Follow-up team (ESE, by its initials in Spanish) Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and country rapporteur Protection	Attorney General of the State, the Prosecutor in charge of the investigation, the police unit supporting the investigation, and the technical team of the Ministry of the Interior. Work meeting with the relatives of the victims.	Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Edison Lanza Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena	Follow-up visit.	Follow-up visit on the progress made in the country to investigate the murders of three Ecuadorian journalists in the framework of the Special Follow-up Team (Precautionary Measure 309-18), still in force.

Mexico	November 26 Mexico, DF	Special Follow-Up Mechanism for the Ayotzinapa Case (MESA, by its initials in Spanish)	Attorney General, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and victims' relatives and their representatives	Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena, Commissioner Luis E. Vargas	Follow-up visit.	Seventh visit to present the conclusions of the final report of the Ayotzinapa Follow-up Mechanism.
Bolivia	November 27 to 30 La Paz, Sucre, Bolivia	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty	-Discussion with civil society, La Paz. -Course: Reduction of the Preventive Prison in the Framework of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights, La Paz. -Dialogue "Good practices and challenges for Penitentiary Reforms in the Region", La Paz. -Course: Reduction of Preventive Prison in the Framework of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights, Sucre.	Commissioner Joel Hernández.	Academic visit	The purpose of the visit was to train defenders, prosecutors, police and judicial authorities of high Courts on issues of preventive detention. The trainings took place in La Paz and Sucre.
Colombia	November 27 to 30 Bogota, Quibdó (Chocó), and Medellín (Antioquia)	Human rights defenders	Dozens of human rights defenders and social, communal, union, political, indigenous, Afro-Colombian, human rights organization, and church leaders.	Commissioner Francisco Eguiguren	Observation visit	Visit to conduct on-the-ground verification and observation of the situation of human rights defenders.
Bahamas	December 11 Nassau	Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child	Training seminar on "Inter-American standards on violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents," and participation in promotion activities with civil society organizations.	President Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena	Promotion visit	In the framework of implementing the project "Violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents: Challenges and good practices in Latin America and the Caribbean,"

3. Technical visits

22. During this period, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights conducted eight technical visits to two countries in the region (one technical visit to Mexico and seven visits to Nicaragua).

23. The following is a table listing the technical visits made by IACHR staff.

State	Date/place	Issue(s)/rapporteurships	Institutions visited	Technical team of the Executive Secretariat of the IACHR	Comment
Mexico	March 20-22	MESA	Officials from the Office of the Attorney General and representatives of the relatives.	Specialists Omar Gomez and Rafael Schincariol	Technical visit of the Follow-up Mechanism on the Ayotzinapa case
Nicaragua	June 24 to July 8	MESENI	Meeting with the Foreign Minister and senior officials from the Ministry of Health, the police, the Institute on Forensic Medicine, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Office of the Public Prosecutor, as well as with civil society organizations, victims, and relatives.	Executive Secretary Paulo Abrão, Assistant Executive Secretary Maria Claudia Pulido, Coordinators Fernanda dos Anjos, Fiorella Melzi and Alvaro Botero	Establishment of the Nicaragua Follow-up Mechanism
Nicaragua	July 30 to August 1	MESENI	Training and meetings with civil society organizations.	Specialist Andrés Pizarro	Technical visit of the Nicaragua Follow-up Mechanism
Nicaragua	August 5 and 6	MESENI	Meetings with civil society organizations, victims, and relatives.	Assistant Executive Secretary, Maria Claudia Pulido; Chief of Staff, Marisol Blanchard; Office Advisor, Joana Zylbersztajn.	Technical visit of the Nicaragua Follow-up Mechanism
Nicaragua	August 19 to 23	MESENI	Training and meetings with civil society organizations, victims, and relatives.	Specialist Jaime Vidal	Technical visit of the Nicaragua Follow-up Mechanism
Nicaragua	August 26 to 29	MESENI	Training and meetings with civil society organizations, victims, and relatives.	Coordinator Alvaro Botero	Technical visit of the Nicaragua Follow-up Mechanism
Nicaragua	September 2 to 7	MESENI	Training and meetings with civil society organizations, victims, and relatives.	Coordinator Fernanda Dos Anjos	Technical visit of the Nicaragua Follow-up Mechanism
Nicaragua	September 10 to 13	MESENI	Meetings with civil society organizations, victims, and relatives.	Coordinator Fiorella Melzi	Technical visit of the Nicaragua Follow-up Mechanism

4. Press Releases

24. As part of its mandate to follow up the human rights situation in the hemisphere, in 2018, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights issued 204 press releases on situations causing concern, along with statements recognizing the good practices of several States. Through this mechanism, the Commission addressed the human rights situation in 22 countries of the region.

25. The following is a list of all the press releases issued by the Commission in 2018. This list includes the 204 press releases related to the monitoring mandate, which are also included in Chapter I, which lists all the press releases issued by the IACHR in 2018.

Country	Number and title
Regional	R1/18 - Special Rapporteurship on Freedom of Expression Presents E-Book on the Right to Freedom of Expression in the Doctrine of the Inter-American System of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., January 9, 2018
	37/18 - IACHR Presents Report on National Child Protection Systems. Bogota, Colombia., February 27, 2018
	39/18 - IACHR Launches Report on Comprehensive Protection Policies for Human Rights Defenders. Bogota, Colombia., February 28, 2018
	40/18 - IACHR and OHCHR agree on joint actions to protect human rights defenders in 2018. Bogota, Colombia., March 1, 2018
	44/18 - On International Women’s Day, the IACHR Urges States to Refrain from Adopting Measures that Would Set Back Respect for and Protection of Women’s Rights. Washington, D.C., March 8, 2018
	48/18 - IACHR Adopts Resolution on Forced Migration of Venezuelans. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2018
	53/18 - IACHR Publishes Resolution on Corruption and Human Rights. Washington, D.C., March 16, 2018
	55/18 - On the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the IACHR and the UN Special Rapporteur on racism call on States to adopt special measures and affirmative actions towards Afro-descendant persons. Washington, D.C., March 21, 2018
	R57/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the IACHR presents its 2017 Annual Report. Washington, D.C., March 23, 2018
	58/18 - Inter-American, African and UN Human Rights Experts to Hold Dialogue on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Sex Characteristics. Washington, D.C., March 23, 2018
	D59/18 - SRESCER of the IACHR urges the prioritization of actions aimed at the realization of the rights to water and sanitation in the Hemisphere. Washington, D.C., March 23, 2018
	60/18 - On the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the IACHR Urges States to Employ Efforts to Protect and Promote Afro-American Culture. Washington, D.C., March 23, 2018
	69/18 - On the occasion of International Transgender Day of Visibility, the IACHR and a UN expert urge States to guarantee the full exercise of the human rights of transgender persons. Washington, D.C./Geneva, March 29, 2018

R76/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur of the IACHR expresses extreme concern over the situation of the journalists kidnapped in the border between Ecuador and Colombia; and calls on both States to coordinate efforts to guarantee their release. Washington, D.C., April 3, 2018
R78/18 - New registration record in the course "International Legal Framework of Freedom of Expression, Access to Public Information and Protection of Journalists". Washington, D.C., April 4, 2018
D83/18 - SRESCER Welcomes Decisions Taken in the Region to Face Climate Change. Washington, D.C., April 17, 2018
R93/18 - Joint Declaration on Media Independence and Diversity in the Digital Age. Washington, D.C., May 2, 2018
R98/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression invites to consultation on access to information, violence against women, and the administration of justice in the Americas. Washington, D.C., May 9, 2018
103/18 - IACHR Conducts Roundtable Discussion on the Limits and Potentialities of its Recommendations Follow-up Process. Santo Domingo, May 11, 2018
109/18 IACHR Calls for Participation in a Public Consultation of the Unit on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Washington, D.C., May 16, 2018.
110/18 - Leave no LGBT person behind - Statement by human rights experts on the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. Banjul/Geneva/Strasbourg/Washington, D.C., May 16, 2018
123/18 - Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child Urges States to End Corporal Punishment and Bullying Against Children and Adolescents. Washington, D.C., June 1, 2018
129/18 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Geneva / Washington, D.C., June 15, 2018
136/18 - 26 June joint statement – "United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture" Washington, D.C., June 26, 2018
153/18 - IACHR Welcomes Change by WHO to Stop Regarding Gender Identity as a Disorder. Washington, D.C., July 18, 2018
154/18 - IACHR Welcomes Progress in the Protection of Older Persons and their Right to Health. Washington, D.C., July 18, 2018
157/18 - IACHR welcomes broad participation in consultation on Persons with Disabilities. Washington, D.C., July 20, 2018
160/18 - ACHR Notes Recent Good Practices in the Protection of the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons in 5 Countries in the Region. Washington, D.C., July 23, 2018
161/18 - On International Afro-Latin American, Afro-Caribbean and Diaspora Women's Day, the IACHR calls on States to encourage and strengthen their political participation. Washington, D.C., July 25, 2018
167/18 - IACHR and IPPDH Announce the Call for the International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights. Washington, D.C. / Buenos Aires, July 27, 2018
174/18 - To Mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, the IACHR Urges States to Implement Public Policies to Protect Indigenous Peoples Who Have Been Forced to Migrate. Washington, D.C., August 9, 2018
175/18 IACHR and IPPDH Jointly Organize Activities to Raise Awareness of the Issue of Older People. Washington, D.C., August 9, 2018
183/18 - IACHR expresses concern about the situation of Nicaraguan migrants and refugees and calls on the States of the region to adopt measures for their protection. Washington, D.C., August 15, 2018
197/18 - Joint Statement for the development of a regional response to the massive arrival of Venezuelans to the Americas of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and committees,

organs and special procedures of the United Nations). Washington, D.C. / Geneva, September 5, 2018
207/18 - IACHR and PAHO Call on Countries to Guarantee Access to Care Services and Medical Attention for People with Alzheimer's Disease. Washington, D.C., September 21, 2018
208/18 - Bi Visibility Day – Making the existence of bisexual persons visible is a key building block in the eradication of violence and discrimination against them. Geneva / Washington, D.C., September 21, 2018
R214/18 - On the International Day of Access to public information, the IACHR's Special Rapporteur for freedom of expression evaluates: The compliance of State obligations regarding "Access to information, violence against women and the administration of justice in The Americas". Washington, D.C., September 28, 2018
217/18 - IACHR Urges States to Recognize and Promote the Use of Sign Language. Washington, D.C., October 4, 2018
221/18 - International Day of Older Persons. Geneva / Washington, D.C., October 9, 2018
225/18 - IACHR expresses concern over the situation of the "Migrant Caravan" from Honduras and calls on the States of the region to adopt measures for their protection. Washington, D.C., October 23, 2018
227/18 - IACHR Calls for Making Visible and Combating Discrimination and Violence against Intersex Persons. Washington, D.C., October 26, 2018
229/18 - IACHR invites civil society organizations and other interested actors to submit information on the human rights situation in the region. Washington, D.C., October 30, 2018
237/18 - IACHR Invites Participation in an Expert Regional Consultation on Combating Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Other Forms of Intolerance. Washington, D.C., November 6, 2018
246/18 IACHR and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) sign Declaration of Commitment for Technical Cooperation. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2018
247/18 On Transgender Day of Remembrance, the IACHR Calls on States to Provide Comprehensive Protection for the Lives of Trans and Gender-Diverse People. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2018
250/18 International Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women – November 25, 2018. Washington, D.C., November 26, 2018
259/18 IACHR Notes Progress on the Right to Vote for People with Disabilities in the Americas. Washington, D.C., December 3, 2018
260/18 - IACHR and IA Court Announce Second Inter-American Human Rights System Forum. Washington, D.C., December 5, 2018
261/18 - "Human rights defenders are one of the essential pillars that hold up democracy." International Human Rights Defenders Day, December 9, 2018. Washington, D.C., December 7, 2018
262/18 - International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights closes week in Washington DC. Washington, D.C., December 7, 2018
268/18 - IACHR urges OAS member states to sign and ratify the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Older Persons. Washington, D.C., December 14, 2018
269/18 - IACHR and OHCHR complete regional consultations on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. Washington, D.C., December 14, 2018
272/18 - On the occasion of International Migrants Day, the IACHR urges the States of the region to adopt measures to guarantee the effective enjoyment of the human rights of migrants. Washington, D.C., December 18, 2018

	275/18 IACHR Welcomes Progress towards the Recognition of Gender Identity in the Region. Washington, D.C., December 21, 2018
Argentina	79/18 - IACHR Welcomes the Implementation of the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture in Argentina. Washington, D.C., April 4, 2018
	117/18 - IACHR Welcomes Progress in the Administration of Justice in Argentina. Washington, D.C., May 25, 2018
	119/18 - IACHR Welcomes the Approval of the Protocol for the Investigation and Litigation of Femicides in Argentina. Washington, D.C., May 29, 2018
Barbados	159/18 - IACHR Welcomes Ruling by the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) Making Mandatory Death Penalty in Barbados unconstitutional. Washington, D.C., July 23, 2018
Bolivia	62/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern over People Killed and Injured in a Bolivian Prison. Washington, D.C., March 26, 2018
	192/18 - IACHR Wraps-Up Working Visit to Bolivia. Washington, D.C., August 28, 2018
Brazil	3/18 - IACHR Condemns Deaths of People Held in Brazilian Prison. Washington, D.C., January 11, 2018
	R10/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Two Journalists in Brazil and Urges the State to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington, D.C., January 29, 2018
	22/18 - IACHR and U.N. Commissioner for Human Rights express concern over judicial action regarding <i>quilombola</i> peoples in Brazil. Washington, D.C. / Santiago, Chile, February 7, 2018
	27/18 - IACHR Condemns Murder of Campesino Defender of the Right to Land in Brazil. Washington, D.C., February 13, 2018
	30/18 - IACHR Condemns Deaths of 10 People in Prison in Ceará, Brazil. Washington, D.C., February 16, 2018
	47/18 - OHCHR and IACHR express concern over federal intervention in Rio de Janeiro. Washington, D.C., March 13, 2018
	49/18 - IACHR Welcomes decision in favor of women imprisoned in Brazil. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2018
	52/18 - IACHR Repudiates Murder of Councilor and Defender of Human Rights in Brazil. Washington, D.C., March 16, 2018
	84/18 - IACHR Condemns Deaths of at least 21 People in Brazilian Prison. Washington, D.C., April 23, 2018
	85/18 - IACHR Welcomes Brazilian Supreme Court Decision to Allow Trans Persons to Change Name through Self-Declaration. Washington, D.C., April 23, 2018
	138/18 - IACHR Dismayed over Frequent Deaths of Teenagers in Brazilian Detention Centers. Washington, D.C., June 27, 2018
	R140/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the killing of journalist in Brazil. Washington, D.C., June 29, 2018
	168/18 - IACHR Condemns Murders of Human Rights Defenders Linked to Environmental and Land Rights and to Rural Laborers in Brazil. Washington, D.C., July 27, 2018
	R191/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the murder of a Journalist in Brazil and urges the authorities to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington, D.C., August 28, 2018
	209/18 - IACHR Expresses Deep Concern over Growing Violence against Afro-descendants in Brazil. Washington, D.C., September 26, 2018
232/18 - IACHR conducts on site visit to Brazil. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2018	
238/18 - IACHR Concludes Visit to Brazil. Washington, D.C., November 12, 2018	

	276/18 - IACHR and Regional Office for South America of the OHCHR Condemn Murders of Rural Activists in Brazil. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2018
Canada	13/18 - IACHR Welcomes Elimination of Long-Term Solitary Confinement of People with Mental Disabilities in Ontario, Canada. Washington, D.C., January 30, 2018
	20/18 - IACHR Welcomes Creation by Canada of an Ombudsperson to Oversee Canadian Companies Operating Abroad. Washington, D.C., February 6, 2018
Chile	46/18 - IACHR Welcomes Creation of Office of Ombudsman for Children in Chile. Washington, D.C., March 12, 2018
	185/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern over the Granting of Conditional Release to those Convicted of Serious Human Rights Violations in Chile. Washington, D.C., August 17, 2018
	249/18 - IACHR expresses its concern about the acts of violence that occurred in the Indigenous Community of Temukuikui in Chile. Washington, D.C., November 21, 2018
Colombia	65/18 - IACHR Urges Colombia to Adopt Urgent Measures to Protect Human Rights Defenders and Social Leaders. Washington, D.C., March 27, 2018
	86/18 - IACHR Condemns Attack on a Committee of Colombia's Land Restitution Unit. Washington, D.C., April 23, 2018
	139/18 - IACHR meets with the institutions included in the Peace Agreement in Colombia. Washington, D.C., June 28, 2018
	155/18 - IACHR Condemns Murders of Human Rights Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia. Washington, D.C., July 19, 2018
	176/18 - IACHR Condemns Death of Nine Persons in Colombia. Washington, D.C., August 9, 2018
	180/18 - IACHR Salutes Gender Parity in the Cabinet of Ministers in Colombia. Washington, D.C., August 13, 2018
	184/18 - IACHR Welcomes Measures Adopted by Colombia to Regularize Migration and Access to Rights for Venezuelans. Washington, D.C., August 17, 2018
Costa Rica	181/18 - IACHR Welcomes Supreme Court Decision on Equal Marriage in Costa Rica. Washington, D.C., August 14, 2018
	233/18 - Preliminary observations on the working visit to monitor the situation of Nicaraguans forced to flee to Costa Rica. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2018
Cuba	R82/18 - IACHR publishes merit report in case related to the criminalization of political opinion and deliberation in Cuba. Washington, D.C., April 11, 2018
	R152/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Expresses Concern over Criminal Convictions for desacato laws in Cuba. Washington, D.C., July 17, 2018
Ecuador	106/18 - IACHR and its Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Report on Follow-up after the Murder of Members of a Team of Ecuadorian Reporters. Santo Domingo, May 11, 2018
	165/18 - IACHR and its Office of the Special Rapporteur installed in Quito Special Follow-Up Team for the murder of members of El Comercio's journalistic team. Washington, D.C., July 26, 2018
	R188/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur concludes its visit to Ecuador and presents its preliminary observations and recommendations on freedom of expression in the country Washington, D.C., August 24, 2018
	235/18 - Special Follow-Up Team on the Investigations Regarding the Team of Journalists from El Comercio Newspaper Finishes the First Stage in Its Work plan and Reports on the Challenges the Investigation is Facing. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2018
El Salvador	11/18 - IACHR Wraps Up Working Visit to El Salvador. Washington, D.C., January 29, 2018

	32/18 - IACHR Welcomes Decisions on Clarifying Forced Disappearances in El Salvador. Washington, D.C., February 20, 2018
	42/18 - IACHR Urges El Salvador to End the Total Criminalization of Abortion. Washington, D.C., March 7, 2018
	63/18 - IACHR Calls on El Salvador to Not Renew Extraordinary Measures in Detention Centers. Washington, D.C., March 26, 2018
	74/18 - IACHR Urges El Salvador to Comply with the Recommendations from the Truth Commission's Final Report, 25 Years after its Publication. Washington, D.C., April 2, 2018
	120/18 - IACHR Welcomes El Salvador's Accession to the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons. Washington, D.C., May 29, 2018
	178/18 - IACHR and the UN's Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons Welcome Decision Made by El Salvador's Constitutional Chamber on Internal Displacement Caused by Violence. Washington, D.C., August 10, 2018
	204/18 - IACHR Announces the End of the First module of Training Course on Transitional Justice for the Justice Sector in El Salvador. Washington, D.C., September 11, 2018
	242/18 - IACHR Transitional Justice Training Workshop in El Salvador Concludes Successfully. Washington, D.C., November 16, 2018
United States	4/18 - IACHR Expresses Deep Concern about the Human Rights Situation in Puerto Rico. Washington, D.C., January 18, 2018
	6/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern for Decision of the United States regarding Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Washington, D.C., January 19, 2018
	29/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Situation of Immigrant Defenders in the United States. Washington, D.C., February 16, 2018
	31/18 - IACHR Condemns Decision of the United States to Maintain Guantanamo Prison Open. Washington, D.C., February 20, 2018
	130/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Recent Migration and Asylum Policies and Measures in the United States. Washington, D.C., June 18, 2018
	R143/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur of the IACHR expresses alarm and condemns mass shooting inside Capital Gazette newsroom in the United States. Washington, D.C., July 2, 2018
	R170/18 - Trump attacks on the media violate basic norms of press freedom, human rights experts say. Washington, D.C., August 2, 2018
	213/18 - IACHR Presents Report on the Situation of Children in the Adult Criminal Justice System in the United States. Washington, D.C., September 27, 201
	234/18 - IACHR Urges the United States to Stay the Execution of Roberto Moreno Ramos. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2018
	244/18 - IACHR Condemns Execution of Roberto Moreno Ramos in Texas. Washington, D.C., November 16, 2018
Guatemala	R19/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Two Journalists in Guatemala, Urges State to Investigate Fully and Implement Protection Mechanism. Washington, D.C., February 5, 2018
	43/18 - A Year after the Tragedy at a Guatemalan Residential Institution, the IACHR Expresses Concern about the State's Slow and Incomplete Response. Washington, D.C., March 8, 2018
	64/18 - IACHR Releases a New Report on the Human Rights Situation in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., March 27, 2018
	R95/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns murder of journalist in Guatemala and urges to investigate the relation to his journalistic activity. Washington, D.C., May 4, 2018

	101/18 - IACHR Condemns Deaths of at Least Seven People in Guatemalan Prison. Santo Domingo, May 10, 2018
	137/18 - IACHR and OHCHR Condemn Murder of Campaigners and Activists Supporting Indigenous Peoples and Peasants in Guatemala Washington, D.C. / Guatemala City, June 27, 2018
	142/18 - IACHR welcomes historic decision in the fight against impunity for crimes committed during the internal armed conflict in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., July 2, 2018
	158/18 - IACHR, UN Experts Express Concern over Forced Evictions and Internal Displacement in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., July 20, 2018
	190/18 - IACHR Condemns the Death of at least Four People in a Guatemalan Jail. Washington, D.C., August 28, 2018
	196/18 - IACHR Expresses its Concern over Guatemala's Decision to not Renew the Mandate of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG). Washington, D.C., September 4, 2018
	230/18 IACHR Expresses Alarm over the Increase in Murders and Aggressions against Human Rights Defenders in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., October 31, 2018
Haiti	R71/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur expresses its extreme concern over the disappearance of journalist Vladimir Legagneur in Haiti, and urges the authorities to take necessary measures to determine his whereabouts. Washington, D.C., March 29, 2018
Honduras	7/18 - IACHR and OHCHR Express Concern over Threats and Practices of Harassment against Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, and Media Outlets in Honduras Following the Elections. Tegucigalpa/Washington, D.C., January 19, 2018
	8/18 - In View of Ongoing Post-Electoral Tensions, IACHR Welcomes Creation of a Human Rights Secretariat in Honduras. Washington, D.C., January 22, 2018
	131/18 - IACHR Urges Honduras to Guarantee International Standards for Independence and Impartiality in the Process of Appointing the Country's New Attorney General Washington, D.C., June 21, 2018
	164/18 - IACHR Makes On-site Visit to Honduras. Washington, D.C., July 26, 2018
	171/18 - IACHR Has Concluded its Visit to Honduras and Presents its Preliminary Observations. Tegucigalpa, August 3, 2018
	256/18 - In Light of the Forthcoming Ruling on the Berta Cáceres Case, the OHCHR and the IACHR Express Concern over the Exclusion of Victims' Legal Representatives and Unjustified Delays in the Trial. Washington, D.C., November 28, 2018
Mexico	R5/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Journalist Carlos Domínguez in Mexico and Urges the State to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington, D.C., January 19, 2018
	R28/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Citizen Journalist in Mexico, Urges Authorities to Investigate Relationship to Publications and Punish Perpetrators. Washington, D.C., February 14, 2018
	87/18 - IACHR Welcomes Mexico's Move to Develop a Survey on Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Washington, D.C., April 23, 2018
	R89/18 - Mexico: Human rights experts call for media independence to be safeguarded in new government advertising bill. Geneva / Washington, D.C. - April 24, 2018.
	102/18 - IACHR Observes Violence During the Electoral Process in Mexico. Santo Domingo, May 10, 2018.
	R115/18 - The Special Rapporteur condemns murder of journalist in Mexico and urged to investigate relationship with his journalistic activity. Washington, D.C., May 24, 2018

	R125/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the murder of journalists in Mexico and notes with concern the situation of violence against media workers. Washington, D.C., June 1, 2018
	126/18 - IACHR Presents Performance Report on the Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Ayotzinapa, Mexico, One Year Into its Work. Washington, D.C., June 6, 2018
	R149/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the murder of another journalist in Mexico and urges to investigate the relationship to his journalistic activity. Washington, D.C., July 11, 2018
	R173/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns two new murders of journalists in Mexico and urges the State to implement recommendations on protection and law enforcement. Washington, D.C., August 7, 2018
	202/18 - Special Mechanism on Ayotzinapa Case Makes Second Official Visit to Mexico. Washington, D.C., September 11, 2018
	R212/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Journalist in Mexico and Urges to Redouble Efforts to Prevent Violence against Journalists. Washington, D.C., September 27, 2018
	236/18 - International Experts call Mexico to ensure continued and sufficient funding for the Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders and Journalists in Mexico. Washington, D.C., November 2, 2018
	251/18 - IACHR Welcomes Mexican Supreme Court of Justice Ruling on Unconstitutionality of Domestic Security Law. Washington, D.C., November 26, 2018
	254/18 - Special Follow-Up Mechanism on the Ayotzinapa Case Presents Final Report. Washington, D.C., November 28, 2018
	263/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns Murder of Journalists in Mexico and Calls on New Government to Redouble Efforts to Prevent Violence against Journalists. Washington, D.C., December 13, 2018
	Nicaragua
90/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Deaths in the Context of Nicaraguan Protests. Washington, D.C., April 24, 2018	
94/18 - IACHR to Set Up a Coordination Unit to Monitor Events in Nicaragua. Santo Domingo, May 3, 2018	
105/18 - IACHR Stresses Request for Nicaragua to Authorize a Visit. Santo Domingo, May 11, 2018	
108/18 - IACHR to Make On-site Visit to Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 14, 2018	
111/18 - IACHR Announces Dates and Scope of Upcoming Visit to Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 17, 2018	
113/18 - Preliminary observations on the IACHR working visit to Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 21, 2018	
118/18 - IACHR Condemns Renewed Violence in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 25, 2018	
121/18 - IACHR to Create Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts to Help Investigate Recent Violence in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 30, 2018	
124/18 - IACHR Urges Nicaragua to Dismantle Parapolice Groups and Protect Right to Peaceful Protest. Washington, D.C., June 1, 2018	
128/18 - IACHR Condemns Increased Violence in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., June 13, 2018	
134/18 - IACHR Issues Report on Nicaragua's Serious Human Rights Situation. Washington, D.C., June 22, 2018	
135/18 - IACHR Launches Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI). Washington, D.C., June 25, 2018	

141/18 - The Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI) Completes First Week in Action. Managua, July 2, 2018
145/18 - IACHR Announces Establishment of Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts for Nicaragua. Managua, July 2, 2018
147/18 - IACHR and Regional Office of the High Commissioner condemn new acts of violence in Nicaragua and attacks on members of the Catholic Church Managua/Panama, July 10, 2018.
148/18 - IACHR Denounces Worsening, Deepening and Diversifying Repression in Nicaragua and Expresses Concern over the Situation of Children and Adolescents in the Country. Managua, July 11, 2018
156/18 - The Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI) Completes Third Week in Action, Observes Tougher Repression and Raids by Police and Parapolice Groups. Washington, D.C./ Managua, July 19, 2018
169/18 - IACHR Confirms Reports of Criminalization and Legal Persecution in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., August 2, 2018
187/18 - IACHR Calls On the State of Nicaragua to Cease the Criminalization of Protest and Respect Persons Deprived of Liberty and Their Families. Managua / Washington, D.C., August 24, 2018
195/18 - IACHR Regrets the Conclusion of the Invitation to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., August 31, 2018
R201/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns political pressure and indirect censorship against journalists and media in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., September 8, 2018
D203/18 - SRESCER views with serious concern information about arbitrary dismissals and harassment against medical personnel, university professors and students in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., September 10, 2018
210/18 - Rapporteur on the Rights of People Deprived of Liberty Visits Nicaragua. Managua / Washington, D.C., September 26, 2018
222/18 - IACHR and Special Rapporteurship on Freedom of Expression express deep concern over decision to declare protests illegal in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., October 9, 2018
223/18 - IACHR warns of new wave of repression in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., October 18, 2018
231/18 - The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and its Office of the Special Rapporteur Express Grave Concern at the New Attempt by the Government of Nicaragua to Impose Restrictions on Television Channel 100% Noticias. Washington, D.C., October 31, 2018
245/18 - President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Visits Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., November 16, 2018
248/18 - IACHR's MESENI expresses concern over Nicaragua's strategy to prevent social protest. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2018
255/18 - IACHR condemns the arbitrary expulsion of human rights defender in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., November 28, 2018
265/18 - IACHR Condemns the Cancellation of the Legal Personality of Human Rights Organizations in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., December 13, 2018
R267/18 - Experts on freedom of expression of the UN and the Inter-American System condemn attacks and threats against journalists and the media in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., December 14, 2018
273/18 - IACHR denounces aggravation of the repression and the closure of democratic spaces in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., December 19, 2018
274/18 - Press release about Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., December 19, 2018

Paraguay	R228/18 - Committee of Experts and Special Rapporteurship of the IACHR express their concern over the threats against journalist Noelia Díaz Esquivel in Paraguay. Washington, D.C., October 30, 2018
Peru	26/18 - Experts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the IACHR and the United Nations express their concern at the adoption of a law that declares the construction of highways in the Peruvian Amazon as a priority and a national interest. Washington, D.C., February 13, 2018
	144/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Prevalence of Murder and Other Forms of Extreme Violence against Women in Peru. Washington, D.C., July 2, 2018
	R151/18 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Expresses Concern over Measures Forcing Journalists in Peru to reveal their sources and materials. Washington, D.C., July 12, 2018
	216/18 - IACHR Welcomes Measures Recognizing the Legal Capacity of People with Disabilities in Peru. Washington, D.C., October 2, 2018
	219/18 - IACHR Welcomes Ruling from the Supreme Tribunal of Pretrial Investigation of the Supreme Court of Justice of Peru to Repeal the Fujimori Pardon. Boulder, Colorado, October 5, 2018
	243/18 - IACHR completes working visit to Peru. Washington, D.C., November 16, 2018
Dominican Republic	75/18 - IACHR Installs Working Group on Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic. Washington, D.C., April 3, 2018
	163/18 - IACHR and Dominican State Hold First Working Group on the Implementation of Human Rights Policies. Washington, D.C., July 25, 2018
	253/18 - IACHR Holds the Second Working Meeting on the Implementation of Human Rights Public Policies in the Dominican Republic. Washington, D.C., November 27, 2018
Trinidad y Tobago	88/18 - IACHR Welcomes Decision to Decriminalize Consensual Sexual Relations between Same Sex Adults in Trinidad and Tobago. Washington, D.C., April 23, 2018
Venezuela	16/18 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights Urge the State of Venezuela to Protect and Respect the Rights to Food and Health. Washington, D.C., February 1, 2018
	18/18 - IACHR To Launch Report on Human Rights Situation in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., February 2, 2018
	25/18 - IACHR Presents Report on the Human Rights Situation in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., February 12, 2018
	50/18 - IACHR Presents in Geneva Report on the Human Rights Situation in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 15, 2018
	77/18 - IACHR Condemns Deaths of Scores of People at a Venezuelan Detention Center. Washington, D.C., April 3, 2018
	112/18 - IACHR Warns about Lack of Adequate Conditions to Hold Free and Fair Elections in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., May 18, 2018
	193/18 - IACHR Expresses Concern about the Situation of Congressmen of the National Assembly in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., August 29, 2018
	215/18 - Venezuela: Human rights experts say health system in crisis. Geneva / Washington, D.C., October 1, 2018

5. Requests for information

26. In exercise of its monitoring functions, the IACHR also issued 78 letters requesting information from the States of the region. Of these letters, 64 were issued under Article 41 of the American Convention on Human Rights and 14 under Article 18 of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. The following table lists the dates and subjects of those requests for information, along with the countries to which they were issued. Of the total, 10 were sent by the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression. Likewise, the Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights issued four requests for information and participated jointly with the Executive Secretariat on the preparation of three letters. Of the total number of requests for information, 50 were answered by the States and 28 were not answered, meaning that 64% were answered by States.

27. Additionally, the IACHR requested information from all the States that are part of the OAS on human rights progress and challenges, with a special emphasis on the following focal points established by the Commission in its Strategic Plan 2017-2021: Democratic institutions, human rights institutions, access to justice and citizen security, and the right to the environment.

28. The following is a list of all the requests for information issued by the Commission in 2018.

State	Request for Information - Article 18				Request for Information - Article 41			
	Date	Subject	Total	State response	Date	Subject	Total	State response
Antigua and Barbuda	7/23/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities	2	No				
	11/7/2018	Situation of people deprived of liberty in Her Majesty's prisons.		No				
Argentina					1/25/2018	Acts of violence committed by the provincial police against <i>wichí</i> young people in the Cincuenta Viviendas neighborhood of Ingeniero Juárez, to the northeast of Formosa, Argentina.	3	Yes
					4/26/2018	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in conjunction with the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR.		No

					8/14/2018	Request for information on facts and information received on the right to freedom of expression		Yes
Barbados					7/23/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities	1	No
Bolivia					7/17/2018	Request for information on the alleged use of force by police officers during protests.	2	Yes
					7/26/2018	Closure of the radiotherapy unit of Hospital de Clínicas in La Paz.		No
Brazil					2/26/2018	Death of four adolescents while in State custody in the semi-release socio-educational center Mártir Francisca in Ceará, Brazil.	7	Yes
					3/15/2018	Decree 9,288/2018, establishing a federal intervention in the state of Río de Janeiro.		Yes
					4/13/2018	Investigation into two murders, those of counselor and human rights defender Marielle Franco and of Anderson Gomes, in Río de Janeiro.		Yes
					4/18/2018	Investigation into the participation of members of the armed forces in murders in the Salgueiro community in the state of Río de Janeiro.		Yes
					5/4/2018	Death of two adolescents in the Dr. Zequinha Parente Socio-Educational Center.		Yes
					8/10/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities		Yes

					8/14/2018	Obstetric violence against a woman living on the street, victim of forced sterilization conducted by the State of Brazil.		Yes
					12/28/2018	Investigation into alleged participation of military police officers in acts of violence and incitement in Vila Corbelia, Ciudad Industrial in Curitiba, Paraná.		No
Canada	2/8/2018	Prevalence of suicide and suicide attempts in indigenous communities of Canada.	1	Yes				
Chile					5/22/2018	Sexual violence against and death of girl named Ámbar Lezcano in Chile.	3	Yes
					6/22/2018	Regulation of conscientious objection with regard to the provision of legal abortion services in Chile.		Yes
					7/27/2018	Environmental pollution and its impact on health in the Atofagasta Region		No
Colombia					4/11/2018	Investigation into the murder of journalist Nelson Carvajal Carvajal 20 years after the facts.	7	No
					6/19/2018	Illegal spying and communications monitoring in Colombia		Yes
					7/19/2018	Protection of senior citizens in care centers in Villavicencio.		Yes
					7/23/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities		Yes
					8/6/2018	Sexual violence and exploitation of children and adolescents in Colombia		Yes

					9/7/2018	Law 1,922 of 2018 "Through which Rules of Procedure are adopted for the Special Peace Jurisdiction."		Yes
					9/19/2018	Violence against women human rights defenders.		Yes
Costa Rica					7/23/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities	1	Yes
Cuba	7/16/2018	Hunger and thirst strikes	3	No				
	8/10/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities		No				
	10/18/2018	Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.		No				
Ecuador					1/17/2018	Call for a popular consultation and referendum to reform the Constitution of the Republic.	2	Yes
					9/4/2018	Criminal proceedings brought against 23 indigenous leaders for exercising and administering indigenous justice.		Yes
El Salvador					2/6/2018	Measures to assist victims of internal forced displacement in the Republic of El Salvador.	5	Yes

					4/25/2018	Process to select the magistrates of the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of El Salvador.		Yes
					7/3/2018	Extraordinary measures in prisons in El Salvador.		Yes
					11/2/2018	Measures to comply with judgment 411-17 of the Supreme Court of Justice of El Salvador, recognizing the existence of forced displacement of persons.		Yes
					11/21/2018	Investigation and trial in cases of forced disappearance.		No
Granada					8/6/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities	1	No
Guatemala					3/15/2018	Initiative to approve antiterrorism law (Initiative 5239).	4	No
					9/18/2018	Judgment of the Constitutional Court on the crime of femicide.		Yes
					10/24/2018	Historical Archive of the National Police of Guatemala.		No
					11/20/2018	Measures to protect and respect the human rights of migrants and those seeking asylum.		Yes
Haiti					6/1/2018	Disappearance of journalist Vladjimir Legagneur on March 14, 2018, in Haiti.	1	Yes
Honduras					2/6/2018	Measures to provide care for victims of internal forced displacement in the Republic of Honduras.	5	Yes
					6/7/2018	Joint letter sent by the UN Rapporteur and the Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression on the Cybersecurity Act.		No

					6/12/2018	Selection process for the Attorney General of the Republic.		Yes
					8/24/2018	Situation of Mr. José Luis Soto Sierra, an individual deprived of liberty in Honduras.		Yes
					10/15/2018	Amendments of Article 22 of the Adoption Act.		Yes
Jamaica					2/14/2018	State of emergency declared in Saint James Parish, Jamaica.	1	Yes
Mexico					6/26/2018	Regulation of conscientious objection with regard to the provision of legal abortion services in Mexico.	4	Yes
					8/10/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities		Yes
					8/31/2018	Disappearances in Nuevo Laredo		Yes
					11/21/2018	Measures to protect the human rights of migrants and those seeking asylum who have joined caravans.		Yes
Nicaragua					5/30/2018	Situation of two people deprived of liberty in the Office on Judicial Aid of the National Police.	4	No
					7/10/2018	New facts of violence in Carazo department.		No
					8/15/2018	Dismissals in hospitals and health clinics.		No
					12/21/2018	Cancellation of the juridical personality of civil society organizations.		No
Paraguay					2/1/2018	Situation of individuals belonging to the Ava Guaraní Jejeytymirí who were evicted and displaced.	2	Yes

					7/3/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities		Yes
Peru					1/16/2017	Bill 1123/2016-CR on building highways and maintaining access roads in the Ucayali region.	7	Yes
					1/23/2018	Bill to regulate State advertising.		Yes
					5/3/2018	Sexual violence against girls and adolescents in schools		No
					7/17/2018	Request for information on facts of corruption in the judicial system.		Yes
					10/11/2018	Request for information on the bill creating a national system on transparency, access to public information, and protection of personal information.		Yes
					12/27/2018	Situation of disciplinary procedure launched ex officio against provincial prosecutor José Domingo Pérez Gómez.		Yes
Dominican Republic					7/10/2018	Request for relevant information to hold the Working Table on Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic	2	Yes
					11/2/2018	Request for relevant information (questionnaire) to hold the Second Working Table on Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic.		No

Surinam					9/20/2018	Appointment of Albert Aboikoni as Supreme Chief of the village of Saramaka.	1	Yes
Trinidad y Tobago	5/25/2018	Situation of migrants and people requesting asylum and refugee status.	1	No				
Uruguay					5/2/2018	Threats against human rights defenders.	1	Yes
Venezuela	1/11/2018	Joint Communication of Special Procedures: Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in conjunction with the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR.	7	No				
	2/22/2018	Operation Gedeón.		No				
	7/16/2018	Release of people deprived of liberty.		No				
	7/23/2018	Right to vote for persons with disabilities		Yes				
	8/14/2018	Request for information on hemodialysis patients in the state of Mérida.		No				

	11/7/2018	Request for information on the death of Fernando Albán, councilor of the Libertador municipality.		Yes				
	12/6/2018	Access to contraceptive methods and practices in the public health system.		No				
Total			14				64	

6. Reports Approved

29. During 2018, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights approved 13 country and thematic reports. The following is a list of the reports approved during this period.

RAPORTEURSHIP	TITLE OF THE REPORT
Country rapporteurship/Follow-up.	Situation Report. Special Follow-Up Mechanism to the Ayotzinapa Case of the IACHR.
Country rapporteurship/Follow-up.	Final Report: Follow-Up Mechanism to the Ayotzinapa Case.
Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child	The Situation of Children in the Adult Criminal Justice System in the United States.
Country Rapporteurship	Gross Human Rights Violations in the Context of Social Protests in Nicaragua.
Technical cooperation and public policies / Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants,	Internal Displacement in the Northern Triangle: Guidelines for the Formulation of Public Policies.
Technical cooperation and public policies / Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants,	Practical Guide: Guidelines on the formulation of public policies on internal displacement.
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination.	Afro-descendants, Police violence, and Human Rights in the United States.
Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons.	Progress on and challenges to recognizing the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas.
Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants.	Right to seek and receive asylum, right to remain, and due process guarantees in processes to determine refugee status. Thematic Compendium Norms and standards.
Technical Cooperation and Public Policies.	Public policies with a human rights focus.
Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.	Special Report on the Situation of Freedom of Expression in Mexico.
Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.	Women Journalists: Gender-based discrimination and violence against women journalists for exercising their profession.
Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.	Freedom of Expression in Cuba.

7. Resolutions Approved

30. In 2018, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights approved two resolutions on issues to which it has been paying special attention: corruption and human rights, and the forced migration of Venezuelans.

31. On March 2, 2018, the IACHR issued Resolution 1/18 on Corruption and Human Rights, where it concludes that corruption is a complex phenomenon that affects human rights in their entirety – civil, political, economic, social, cultural and environmental –, as well as the right to development; weakens governance and democratic institutions, promotes impunity, undermines the rule of law, and exacerbates inequality. In the Resolution, the IACHR underscores four focal points under which it makes recommendations for addressing the phenomenon from a human rights approach, as follows: 1. Independence, impartiality, autonomy and capacity of judicial systems; 2. Transparency, access to information, and freedom of expression; 3. Economic, social, cultural and environmental rights; and 4. International cooperation.

32. On that same date, the IACHR issued Resolution 2/18 on the Forced Migration of Venezuelans, which addressed the causes of mass forced migration of Venezuelans to multiple countries of the region and the world; the risks that population faces due to a lack of legal, regular and safe channels to migrate; and the multiple obstacles to obtaining international protection, as well as discrimination, threats to life and personal integrity, sexual and gender-based violence, abuse and exploitation, human trafficking, the disappearance of migrants and refugees once they reach the destination country; and obstacles to accessing humanitarian assistance. Therefore, the IACHR urged OAS Member States to implement a series of actions in response to the grave and complex crisis of forced migration of Venezuelans to other countries, pursuant to the international obligation of States to respect and guarantee the human rights of everyone under their jurisdiction.

B. IACHR Training and Promotion Activities

33. The Inter-American Commission has a mandate to promote human rights in the region, pursuant to its Charter, as well as its Statute and Rules of Procedure. In this regard, it raises the awareness of the public on human rights in the Americas and recommends OAS Member States adopt measures to contribute to their protection.

34. The IACHR orients its training and promotion activities on inter-American human rights standards that have been set through the doctrine and case law of the IAHRs. The goal is to foster better understanding among civil society, networks of social actors, and Member States on their scope and, where pertinent, for their application to and incorporation into decisions, legal frameworks, and human rights-focused public policies.

35. The IACHR's Strategic Plan 2017-2021 established strategic objective 3 (SO3), which focuses on creating an orderly strategy that strengthens the promotion and training activities conducted by the IACHR as one of the pillars of its institutional work. In that framework, the IACHR decided to develop a "comprehensive promotion and training program on the inter-American system," which includes: awareness and prevention campaigns; inter-American human rights conferences, seminars, and events; activities for disseminating reports; measures to have an impact on education in human rights; training courses on public policies on human rights and on the inter-American system and inter-American standards; thematic courses; and support for national and regional competitions related to the inter-American system.

36. Throughout 2018, promotion and training activities on the IAHRs in the hemisphere were strengthened. It should be noted that approximately 1310 people receive training in the different courses and workshops held or sponsored by the IACHR, and a total of approximately 5443 people participated in promotional activities on the inter-American human rights system.

1. Training Activities

37. The goal of the training activities is to develop capacities through training on the different mechanisms through which the IACHR works, its standards, and strengthening the human rights-focused institutions and public policies of States. It also seeks to build the capacity for action of organizations and networks of social and academic actors who work to defend human rights. In the framework of joint training activities, the following training activities for 2018 can be highlighted on a preliminary basis:

1.1 International Course on Human Rights Public Policies IACHR/IPPDH

38. In 2018, the Third Edition of the International Course on Human Rights Public Policies took place, organized and hosted for the first time jointly by the IACHR and Mercosur's Institute on Human Rights Public Policies (IPPDH, by its initials in Spanish).

39. The course is aimed at training stakeholders in the region on the human rights approach to public policy and targeted public officials responsible for designing, directing, executing, and evaluating public policies; members of social organizations and movements; academics; and the general public. Based on an outlook that recognizes the progress and challenges in the region, it offered an overview of the experiences and challenges that implementing the human rights approach posed for State institutions. The study process offered through the international course combined training in the theory and practice of international human rights law, the inter-American system for the protection of human rights, social sciences, and public administration, as well as a presentation of practical experiences with a significant impact on the guarantee of rights implemented in recent years by the States of the region.

40. This initiative is within the framework of implementing Strategic Plan 2017-2021 of the IACHR, which established a program to promote other policies aimed at strengthening respect for human rights as a central component of processes to strengthen national capacities to implement inter-American human rights standards.

41. This blended course was given in three stages. The first stage is virtual, lasting eight weeks, and given through the virtual campus of the International School of the IPPDH. The second stage is face-to-face and required, and lasts five days at IPPDH headquarters in Buenos Aires. This edition of the course also included an optional week for specialization in the inter-American system. The week was offered in the framework of the 170th Ordinary Period of Sessions of the IACHR, at IACHR headquarters.

42. 100 people from 22 countries in the hemisphere participated in this training. The training was conducted by instructors from the IPPDH and the IACHR. A total of 26 people participated in the optional face-to-face week in Washington DC.

1.2 Specialized training workshop on transitional justice

43. In the framework of technical cooperation activities to enhance State capacity in the judicial sector, a training session was conducted on transitional justice lasting four months and aimed at members of El Salvador's justice system. The training event was held in collaboration with the Justice System Coordination Committee of El Salvador and through the Technical Executive Unit.

44. The training activity is part of the Regional Human Rights and Democracy Project, executed jointly with the Pan-American Development Fund (PADF) and with funding from the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The project's objective is to contribute to enhancing knowledge on the inter-American human rights system and its standards among key local actors in charge of protecting and defending human rights in the States of Central America's northern triangle.

45. The training workshop was offered in four consecutive modules between August and November 2018, with a total of 64 hours of instruction and participation from 280 public officials from El Salvador's justice system. In those modules, IACHR specialists and international experts addressed a variety of relevant issues with regard to transitional justice, including the right to truth, memory, and justice; the importance of the oversight of the Inter-American Convention; the fact that crimes against humanity cannot be subject to prescription; Inter-American standards on the forced disappearance of persons; the responsibilities of third parties; and patterns of criminality, as well as the need to provide comprehensive reparations in cases of grave human rights violations.

1.3 Training activities in Nicaragua

46. Throughout 2018, capacity building was conducted and training offered to Nicaraguan civil society on international human rights standards through the IACHR's Special Follow-up Mechanism for Nicaragua – MESENI.

47. Nine training sessions were offered in the cities of Managua and Matagalpa, Nicaragua, training a total of 249 people on issues such as the mechanisms and standards of the Inter-American human rights system; refugee status and international protection; human trafficking; the rights of individuals deprived of liberty; and transitional justice. Also, 24 participants in San Jose, Costa Rica, were trained on the inter-American human rights of Nicaraguans who were forced to flee to Costa Rica.

48. Capacity building of Nicaraguan civil society organizations will remain on the work agenda of the IACHR's MESENI as part of its commitment to the victims of human rights violations in Nicaragua.

49. Below is a brief listing of the joint training activities organized by the IACHR showing the work conducted on this subject during 2018, divided into two tables: one with general information on the training activities, and the other with information on the activities held in Nicaragua to strengthen the capacities of civil society, academia, and other stakeholders there.

Activity name	Subject	Place and date	Number of people trained	Groups trained
Training course on transitional justice for the justice sector in El Salvador.	Transitional justice	San Salvador, El Salvador, August 27-30.	70	Officials from different agencies of El Salvador's justice system.
		San Salvador, El Salvador, September 17-20.	70	Officials from different agencies of El Salvador's justice system.
		San Salvador, El Salvador, October 15 to 18.	70	Officials from different agencies of El Salvador's justice system.
		San Salvador, El Salvador November 12 to 15.	70	Officials from different agencies of El Salvador's justice system.

Training seminar: Combating violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Inter-American standards on the rights of women.	Bogota, Colombia., March 5-6, 2018	80	Officials from various State entities and representatives of civil society organizations.
Training workshop for officials of the Office of the State's Attorney for Human Rights of El Salvador.	Inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms.	San Salvador April 16 and 17	30	Officials of the office of the Attorney General for human rights.
Training workshop for officials of the Office of the State's Attorney for Human Rights of Honduras.	Inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms.	Tegucigalpa, April 19 and 20	34	Officials of the office of the Attorney General for human rights.
Training workshop for officials of the Guatemalan Office of the State's Attorney for Human Rights.	Inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms.	Guatemala, April 23 and 24	28	Officials of the office of the Attorney General for human rights.
Training sessions on human mobility for officials of the states of the northern triangle.	Inter-American standards on human mobility.	Tegucigalpa, April 26 and 27.	33	State officials.
Training sessions on human mobility for officials of the states of the northern triangle.	Inter-American standards on human mobility.	San Salvador, May 16 and 17	20	State officials.
Training sessions on human mobility for officials of the states of the northern triangle.	Inter-American standards on human mobility.	Guatemala, May 23 and 24	12	State officials.

Workshop on the inter-American human rights system, Master's students studying human rights at the Universidad Milano-Bicocca.	Inter-American human rights system and its mechanisms.	Washington, D.C., June 11 and 15.	17	University students.
Training on Paraguay's system for monitoring recommendations – SIMORE PLUS.	Following up on recommendations.	Washington, D.C., June 25-27	20	IACHR officials.
Training: The Inter-American system and the rights of women.	Inter-American standards on the rights of women.	Nassau, Bahamas, September 5.	30	Participants include representatives of civil society in The Bahamas.
Workshop on the situation of human rights defenders in the region and comprehensive policies to protect them.	Training certificate on the Inter-American human rights system – Héctor Fix-Zamudio 2018.	Mexico City, September 7, 2018.	30	Certificate students.
International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights. Blended modality.	Human rights approach to public policy.	Buenos Aires, Argentina and Washington, D.C. United States, from September 10 to February 15, 2019.	109	Civil Society, public sector, and academia.
Seminar on the inter-American human rights system, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, friendly settlements, and follow-up recommendations for CARICOM countries.	Friendly settlement and follow-up recommendations mechanism.	Washington, D.C. United States, October 9 to 10.	10	Diplomats and officials of the Missions to the OAS.
Training on the inter-American human rights system and standards on ethnic-racial and LGBTI equality and non-discrimination.	Dissemination and exploration of inter-American standards on the rights to equal protection and non-discrimination of people of African descent and LGBTI persons.	Mexico City, Mexico, October 13.	20	Afro-Mexican civil society organizations.

IACHR regional training workshop on the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights, its standards, and its mechanisms.	Inter-American system for the protection of human rights, its standards, and its mechanisms.	Washington, D.C., United States of America. October 15 to 19.	14	Members of civil society organizations.
The right to freedom of expression and an approach to digital rights.	Inter-American human rights system and freedom of expression.	Washington, D.C. United States, from October 22 to 25.	18	Members of civil society organizations.
IACHR workshop on public policies with a human rights approach.	Human rights approach to public policy.	Santiago, Chile, October 28.	31s	Officials from different agencies of the Chilean government.
Workshop on the rights of displaced individuals, refugees, and those requesting asylum in Honduras.	Protection of the rights of displaced individuals, refugees, and those requesting asylum.	Tegucigalpa, Honduras, October 29-30, 2018.	35	Judges and magistrates of the Honduran judicial system.
Workshop on the rights of displaced individuals, refugees, and those requesting asylum in Honduras.	Protection of the rights of displaced individuals, refugees, and those requesting asylum.	San Pedro Sula, Honduras, 8-9 November 2018.	45	Judges and magistrates of the Honduran judicial system.
Meeting of exchange of good practices for national human rights institutions. Training in Public Policies and the Inter-American Human Rights System.	Public policies, Inter-American system and technical cooperation.	Guatemala City, Guatemala, 13-14 November 2018.	20	Authorities of Human Rights institutions.
Training on Inter-American standards on the rights of women and nondiscrimination against people of African descent and LGBTI persons.	Dissemination and exploration of inter-American standards on the rights of women, people of African descent, and LGBTI persons.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, November 18.	30	Individuals belonging to groups of Afro-descendants, women, LGBTI persons, and human rights defenders.
Training seminar: Combating violence and discrimination against women, girls, and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Inter-American standards on the rights of women.	Nassau, Bahamas, November 27, 2018.	26	Individuals belonging to groups of Afro-descendants, indigenous peoples, and human rights defenders.

Workshop on the rights of displaced individuals, refugees, and those requesting asylum in Honduras.	Protection of the rights of displaced individuals, refugees, and those requesting asylum.	La Ceiba, Honduras, November 29-30, 2018.	29	Judges and magistrates of the Honduran judicial system.
Tenth course on the inter-American and universal human rights systems for protecting human rights, directed at civil society.	Standards of the Inter-American System.	November 28 to December 7, Washington, D.C., United States of America.	32	Civil society organizations
Workshop on the procedural aspects of the friendly settlement mechanism. Online workshop.	Friendly settlement mechanism.	IACHR – Washington, D.C., United States of America. December 14	55	Government officials in Brazil.

1.4 Training conducted by the Special Follow-up Mechanism for Nicaragua

50. The following is a concise overview of the training activities conducted in the framework of the Special Follow-up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI) during 2018.

Activity name	Subject	Place and date	Number of people trained	Groups trained
Transitional Justice Training Course (MESENI).	Transitional justice.	Managua, Nicaragua, July 13.	25	Civil society.
Training workshop on IACHR mechanisms: MESENI and GIEI (MESENI).	Standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to the situation in Nicaragua.	Managua, Nicaragua, July 14.	30	Relatives of the victims of human rights violations.
Training workshop on inter-American human rights standards (MESENI).	Standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to the situation in Nicaragua.	Managua, Nicaragua, June 29.	35	Civil society.

Training workshop on IACHR mechanisms and inter-American human rights standards (MESENI).	Standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to the situation in Nicaragua.	Managua, Nicaragua, from July 31 to August 1.	14	Civil society.
Training workshop on IACHR mechanisms and inter-American human rights standards (MESENI).	Standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to the situation in Nicaragua.	Matagalpa, Nicaragua, August 22 and 23.	23	Human rights defenders.
Training on refugees and international protection.	Refugees and international protection.	Managua, Nicaragua, August 29.	43	Students, human rights defenders, and civil society in general.
Training on human trafficking and international standards.	Human trafficking and international standards.	Managua, Nicaragua, September 6.	15	Women human rights advocates.
Training workshop on inter-American human rights standards (MESENI).	Standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to the situation in Nicaragua.	Managua, Nicaragua, September 8.	19	Students, human rights defenders, and civil society in general.
Training on the rights of people deprived of liberty.	Rights of persons deprived of liberty.	Managua, Nicaragua, September 19.	45	Civil society.
Training workshop on inter-American human rights standards (MESENI).	Standards of the inter-American human rights system applicable to the situation in Nicaragua.	San José, Costa Rica, November 30.	24	Human rights defenders.

2. Promotion Activities of the Rapporteurships and other Areas

51. In 2018, the IACHR held or was invited to participate in a large number of promotion activities and events. Below are 12 tables with information on the promotion activities conducted by the Rapporteurships, thematic units, and other work areas of the IACHR over the course of the year and in the exercise of their authorities to promote human rights. The activities of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and the Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (REDESCA) are detailed in annexes 1 and 2 of this annual report.

52. Overall, the IACHR conducted a total of 162 promotional activities to disseminate IAHR standards and enhance the capacities of government officials, as well as to reach social and academic organizations and networks that defend human rights from at least 19 countries of the region, from OAS observer States, and from other States, reaching an estimated total of 6000 individuals. Many of these activities were organized in partnership with other actors, increasing collaboration with civil society organizations, regional and international institutions, and States. The activities took place in Argentina, Brazil, Honduras, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Senegal, China, Spain, Switzerland, France, Germany, and Thailand.

53. It should be noted that the Second Forum on the Inter-American human rights system, was held jointly by the Commission and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (Inter-American Court) on December 10, 2018, in Bogotá. The event was organized and hosted by the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of Colombia. In the framework of the Second Forum, the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the American Convention on Human Rights were celebrated, along with International Human Rights Day.

54. The purpose of this joint initiative by both human rights bodies was to generate and promote discussion on the present and future of human rights in the region, the efficacy of the system, the need to increase Member State compliance with the IACHR's recommendations and the judgments of the Inter-American Court, and other key issues on the human rights agenda for the Americas. It created an Inter-American space for constructive exchange among all stakeholders—States, civil society, international organizations, universities, social and union groups, and the general public—on IAHR.

55. The following table lists the 7 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples participated.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF INDEGENEOUS PEOPLES					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Extractive Industries and National Action Plans (NAPs) on Corporations and Human Rights.	The Fundación para el Debido Proceso (DPLF) and the Mesa Redonda Internacional para la Rendición de Cuentas Empresarial (ICAR).	Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	February 28	Extractive Industries and National Action Plans (NAPs) on Corporations and Human Rights.

<p>The path to building political-electoral representation for indigenous communities and Afro-Mexican communities in the State of Guerrero.</p>	<p>DPLF, civil society organizations of the State of Guerrero.</p>	<p>Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.</p>	<p>Campeche, Mexico.</p>	<p>March 7-9</p>	<p>Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.</p>
<p>Panel: Rights of indigenous women: a vital tool to guarantee gender equality and economic and social empowerment.</p>	<p>United Nations.</p>	<p>State representatives, authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.</p>	<p>New York, USA</p>	<p>March 12-23</p>	<p>Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System. Parallel event in the framework of the 62nd session of the Committee on the Legal and Social Status of Women.</p>
<p>Panel: Collective rights of indigenous peoples to land in Brazil: context, challenges and recommendations.</p>	<p>UN</p>	<p>State representatives, authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.</p>	<p>New York, USA</p>	<p>April 17</p>	<p>Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System. Parallel event in the framework of the 17th Session - United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.</p>
<p>Meeting on Human Rights Report and Pan-Amazonian</p>	<p>Red Eclesial Panamazónica</p>	<p>Experts on the subject, and civil society organizations.</p>	<p>Quito, Ecuador.</p>	<p>June 18-20</p>	<p>Academic visit to the Catholic University: Promotion and dissemination of human rights and Pa-Anamazon. Participation of Commissioner Antonia Urrejola.</p>
<p>First Expert Meeting on Indigenous Health in the Americas.</p>	<p>IACHR, PAHO</p>	<p>Experts on the subject</p>	<p>Washington, D.C., United States of America.</p>	<p>July 9</p>	<p>Promotion and dissemination of standards on the subject, as well as the search for and establishment of spaces for collaboration among regional and</p>

					international institutions.
Dialog: Adopting mandates to advance the rights of indigenous peoples at the country level	URPD	National and regional human rights institutions, and human rights institutions of indigenous peoples	Geneva, Switzerland.	July 11	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System. Parallel event in the framework of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Eleventh session
International events on prior consultation and protocols for ethnic peoples.	OHCHR-Colombia	State representatives, authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	Cartagena, Colombia.	December 3 and 4	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.

56. The following table lists the 25 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women participated.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN					
Activity name	Organized by:	Audience	Location	Date	Objective
Expert meeting: Violence against women in journalism and the media.	IACHR Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.	Experts on journalism and women's rights.	Bogotá, Colombia.	February 20	Gathering views of experts as a contribution to the thematic report of the IACHR.
New frontiers for inter-American standards on the protection of human rights.	IACHR	General public.	Bogotá, Colombia.	February 27	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Dialogue with regional mechanisms on violence against women.	IACHR and Office of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women of the United Nations.	Experts on women's rights from the regional human rights mechanisms.	Bogotá, Colombia.	February 28	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.

Parity in Latin America: Where are we?	Gqual Campaign, CEJIL, Center for Reproductive Rights, IACHR. With support from Canada.	General public.	Bogotá, Colombia.	March 2	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Expert meeting: Eradication of violence and discrimination against women in Latin America and the Caribbean.	IACHR	Civil society.	Bogotá, Colombia.	March 3	Gathering views of experts as a contribution to the thematic report of the IACHR.
Training seminar: Interamerican standards on eradicating violence and discrimination against women and girls.	IACHR	Civil society representatives and State officials.	Bogotá, Colombia.	March 3	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Committee on the legal and social status of women: CSW62.	United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women.	Experts on women's rights of regional human rights mechanisms.	New York, USA.	March 8-15	Promote and disseminate women's rights.
Presentation of report: Indigenous women	Indigenous women	General public.	New York, USA.	March 20	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Meeting of experts: Eradication of violence and discrimination against women in Latin America and the Caribbean.	IACHR	Experts on women's rights of regional human rights mechanisms.	Lima, Peru	April 12	Gathering views of experts as a contribution to the thematic report of the IACHR.
Launch of the Working Group on Women's Empowerment and Leadership.	CIM, OAS, Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Representatives of different State institutions, members of civil society, academia, and the general public.	Lima, Peru	April 13	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Meeting with Afro-Colombian women.	Race and Equality, IACHR.	Civil society.	Lima, Peru	May 16	Establish a dialogue with civil society. This meeting took place in the context of a promotional visit to Colombia.
Discussion: Sexual and reproductive rights, a comparative view of the situation in Colombia and the	IACHR, Women's Link Worldwide, Universidad Externado.	Human rights experts, judges, magistrates, students, State officials.	Bogotá, Colombia.	May 17	Promote inter-American standards on sexual and reproductive rights.

Dominican Republic.					
International forum on comprehensive laws to eradicate violence against women: progress and challenges in the region.	Alianza Libres sin Violencia.	Representatives of different State institutions, members of civil society, members of academia, judges, women's rights experts.	Cochabamba, Bolivia.	May 20	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Meeting of experts to draft a comprehensive Inter-American Model Law to prevent, sanction and eradicate violent deaths of women resulting from their gender (femicide / femicide).	MESECVI, UN WOMEN.	Experts on women's rights of regional human rights mechanisms.	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.	July 10	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
40th Anniversary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.	IACHR, Inter-American Court of Human Rights.	Human rights experts.	San José, Costa Rica.	July 18	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Training: The inter-American system and the rights of women.	Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights.	Civil society organizations.	Nassau, Bahamas.	September 5	Promote the standards of the inter-American system on the rights of women.
Meeting of experts on eliminating violence against women.	UN, IACHR, GREVIO, MESCVI	Experts on women's rights.	Boulder, United States.	October 3	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Academic event on the impacts of the zika virus on the sexual and reproductive rights of women, girls, and adolescents.	Center for Reproductive Rights, IACHR.	Experts on women's rights, academics, students, and civil society.	Boulder, United States.	October 8	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
The rights of women in all the IACHR mechanisms.	George Washington University.	Law students.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	October 8	Promote the standards of the inter-American system on the rights of women.
Academic event on women's rights through the IACHR mechanisms.	George Washington University.	Law students.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	October 30	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Academic events on women and constitutional law: 25 years of the law regulating violence against women.	Constitutional Court of Peru, Center for Constitutional Studies.	Magistrates, Judges, academia, law practitioners.	Lima, Peru	October 31	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.

Academic event on judicial corruption and access to justice for women, girls, and adolescents.	DEMUS Perú, CLADEM Perú	Women's rights experts, academia, civil society.	Lima, Peru	October 31	Promote the standards of the inter-American system on the rights of women.
Dialogue with civil society on the Dominican Republic. Follow-up on recommendations.	IACHR	Officials, civil society.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.	November 18	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Symposium: "Women's rights in The Bahamas: Where do we stand?"	IACHR	Civil society organizations, academia.	Nassau, Bahamas.	December 11	Promote the standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System.
Reproductive rights are human rights.	Universidad de los Andes (School of Law), Center for Reproductive Rights	Students, civil society, representatives of the State, judges.	Bogotá, Colombia.	December 11	Promote inter-American standards on the sexual and reproductive rights of women, girls, and adolescents.

57. The following table lists the 25 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants participated.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Presentation of the report "Sealing the Border," by the Hope Border Institute.	Hope Border Institute	Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	El Paso, Texas, United States.	January 18	Participation on inter-American participation in Inter-American standards on migration
Third Regional Forum on Migration and International Protection.	IACHR, CAMMINA, SCJN, SIN FRONTERAS, AMIJ, UNHCR, OHCHR.	Civil society organizations, international bodies, and judges in Mexico.	Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico, Mexico.	January 19	Participation as judge in a competition on the best judgments on migration and asylum.
Introductory workshop on the process and methodology for integrated programs.	OAS	IACHR and OAS officials.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	January 23 and 24	Update information and knowledge on this new modality for designing and implementing programs within the OAS.
Pilot Integrated OAS Program on Migration.	OAS	IACHR Officials.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	January-June	Participate and integrate the IAHR standards into the design and implementation of the Pilot Integrated OAS Program on Migration.
Three-year evaluation of action plan in Brazil.	UNHCR	UNHCR / GAR PAB, Red ANA, States of the Region.	Brasilia, Brazil.	February 19 and 20	Follow up on the regional implementation of Brazil's action plan.

Training workshop on internal displacement.	IACHR - PADF	Public officials of the State of Guatemala.	Guatemala City, Guatemala.	February 22	Disseminate the standards of the inter-American human rights system on internal displacement.
Regional Conferences for Central America, Mexico, and the United States on the Rights of Disappeared Migrants and their Relatives (Forensic Committee).	Red Nacional todos los Derechos para todas y todos, Comité Familias Unidas de Chiapas Junax Ko'Tantik, Equipo Argentino de Antropología Forense, Voces Mesoamericanas , Acción con pueblos migrantes.	Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico.	March 8 and 9	Support the activities of the Red Nacional and support the work of the Forensic Committee and the renewal of its mandate.
Second international meeting of IAHRs specialists and networks	IACHR and UNAM's Observatorio del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos.	UNAM, UNHCR, Academic Specialists.	Mexico City, Mexico.	March 22 and 23	Discuss the issues surrounding human mobility and exchange experiences and knowledge on national, regional, and international standards on the subject.
5th Annual Latin American Film Festival.	Georgetown University.	Students, film crew.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	April 6	IACHR participation in the panel following the showing of the movie "Olancho," providing commentary on the movie and presenting the current issues surrounding migration in Central America.
Valentina Rosendo and Inés Fernández Competition of the Free Law School of Monterrey.	Center for Human Rights of the Free Law School of Monterrey.	Academia, students, civil society	Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.	April 9 to 13	Raise awareness on the issues under the mandate of the Rapporteurships on the Rights of Migrants by drafting the case for the competition. Participate as judges in the competition and offer a lecture on the IACHR's work on the subject.
Regional Meeting of Constitutional Judges and Experts: Good judicial practices and challenges in the protection of victims of violence and displacement: the case of Colombia and Northern Central America.	UNHCR	Constitutional Judges and Experts.	San José, Costa Rica.	April 12 and 13	Contribute to the discussions on the standards developed by the IACHR on displacement.

Workshop with Ombudspersons.	CNDH Mexico.	Regional ombudspersons.	Tabasco, Mexico	April 16, 17, 18	Presentation on migration and inter-American standards, as well as support from the technical team of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants to facilitate the discussion during the workshop.
Meeting of the Red Consular Guatemalteca.	CAMMINA / Scalabrinianos Guatemala.	Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	Lago Atitlán, Guatemala.	May 28 and 29	Participate in the event with two presentations on inter-American and universal standards on consular assistance, migration, and migrant children.
"Seminar on combating the Smuggling of Migrants and Human Trafficking in the Border Region of Brazil and Bolivia."	Defensoría Pública da União, UNODC, Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul - Pantanal Campus	100 Professionals from the justice and security sector, social assistance, the victim response network, students, and academics.	Corumbá, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil.	June 13 to 15	Training of professionals from the justice and security sector, social assistance, the victim response network, students, and academics—among others—from Brazil and Bolivia, with special emphasis on inter-American human rights standards.
Discussion on human mobility at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito.	IACHR and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito.	Academics and students of the Universidad San Francisco de Quito.	Quito, Ecuador.	June 15	Promote inter-American standards on human mobility.
Class for the Migration and Asylum Specialization of Universidad Nacional de Lanús.	IACHR and Universidad Nacional de Lanús.	Students.	Buenos Aires, Argentina	August 20	Promote inter-American standards on the issue and strengthen capacities through the Class on the Migration and Asylum Specialization of Universidad Nacional de Lanús.
International and inter-American regulations and standards for the protection of the human rights of migrants.	National Council of the Judiciary of El Salvador.	Judges of El Salvador.	San Salvador, El Salvador.	August 22	Enhance the knowledge of judges on international and inter-American regulations and standards for the protection of the human rights of migrants.
Regional Workshop on Inter-American Standards on Protection of Asylum Seekers and Refugees and Their Use in Strategic Litigation Processes.	UNHCR	UNHCR, CEJIL, civil society organizations.	Mexico City, Mexico.	August 23 and 24	Enhancing capacities on inter-American standards for the protection of asylum seekers and refugees and their use in strategic litigation processes.
Third Talk on Inter-American Case Law: Human trafficking	Pontificia Universidad Católica of Peru	Academics, students, experts, civil	Lima, Peru	September 10 and 11	Participation in three panels on Inter-American standards with regard to

and Contemporary Forms of Slavery.	and the Law Program of the Fundación Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.	society organizations, and others.			forms of modern slavery and human trafficking.
Challenges to the protection of the rights of the Venezuelan population with regard to human mobility in the subregion (Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru).	Care Ecuador / Office of the Ombudsman Ecuador.	National human rights institutions of the region.	Quito, Ecuador.	September 17 and 18	Discuss the role of institutions and a coordinated regional strategy to address Venezuelan migration in the region.
Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program to Prevent the Detention of children and to Protect Children and Others Requesting Asylum in Detention.	UNHCR Geneva.	State representatives, international and regional organizations, experts, and academics.	Bangkok, Thailand.	October 10 and 11	Present the IAHRs and IACHR work to develop standards on the protection of migrant children.
Fourth Regional Forum on Migration and International Protection: The challenge migrating children and adolescents face in accessing justice.	IACHR, UNHCR, Sin fronteras, ONUDH México, Asociación mexicana de impartidores de justicia A.C.	Civil society organizations and judges.	Mexico.	October 19	Highlight the most important judgments in the region for protecting the human rights of migrants, refugees, and internally displaced persons.
Training workshop for Brazilian government officials who receive migrants and provide them with services.	UNHCR, Conectas, DPU, MPT, PFDC, MPF, IOM, and others.	Government officials in Brazil.	Roraima, Brazil.	November 23	Provide technical support and capacity building on the human rights of migrant children and adolescents.
Expert Meeting on Internal Displacement in the Americas.	CODHES, RALRA.	CODHES, RALRA, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, IDMC, Inter-American Court, CEJIL, Cristosal, Universidad Rafael Landívar / INCEDES Guatemala / FLACSO / Sin Fronteras.	San José, Costa Rica.	December 10 and 11	Present the IACHR's work on internal displacement.

Training of Migration Officials from Suriname, Guyana, Panama, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic on Migration and Asylum.	UNHCR	Migration officials from participating States.	San José, Costa Rica.	December 13 and 14	Present the Inter-American system's norms and standards on migration and asylum in the Americas.
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58. The following table lists the 17 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Children and Adolescents participated.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Webinar – Anniversary of the death of the girls in Hogar Virgen de la Asunción in Guatemala.	RELAF, Hope and Homes for Children, CEN, UNICEF, FICE, REDLAMYC, Better Care Network, EL Refugio, ISS, and LUMOS.	General public.	Virtual	March 8	Analysis of compliance with IACHR recommendations one year after the tragedy.
Table for dialogue: “Political and social situation in Honduras in a context of violence that affects children and young people.”	Coalición de ONGs de infancia de Honduras – COIPRODEN.	Authorities, officials, academics, civil society human rights organizations.	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	April 2 to 4	During this activity, the content of the IACHR report entitled “Violence, children and organized crime” was disseminated, and inter-American human rights standards were promoted.
High-level Forum: “Democracy, Transparency and the Internet in the Americas.”	Democracy and International Development, Konrad Adenauer, Digital Democracy, Google and REDLAD.	Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	Lima, Peru	April 11	To influence the agenda of the VII Summit of the Americas, regarding the importance of the Internet and ICTs in the strengthening of democracy.
Inter-American Meeting on Corporal Punishment.	Mexico, the IACHR, the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) on Violence against Children, UNICEF, and the IIN.	Representatives from the States of the region and civil society organizations.	Mexico City, Mexico.	April 25 and 26	Regional meeting to analyze progress and challenges in the protection of children and adolescents from corporal punishment, and follow up on the recommendations of the IACHR on this issue.
Regional Consultation on School Harassment.	Representatives of Mexico, the IACHR, the Special	Representatives from the States of the region and	Mexico City, Mexico.	April 27	Regional consultation report prepared by the SRSG on school bullying.

	Representative of the UN Secretary General (SRSG) for Violence against Children and UNICEF.	civil society organizations.			
Presentation of Report on National Protection Systems.	World Vision, State authorities, and the IACHR.	State authorities and civil society organizations.	Bogotá, Colombia	May 17	Dissemination of the main contents and recommendations of the report.
World Congress on Justice for Children.	Judicial Training Institute of Belgium, International Association of Judges of Youth and Family (AIMJF), CRIN, Terre des Hommes, Penal Reform International, Defence for Children International, UNESCO, and IFAP.	State authorities and civil society organizations.	Paris, France.	May 28, 29, and 30	New trends on effective protection of children and adolescents in contact with criminal law and strengthening of justice systems specializing in minors.
Presentation on sexual and reproductive rights of girls and adolescents.	Women's Link.	Authorities and civil society organizations.	Bogotá, Colombia.	May 18	Present standards on the sexual and reproductive rights of girls and adolescents.
Virtual work table with network of children's nongovernmental organizations of Nicaragua	Network of NGOs	Organizations that work on children's rights	Virtual.	June 18	Analyze the situation of the rights of children in the context of the human rights crisis in the country, and disseminate the mandate of the IACHR and Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child.
Event on child and forced marriage: the role of regional organizations.	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights.	Delegations of the States, regional human rights mechanisms, United Nations agencies, civil society organizations.	Geneva, Switzerland.	June 22	Analyze the protection offered by regional human rights organizations against child and forced marriage.
Justice with a focus on gender and children's rights.	Council of State, the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation, the Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Nation, Fundación Plan,	300 officials, academics, civil society organizations.	Bogotá, Colombia.	June 28	Disseminate standards on protecting children and adolescents from sexual violence, with a gender approach, a focus on protecting children and a view to preparing new legislation in the country.

	PROFAMILIA, and UNICEF.				
Approach to the rights of children and adolescents in legislative work.	Consejo Nacional Consultivo de Derechos de Niñez y Adolescencia and School of Government, with the support of IIN-OAS and UNICEF.	Legislators.	Montevideo, Uruguay.	July 26	Train Uruguayan legislators on children's rights and the mandate of the IACHR and the Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child.
Virtual Seminar on the Right to Education and Care: Perspectives from Latin America and the Caribbean	Campaña Latinoamericana por el Derecho a la Educación (CLADE) Fundación EDUCO (Spain) World Organization for Early Childhood Education (WOECE).	150 members of civil society organizations.	Webinar, organized in São Paulo, Brazil.	October 18	Present the findings and research on the right to education and early childhood care.
2nd Forum on the Comprehensive Protection System for Children and Adolescents (SIPINNA).	Instituto del Niño y el Adolescente en Uruguay (INAU), with support from REDLAMYC.	State authorities and civil society organizations in the region (as 100 participants).	Montevideo, Uruguay.	October 22 and 23	Analyze the implementation of national protection systems by States and evaluate the challenges encountered and the strategies for overcoming them.
Comisión Permanente Iniciativa Niñ@Sur.	Foreign Ministry of the State of Uruguay.	Authorities, officials, and civil society organizations (authorities from five countries and 35 participants from other organizations).	Montevideo, Uruguay.	October 24	Discuss the draft of the Regional Guide on Migrant Children.
Civil society dialogue on children deprived of liberty.	Government of Uruguay.	60 members of civil society organizations that work on the rights of the child.	Montevideo, Uruguay.	October 25	Conversation on the current situation in the subregion of children deprived of liberty and on the leading challenges encountered, as well as examples of good practices.
Symposium on human rights progress in the Bahamas.	Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, Rights Bahamas.	30 members of civil society organizations dedicated to human rights in the Bahamas.	Nassau, Bahamas.	November 28	Discussion of the current human rights situation in the Bahamas, the rights protected by the Constitution, the ways of demanding those rights both locally, regionally, and internationally, and the main challenges and obstacles.

59. The following table lists the 13 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Human Rights Defenders participated.

RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Launch of report on comprehensive policies to protect human rights defenders.	IACHR	Civil society.	Bogotá, Colombia.	February 28	Present new report of the Rapporteurship
Joint thematic dialogue, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, IACHR, and United Nations.	IACHR	Closed dialogue between participating entities.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	March 26	Share standards and joint action plans.
Systems of justice against corruption: challenges from Latin America	DPLF, OSF, CEJIL	Civil society.	Lima, Peru	April 12	Present on corruption and human rights, regarding justice operators and human rights defenders.
Ninth General Assembly of the Global Movement for Democracy, Building strategic alliances for renewing democracy.	World Movement for Democracy	Dialogue among participating entities	Dakar, Senegal	May 6 to 9	Share standards on terrorism legislation and its impact on the work of civil society organizations and human rights defenders.
Inter-American standards and impact on human rights defenders	IACHR	Human rights defenders, civil society.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.	May 9	Presentation of the report "Towards a comprehensive policy for the protection of human rights defenders" and presentation of the Office of the Rapporteur
"Mechanisms to protect human rights defenders who fight against the dispossession of territories, mining extractivism, and the indiscriminate use of natural resources"	IACHR, OHCHR FES	Human rights defenders, civil society.	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	May 12	Presentation on inter-American human rights standards on the protection of human rights defenders
8th Strategic Meeting of Mechanisms and Programs for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders	OMCT, FIDH	Dialogue among participating entities	New York, USA.	July 23-24	Share standards on terrorism legislation and its impact on the work of civil society organizations and human rights defenders.

(“inter-mechanisms process”).					
Regional Forum: International Standards and good practices on forced internal displacement, protection of human rights defenders, and the LGTBI population in the Northern Triangle and Mexico.	IACHR, PADF, USAID.	Human rights defenders, civil society.	Tegucigalpa, Honduras.	July 27	Presentation on inter-American human rights standards on the protection of human rights defenders
The situation of human rights defenders in the region and comprehensive policies to protect them.	Hector Fix-Zamudio 2018	Human rights defenders, civil society	Mexico City	September 7	Presentation on inter-American human rights standards on the protection of human rights defenders
Human Rights Defenders World Summit.	Amnesty International, AWID, FIDH, Frontline Defenders, ISHR, OMCT, Protect Defenders, Reporters without Borders.	Human rights defenders, civil society, and States.	Paris, France.	October 29 to 31	Renew a 20-year global action plan for human rights defenders.
Forum: Impact of corruption on human rights - International standards and instruments for protection.	IACHR – OHCHR.	Human rights defenders, civil society.	Bogotá, Colombia.	November 28, 2018.	Share international standards on corruption and human rights.
Workshop: implementing the joint IACHR-OHCHR mechanism for protecting human rights defenders.	IACHR – OHCHR.	Human rights defenders, civil society.	Bogotá, Colombia.	November 28, 2018.	Share international standards on protecting human rights defenders and introducing civil society to the Joint Mechanism with OHCHR.
Workshop: implementing the joint IACHR-OHCHR mechanism for protecting human rights defenders.	IACHR – OHCHR.	Human rights defenders, civil society.	Quibdó, Colombia.	November 29, 2018.	Share international standards on protecting human rights defenders and introducing civil society to the Joint Mechanism with OHCHR.

60. The following table lists the 17 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty participated.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Challenges of the Criminal Justice Reform: A Human Rights Perspective.	Fundación CONSTRUIR	Justice officials, academics, specialists, students, and civil society	Sucre, Bolivia.	January 16	Presentation of the report "Measures to Reduce Pretrial Detention."
Talk: "Convention Oversight of Constitutional Doctrine in the Plurinational State and International Standards for Human Rights Protection."	Fundación CONSTRUIR	Judicial authorities.	Sucre, Bolivia.	January 17	Promote the mechanisms of the inter-American human rights system for protecting human rights. Emphasis on people deprived of liberty.
Human rights training for career Foreign Service officials with the United States State Department.	State Department of the United States.	Career Foreign Service officials with the United States State Department.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	January 31	Disseminate knowledge on the institutionalization of people with disabilities in psychiatric hospitals.
Annual Spring symposium on the rights of people with disabilities.	American University, Washington College of Law.	Students and specialists.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	February 23	Provide information on the deinstitutionalization of people with disabilities in psychiatric institutions.
Workshop analyzing and exchanging information on the issue of people deprived of liberty.	ICRC, IACHR.	IACHR and ICRC officials.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	March 13 and 14	Make presentations on the scope and work focuses of the Rapporteurship, the excessive use of pretrial detention, the documentation of concerning conditions, the management of solitary confinement, and measures alternative to pretrial detention.
Dialogue on the situation of LGBT persons deprived of liberty in the Americas.	Race & Equality	Civil society.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	June 5.	Give a lecture on the standards for people deprived of liberty and LGBTI persons.
Workshop on the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.	IACHR	Students of the University of Milan	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	June 15	Disseminate knowledge on inter-American standards on pretrial detention and people deprived of liberty.
Discussions on issues of deprivation of liberty and meeting with civil society.	Conectas	Civil society.	Sao Paulo, Brazil.	August 7	Lecture on pretrial detention and the doctrine of the inter-American system.

Discussions on issues of deprivation of liberty and meeting with civil society.	Justiça Global	Civil society, students.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	August 9	Promote inter-American standards on the treatment of people deprived of liberty.
Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program	Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM	Graduate students, justice officials, representatives of human rights committees.	Mexico City	August 30	Disseminate information on the rights of people deprived of liberty.
Héctor Fix Zamudio Diploma Program	Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM	Civil society Students.	Mexico City	September 3	Disseminate information on pretrial detention and alternative measures.
Women in prison: Evidence, defense, and reform.	Vance Center, Pena Reform International.	Graduate students, justice officials, representatives of human rights committees.	Bogotá, Colombia.	September 5 to 7	Lecture on inter-American standards on women deprived of liberty.
Discussion: Status of access to criminal justice and human rights for people deprived of liberty in Bolivia.	Fundación Construir, and Plataforma Ciudadana por el acceso a la justicia y a los derechos humanos.	Civil society organizations.	La Paz, Bolivia.	November 27	Provide information on issues related to people deprived of liberty in Bolivia.
Course: Reducing pretrial detention in the framework of the inter-American human rights protection system.	Fundación Construir and State Judges Academy.	Public defenders, prosecutors, and police.	La Paz, Bolivia.	November 28	Provide information on the use of pretrial detention, measures alternative to pretrial detention, women deprived of liberty, and the practical application of abbreviated trials.
Dialogue: Good practices and challenges for penitentiary reforms in the region.	Fundación Construir, European Union, DPFL, and Swiss cooperation in Bolivia.	Justice officials, civil society, former prisoners, and the general public.	La Paz, Bolivia.	November 28	Give a lecture on pretrial detention and the rights of people deprived of liberty according to IACHR standards, as well as a lecture on the inter-American standards on women deprived of liberty.
Course: Use of pretrial detention.	Fundación Construir and State Judges Academy.	Judicial authorities.	Sucre, Bolivia.	November 29	Make a video on inter-American standards on the use of pretrial detention.
Course: Reducing pretrial detention in the framework of the inter-American	Fundación Construir and State Judges Academy.	High court magistrates.	Sucre, Bolivia.	November 30	Disseminate knowledge on the use of pretrial detention, measures alternative to

system for the protection of human rights.					pretrial detention, and women deprived of liberty.
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61. The following table lists the 8 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination participated.

RAPPOREUR ON THE RIGHTS OF AFRO-DESCENDANTS AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Conference: Global Policies on Communities of Color.	Howard University.	General public.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	March 23	Foster exchange on the police and community relations; regulatory challenges and barriers that prevent effective police action; community supervision; interactions between young people and the police; models for surveillance; perspective of minority members of security forces; etc.
Inter-American Forum Against Discrimination	Race & Equality	General public.	Lima, Peru	April 9	Promote discussion of the ways in which corruption affects Peru and the region as a whole, as well as emphasize the need for countries of the region to ratify the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance.
VI Regular Meeting of the Red Iberoamericana contra la Discriminación (RIOOD).	IACHR and the Red Iberoamericana contra la Discriminación (RIOOD)	General public.	Cartagena, Colombia.	May 15	Exchange experiences and knowledge on the actions and tools designed and implemented in Ibero-American countries to fight against discrimination and promote a participatory and comprehensive dialogue around the Afro-descendant identity.
Meeting with the Colombian Pacific civil society	IACHR, CEAF, ICESI, and Race & Equality.	Centro de Estudios Afrodiaspóicos (CEAF), Universidad ICESI El Instituto sobre Raza, Igualdad y Derechos Humanos	Cali, Colombia	May 16	Foster discussion on the situation of people of African descent and indigenous people in the post-conflict context in Colombia's Pacific zone.

Standards and Realities of Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: the Dominican and Colombian Cases.	Women's Link Worldwide.	Authorities, civil servants, academics and civil society organizations.	Bogotá, Colombia.	May 18	Raise awareness on IAHR standards, the work of the IACHR, and the situation of sexual and reproductive rights in both countries, with an emphasis on the situation of particular vulnerability of groups that have been historically discriminated against.
Training Workshop: Inter-American standards on ethnic-racial equality and nondiscrimination.	Consejo para prevenir y eliminar la discriminación de la Ciudad de México, COPRED.	Officials from government agencies, civil society representatives, political figures.	Mexico City, Mexico.	October 11	Discuss the framework of inter-American standards on nondiscrimination and structural racism toward people of African descent, including women, girls, and adolescents. Present the rights approach to public policy, particularly in the areas of health, education, and labor.
Training: Inter-American human rights system and standards of ethno-racial equal protection and non-discrimination.	International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights.	Civil society organizations.	Mexico City, Mexico.	October 13	Promote the tools of the inter-American system for implementing affirmative actions to promote conditions of equal protection, inclusion, and progress for people of African descent.
Training: Inter-American standards on equality and nondiscrimination	IACHR	Civil society organizations.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.	November 20	Promote inter-American standards and mechanisms on equal protection and nondiscrimination.

62. The following table lists the 15 promotional activities held or in which the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons participated.

RAPPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS, AND INTERSEX PERSONS					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Second Trilateral Dialogue among Inter-American, African, and UN Human Rights Experts.	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights / United Nations (OHCHR) / African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.	Members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, UN human rights experts.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	March 26-28	Promote standards and best practices, and identify challenges and possible areas of collaboration among the systems. Dialogue focused on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Workshop: LGBT persons deprived of liberty and prevention of torture.	Asociación para la Prevención de la Tortura (APT).	Civil society organizations, representatives of different State departments.	Brasilia, Brazil.	April 26 and 27	Foment discussion on the role of torture prevention mechanisms in addressing the vulnerabilities and risk factors to which LGBTI people are exposed when they are detained. Identify and disseminate good practices.
International conference: Research on sexual orientation, gender identity and intersexuality.	United Nations Development Program (UNDP), University of Hong Kong.	Academic and community groups, government, national human rights institutions, United Nations partners.	Hong Kong, China.	May 9 to 11	Promote discussion on the collection and use of data on LGBTI persons in the world. Promote the work of the Rapporteurship on collecting data and indicators.
Advisory Opinion 24 of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Legal and political consequences for the Member States of the OAS.	Institute on Race and Equality and Human Rights.		Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.	May 10	Give a presentation of the effective implications of Advisory Opinion 24/17 for the Member States of the OAS.
Congress: International Cooperation, Human Rights and Sexual and Gender Diversity.	Fundación Triángulo.	Civil society organizations in Latin America and Europe.	Córdoba, Spain	May 15	Share the experience and vision of the Inter-American System on the issues of diverse families and LGBTI children.
Forum: Human rights of LGBTIQ persons and non-discrimination.	Fundación Iguales	Civil society organizations, researchers, governments, national human rights institutions, and UN partners	Panama City, Panama	May 16 to 18	Foster discussion on human rights education to reduce societal violence against LGBTI persons. Present the IACHR's perspective on violence against trans women and Advisory Opinion 24/17.
Dialogue on the situation of LGBT persons deprived of liberty in the Americas: challenges and good practices.	Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights.	Civil society organizations, researchers.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	June 5	Foster discussion on the human rights situation of LGBTI persons deprived of liberty in the Americas was discussed.

<p>Rights of LGBTIQ people: opportunities and challenges.</p>	<p>Hivos</p>	<p>Civil society organizations, researchers, governments, national human rights institutions, and UN partners</p>	<p>San José, Costa Rica.</p>	<p>June 28 and 29</p>	<p>Analyze the advisory opinion of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on gender identity and non-discrimination of same-sex couples, in terms both of its content and of regional and global political and public advocacy. Presentation of challenges to recognizing LGBTI rights in the region.</p>
<p>National discussion on LGBTI rights in the framework of Advisory Opinion OC-24/17.</p>	<p>Somos CDC</p>	<p>Civil society organizations on the rights of LGBTI persons.</p>	<p>Tegucigalpa, Honduras.</p>	<p>July 27</p>	<p>Presentation on the obligations of the State of Honduras regarding OC-24/17 on gender identity and nondiscrimination of same-sex couples.</p>
<p>Regional Forum: Exchange of experiences on international standards and good practices on internal displacement, protection of human rights defenders, and LGTBI populations in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico.</p>	<p>USAID, PADF, OAS, IACHR.</p>	<p>Civil society organizations and representatives of States and international organizations.</p>	<p>Tegucigalpa, Honduras.</p>	<p>July 27</p>	<p>Presentation of experiences and international standards on the rights of LGBTI persons in the region, with a focus on the challenges faced and progress made in countries in the northern triangle.</p>
<p>Equal Rights Coalition</p>	<p>Government of Canada, Government of Chile.</p>	<p>Civil society, staff from different governments.</p>	<p>Vancouver, Canada.</p>	<p>August 5 to 8</p>	<p>Presentation of the work of the Rapporteur and the progress made by countries of the region in the area of the rights of LGBTI persons.</p>

<p>Regional Congress to exchange lessons and successful experiences on addressing and investigating prejudicial violence against lesbian, bisexual, and trans women with a differentiated approach.</p>	<p>Caribe Afirmativo.</p>	<p>Lesbian, bisexual, and trans women of the Colombian Caribbean.</p>	<p>Barranquilla, Colombia</p>	<p>October 22 to 24</p>	<p>Exchange lessons and successful experiences on addressing and investigating prejudicial violence against lesbian, bisexual, and trans women with a differentiated approach, with the participation of civil society organizations, institutional representatives, and officials from the public prosecutor's office and the judicial police of the Colombian Caribbean.</p>
<p>The Extra Mile: Moving beyond laws on gender identity to promote the social and economic inclusion of trans persons in Latin America.</p>	<p>UNDP</p>	<p>National UNDP offices, civil society organizations representing trans persons.</p>	<p>Panama City.</p>	<p>November 14 to 16</p>	<p>Identification and exchange of successful experiences and good practices on social inclusion of trans persons among all countries that have had some type of opening in this regard.</p>
<p>Elected officials who promote the hemisphere's priorities through inclusion and diversity.</p>	<p>Victory Institute, LGBTI Core Group of the OAS, OAS.</p>	<p>Civil society organizations focusing on the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas.</p>	<p>Washington, D.C., United States.</p>	<p>December 5</p>	<p>Identify and exchange experiences and developments of standards for political representation and participation of LGBTI persons.</p>
<p>OutSummit.</p>	<p>OutRight Action International</p>	<p>Civil society organizations that focus on the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas and in the world</p>	<p>New York, USA.</p>	<p>December 7</p>	<p>Exchange good practices and present the progress made and challenges encountered on the rights of LGBTI persons in the region.</p>

63. The following table lists the 13 promotional activities held or in which the specialized Follow-up of Recommendations Section participated.

FOLLOW-UP OF RECOMMENDATIONS					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Discussion: Limits and potential of the process for following up on recommendation s of the IACHR	IACHR	20 civil society experts, human rights institutions, and academics.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.	May 7	Foster dialogue on the limits and potential of the process for following up on the recommendations published by the IACHR to make it more efficient and effective.
Workshop: Strategic coordination and cooperation: Promoting the safety of journalists in Central America.	UNESCO.	20 representatives of civil society and the State	San Salvador, El Salvador	May 18	Strengthen coordination among key actors through better use of reporting mechanisms on human rights violations in the area of journalist safety, and for the States of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras
Presentation of SIMORE Paraguay.	IACHR, Foreigner Minister of Paraguay.	50 participants from the IACHR and permanent missions of the OAS.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	June 25	Present Paraguay's mechanism for following up on recommendations.
Fifth International Seminar on Compliance with IAHRs Decisions.	Max Planck Institute of International Law and Comparative Law.	50 academics, civil society representatives , Inter-American Court.	Heidelberg, Germany	July 13 and 14	Foster discussion on compliance with the decisions of the IAHRs with the Institute's academic network and representatives of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the IACHR.
Talk on inter-American standards: IAHRs impact and effectiveness.	IACHR, Inter-American Court, CNDM México, OSIDH, and Instituto Max Planck.	30 representatives of the IACHR, Inter-American Court, National Human Rights Commission of Mexico, and academics.	Mexico City, Mexico.	August 31	Show the impact of the IAHRs on the recommendations of Mexico's CNDH and open a fruitful dialogue to serve as a model to be replicated with other national human rights institutions.
Webinar: SIMORE Plus Paraguay and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.	IACHR / Red-DESC.	Civil society representatives	Virtual.	September 12	Present Paraguay's SIMORE Plus to the civil society organizations that form Red-DESC, reflect on the SIMORE-Inter-American proposal, and make suggestions on how to fine-tune follow-up on implementation of the

					Commission's recommendations.
Seminar on the inter-American human rights system, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, friendly settlements, and follow-up recommendations.	IACHR	Representatives of CARICOM States.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	October 9 and 10	Present the mechanisms for following up on IACHR recommendations and Program Action Plan 21 of the Strategic Plan. Event was held in the framework of the Annual Seminar of the IACHR for CARICOM countries.
Presentation of SIPLUS Bolivia.	IACHR, Office of the Attorney General of the State of Bolivia.	IACHR	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	October 12	Present Bolivia's mechanism for following up on recommendations: SIPLUS.
Regional meeting of mechanisms for following up on human rights recommendations.	OHCHR	State representatives	Montevideo, Uruguay.	November 8 and 9	Present the mechanisms for following up on IACHR recommendations and Program Action Plan 21 of the Strategic Plan.
Mixed learning course on follow-up and reporting.	Red de Instituciones Nacionales para la Promoción y Protección de los Derechos Humanos del Continente Americano and NHRI-EU.	Representatives of national human rights institutions.	Guatemala City, Guatemala.	November 21	Present the mechanisms for following up on IACHR recommendations and Program Action Plan 21 of the Strategic Plan.
Discussion: Implementation of recommendations and orders from international bodies in individual cases: Looking to the future.	IACHR / Human Rights Law Implementation Project.	Civil society experts, participants from national human rights institutions, and academics.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	December 2	Share the key findings of the Project to Implement Human Rights Laws, financed by the Economic and Social Research Council, on the challenges encountered and the progress made by international organizations, including Inter-American, European, and African human rights systems, as well as the bodies of the United Nations, with regard to the implementation of the recommendations, decisions, and orders issued in the context of individual cases.
Release of documentary Home Truth.	IACHR	IACHR, civil society, students.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	December 3	Presentation of documentary "Home Truth," on the story of Jessica Lenahan and her fight for justice that resulted in a landmark case on domestic violence before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Institutional strategy on the human rights situation in Nicaragua.	IACHR/Amnesty International, held in the framework of the MESENI	National and regional civil society organizations and human rights mechanisms.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	December 8	Reflect with civil society actors and human rights mechanisms who have followed the situation of human rights violations in Nicaragua closely.
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64. The following table lists the 5 promotional activities held or in which the specialized Technical Cooperation and Public Policies Section participated.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND PUBLIC POLICIES					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
A look at the impact of the inter-American human rights system.	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.	Civil society organizations and State representatives	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.	May 9	Promote human rights in the region and in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man.
Certification in strategic international human rights litigation: Evidence and oral arguments in the inter-American human rights system	Instituto Interamericano de Responsabilidad Social y de Derechos Humanos – IIRESOD.	Officials from Mexico, the United States, Costa Rica, and Guatemala.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	November 12 to 16	Fine-tune the use of tools and oral arguments in human rights cases.
Second meeting to exchange good practices for national human rights institutions (Regional Project on Human Rights and Democracy).	IACHR, USAID, PADF	Authorities from human rights institutions.	Guatemala City, Guatemala	November 13 and 14	Promote exchange of good practices, challenges, and analysis for national human rights institutions, as well as open spaces for cooperation between the IACHR and national human rights institutions based on the challenges faced and progress currently being made in the countries of the region.
Fourth Specialized International Course on Human Rights.	Instituto Colombiano de Derechos Humanos de Medellín.	80 participants	Medellin, Colombia.	November 26 to December 7	Disseminate knowledge on the inter-American human rights system and the universal system.
Second Forum: The future of the Inter-American human rights protection system: Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the American Declaration.	IACHR, Inter-American Court, Office of the Attorney General of the Nation of Colombia, and the Organization of Ibero-American States.	Representatives of Member States of the inter-American system, experts, civil society, general public.	Bogotá, Colombia.	December 10	Generate and promote discussion on the present and future of human rights in the region, the efficacy of the system, the need to increase Member State compliance with the IACHR's recommendations and the judgments of the Inter-American Court, and other key

issues on the human rights agenda for the Americas.

65. The following table lists the 7 promotional activities held or in which the area specializing in promotion participated.

PROMOTION					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Training on inter-American human rights system.	Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights / Comité Ciudadanos por la Integración Racial (CIR); Asociación Cubana para el Desarrollo y Educación Infantil (ACDEI); Mesa de Diálogo de la Juventud Cubana; Consejería Jurídica e Instrucción Cívica; Cofradía de la Negritud; Guardabosques; Plataforma Femenina Nuevo País.	Cuban activists.	Trinidad and Tobago.	February 2	Disseminate knowledge on the inter-American human rights system, its attributes, and its tools.
Preparation, management, and participation in visit from the Universidad IBERO Tijuana in Mexico.	Universidad IBERO, Tijuana.	Teachers and students.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	February 7, 2018.	Provide information and basic tools on the IACHR and its activities within the IAHRs.
Situation of human rights in Cuba.	People in Need, Proyecto EYE ON CUBA Karolína Kubínová, Lucia Argüellová, Jeřábková Jitka.		Washington, D.C. United States, Geneva, Switzerland.	March 1	Report on the methodology for collecting, verifying, and classifying human rights violations in Cuba.
Legal and advocacy workshop on sexual and reproductive rights in Honduras.	Center for Reproductive Rights and Centro de Derechos de Mujeres.	Attorneys and activists part of Honduras's feminist movement.	Tegucigalpa, Honduras.	March 14 and 15, 2018	Transfer knowledge and legal and advocacy strategies to jointly strengthen the capacities of attorneys from CDM, Somos Muchas, and ally organizations.

<p>Exchange of experiences on international standards and good practices on internal displacement, protection of human rights defenders, and LGTBI populations in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico.</p>	<p>IACHR, PADF.</p>	<p>200 Representatives of different State institutions, members of civil society, academia, and the general public.</p>	<p>Tegucigalpa, Honduras.</p>	<p>July 27 and 28</p>	<p>Exchange reflections, experiences, and information on the human rights situation of LGBTI people and communities; human rights defenders, and different aspects of human mobility and internal displacement in the countries of the Northern Triangle.</p>
<p>Training certificate on the Inter-American human rights system – Héctor Fix-Zamudio.</p>	<p>UNAM, IACHR, and the Court</p>	<p>Academics, undergraduate students, members of civil society organizations, public officials.</p>	<p>Mexico, Mexico</p>	<p>August 29 to September 12</p>	<p>Provide students with specialized high-level academic training in the Inter-American Human Rights System, addressing essential content on that system and its mechanisms, knowledge of practical skills for the use of human rights standards on certain current issues in the region by teaching of classes, offering conferences, and conducting workshops by the most prominent experts in the field.</p>
<p>Workshop: How to use the protection mechanisms of the inter-American human rights system.</p>	<p>Race & Equality</p>	<p>Members of Nicaraguan civil society organizations focused on human rights and the use of regional and universal protection systems.</p>	<p>Guatemala City, Guatemala</p>	<p>October 15 and 16</p>	<p>Lay the groundwork for an advocacy strategy for Nicaraguan civil society before the regional human rights system. Establish a basis of knowledge and understanding on the use of the mechanisms available in the inter-American rights protection system.</p>

66. The following table lists the 3 promotional activities held or in which the Unit on People with Disabilities participated.

UNIT ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
11th Conference of States Party to the CRPD (COSP).	CRPD (COSP)	Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	New York, USA.	June 14	Participation of the Executive Secretary in a panel on inter-American standards on protection of the right of children and adolescents to grow up in a family environment.
Public Consultation Unit on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the IACHR.	IACHR	More than 70 civil society organizations, people with disabilities, activists, and officials committed to defending the rights of people with disabilities.	Lima, Peru	June 22	Establish the existing priorities in the region for protecting the rights of people with disabilities, and also receive proposals from the civil society on ways to address them using the IACHR's different tools.
Participation in an event of the Red Regional por la Educación Inclusiva.	Red Regional por la Educación Inclusiva	Authorities, officials, academics, and civil society organizations.	Lima, Peru	June 23	Disseminate relevant inter-American standards on human rights in the panel entitled "Violence against Children in Institutions: The Right to Grow up in a Family and the Danger of Volunteerism in Orphanages."

67. The following table lists the 7 promotional activities held or in which by the Thematic Unit on the Rights of the Older Persons participated.

THEMATIC UNIT ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS					
Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Release of practical guide entitled "physical activity among older persons" to promote active aging.	Fundación Navarro Viola and the Fundación Interamericana del Corazón de Argentina.		Buenos Aires, Argentina	July 12	Presentation of the IACHR's work on the subject of older persons and existing mechanisms to protect their rights in the inter-American human rights system.

Palliative care for the elderly: A global perspective.	International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care		New York, USA.	July 24	Report on access to palliative care in the inter-American human rights system.
Good practices and public policy challenges on the human rights of the elderly.	IACHR, IPPDH	30 representatives of States, civil society, and the general public	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	July 26	Dissemination of the human rights of the elderly
Photo exhibition "Living with Dignity"	IACHR, IPPDH	20 representatives of States, civil society, and the general public.	Washington, D.C., United States of America.	July 26	Raise awareness on the right of older people to live free from all forms of discrimination and violence.
The challenges of the administration of justice to protect the human rights of older persons.	Prosecutor's Office for the investigation of crimes committed within the purview of the National Social Services Institute for Retirees and Pensioners (UFI PAMI) and the General Human Rights Office of the Public Ministry of the Attorney General of the Nation.	Prosecutors	Buenos Aires, Argentina	October 1	Challenges of the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons for the administration of justice.
Argentine Forum on Older Persons.	PAHO, Argentine State.	Public officials, civil society, and academics.	Buenos Aires, Argentina	October 1 and 2	Dissemination of the human rights of older persons.
Meeting of senior officials on palliative care: Strengthening the social health system.	Asociación de Cuidados Paliativos.		Lima, Peru	October 11	Promotion of inter-American human rights standards on older persons.

UNIT ON MEMORY, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE

Name of activity	Organized by:	Audience*	Location	Date	Objective
Transitional justice training workshop for the justice sector in El Salvador.	IACHR and PADF	70 Officials from different agencies of the justice sector in El Salvador.	San Salvador, El Salvador.	27-30 August	Strengthen capacities of public officials of different agencies in the justice sector in El Salvador.

<p>Transitional justice training workshop for the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>	<p>IACHR and PADF</p>	<p>70 Officials from different agencies of the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>	<p>San Salvador, El Salvador.</p>	<p>17-20 September.</p>	<p>Strengthen capacities of public officials of different agencies in the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>
<p>Transitional justice training workshop for the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>	<p>IACHR and PADF</p>	<p>70 Officials from different agencies of the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>	<p>San Salvador, El Salvador.</p>	<p>15-18 October.</p>	<p>Strengthen capacities of public officials of different agencies in the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>
<p>Transitional justice training workshop for the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>	<p>IACHR and PADF</p>	<p>70 Officials from different agencies of the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>	<p>San Salvador, El Salvador.</p>	<p>12-15 November.</p>	<p>Strengthen capacities of public officials of different agencies in the justice sector in El Salvador.</p>