

1st Edition

Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity  
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A group of people, including men, women, and children, are walking away from the camera on a bridge. They are carrying large, colorful bundles of belongings on their backs and in bags, suggesting they are migrants or refugees. The background shows a cityscape and a large archway.

# OAS Boot Camp on Migration and Protection





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Globally, according to the United Nations, at the end of 2020, there were approximately 281 million migrants in the world, equivalent to 3.6% of the global population. Twenty-six percent of the world's migrant population lived in the Americas, meaning that migrants comprised 7% of the region's total population that year. At the same time, the number of displaced persons worldwide reached 117 million, of whom 9.2 million were displaced in the Americas. This figure represents an increase of 950% in the last 10 years. Latin America accounts for 28% of the global displaced population. What does this data tell us? That we are the region that migrates the most. This data confirms it, and the priority given to this issue at the regional level is also evidence of it.

The OAS has identified not only how crucial the issue is for political discussion and regional public policy but also the cross-cutting nature of the migration issue in all government portfolios, which have the responsibility to bring rights to all people, including migrants and displaced persons. From access to health, education, and decent work, to measures for regularizing and integrating these populations, the migration issue touches a wide range of spheres of government work, as well as civil society and academia. Likewise, it has been identified that those responsible for these agendas often have expertise in some areas but not in all those that are relevant, such as public communication on the migration issue, conducting actions to evaluate the impact of public migration policies, or raising funds and other support for work on the issue.

In order to fulfill its mandate to continue building institutional capacities in the region, the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity inaugurates this intensive training program, the "OAS Boot Camp on Migration and Protection", to provide a rigorous, short-term immersion on what is key to know when working on issues related to migration and forced displacement at the regional level.



## Our purpose

The purpose of the OAS Boot Camp on Migration and Protection is to provide comprehensive and specialized training to strengthen the knowledge and skills of participants in the areas of protection, assistance, and promotion of inclusion and access to human rights for migrants, refugees, and stateless persons in the Americas. The main objective of this program is to train participants to address the specific challenges and needs of these vulnerable populations, as well as to promote more effective, inclusive, and respectful human rights migration policies and practices in the region.

In summary, the OAS Boot Camp on Migration and Protection seeks to empower participants with the knowledge and preparation to be agents of change in the promotion and protection of the rights of migrants, refugees, and stateless persons. Additionally, it aims to contribute to the design and implementation of fairer and more equitable migration policies in the Americas, each from their portfolios of action.



## Target Audience

Representatives of governments working directly or indirectly with migration issues or with migrant and forcibly displaced populations, as well as representatives of civil society, academia, the media, and other actors participating in the design of solutions and public conversations on the subject.



## Objectives

- To train participants in international and regional policies and legal frameworks related to migration, forced displacement, and statelessness, as well as the protection of the human rights of migrants, refugees, and stateless persons.
- To provide knowledge on the elaboration, implementation, evaluation, and monitoring of public migration policies, including the participation of multiple actors and impact evaluation to guarantee the effectiveness and sustainability of the measures adopted from a perspective of inclusion and access to rights.
- To strengthen the communication tools and leadership skills of participants to advance agendas related to migration and forced displacement from a rights perspective, as well as to prevent and eliminate xenophobia and discrimination against migrants, refugees, and stateless persons.



## METHODOLOGY



### 6 virtual sessions

The academic program will have a total duration of 2 weeks (3 sessions per week, 6 sessions in total). The sessions will be conducted live through the Zoom platform.

The virtual sessions will last two hours.



### Academic Schedule

3 sessions per week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

From Tuesday, August 20, 2024, to Thursday, August 29, 2024



### Schedules

From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Washington DC – EST time)



### Total Hourly Load

12 hours



### Certificate

The Certificate will be awarded to those who meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 5 of the 6 sessions.
- Pass the final multiple-choice exam that will be taken online at the end of the Boot Camp.



### Cost

The First Edition of the OAS Boot Camp on Migration and Protection will be free of charge.



## ADMISSION PROCESS

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Government officials, members of civil society organizations, academia, and other key actors in the migration, displacement, statelessness, and international protection agenda may also apply. Other officials from other portfolios who have a demonstrated interest in social inclusion and human rights issues or who are working directly or indirectly with migrant and forcibly displaced populations may also apply.

Representatives of these sectors are especially invited if they are people in conditions of migration or forced displacement, Afro-descendants, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, women, young people, older persons, and LGTBIQ groups.

A balanced representation of stakeholders (government, civil society), gender, sub-regions of the Americas, urban and rural areas, and age, among others, will be sought.



# HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE FIRST EDITION OF THE OAS BOOT CAMP ON MIGRATION AND PROTECTION?

## Step 1: Application

Complete and submit the registration form available at the following link:

Click here



To complete your application, you will need access to a computer or mobile device and the Internet. Once you have submitted your application, you will no longer be able to add additional information or make changes. You must submit your completed application by the deadline. All fields marked with an \* must be completed, and all responses must be your own. Only applicants who complete the online form will be considered. Applications sent by e-mail or other means will not be considered.

### Closing date:

Sunday, July 21, 2024, at 11:59 pm (Washington DC time)

## Step 2: Selection process

Once your application has been received and reviewed, we will notify you by email if you have been selected (from [oearefugiados@oas.org](mailto:oearefugiados@oas.org)) to be part of the First Edition of the OAS Boot Camp on Migration and Protection.



## SCHEDULE

### Launching of the OAS Boot Camp On Migration and Migration

June 20 (World Refugee Day)

### Receiving applications

June 20 to July 21

### Application analysis and selection of the first cohort of participants

July 19 to August 2

### Announcement of participants

August 09

### Sessions

From Tuesday, August 20, 2024, to Thursday, August 29, 2024

## CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

### Session 1: August 20, 2024

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#### 18:00 – 18:30

#### Inauguration and Presentation: Objectives of the Boot Camp, Key Information on the Program, Review of OAS Initiatives on Migration and Forced Displacement (30 min.)

- Maricarmen Plata, Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity, OAS
- Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion, OAS.
- Sarah Meneses Pajuelo, Specialist, Department of Social Inclusion, OAS.

#### 18:30 – 19:30

#### Module 1: Conceptualizing Migration, Forced Displacement, and Statelessness

##### Objectives:

1. Share the concepts of migration, refugee, forced displacement, and statelessness, and identify the elements that define them and in which normative instruments they are anchored.
2. Review the international normative frameworks governing migration and forced displacement.

Claudia Gonzalez, Coordinator of the Unit on Migration and Forced Displacement, Department of Social Inclusion, OAS (Migration, refugees, forced displacement and statelessness).

#### 19:30 – 20:00

#### Questions and Answers



## Session 2: August 21, 2024

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**18:00 – 19:30**

### **Module 2: A Region on the Move: Regional Context of Human Mobility in the Americas**

Objectives:

1. To take stock of migration and forced displacement trends at the regional level.
  2. Deepen knowledge of the main trends, their causes, the challenges they present, and the opportunities at the regional level.
  3. Access up-to-date data and analysis on migration and forced displacement trends.
- Andrew Selee, President, Migration Policy Institute. (45 minutes) (Regional Vision: Regional trends on migration and displacement, focusing on North America, Central America, and the Caribbean).
  - Diego Chaves, Senior Manager for MPI's Latin America and Caribbean Initiative. (45 minutes) (South America)

**19:30 – 20:00**

**Questions and Answers**

## Session 3: August 22, 2024

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**18:00 – 19:30**

### **Module 3: Universal and Inter-American Standards for the Protection of Migrants and Refugees**

Objectives:

1. Review the protection standards for migrants and refugees at the universal and inter-American levels.
2. To deepen knowledge of the rights of migrants and refugees.
3. To know the international obligations of States towards migrants and refugees.

Álvaro Botero, Professor, American University Washington College of Law (Universal and Inter-American standards for the protection of migrants and refugees).

**19:30 – 20:00**

**Questions and Answers**

## **Session 4: August 27, 2024**

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**18:00 – 19:30**

**Module 4: Integration of migrants and displaced persons**

Objectives:

1. Identify the multiple dimensions of the integration of migrants and displaced persons and its implications for these populations and host communities.
2. Access tools for implementing public policies aimed at promoting the integration of the migrant population in the host communities.
3. Review good integration practices from governments, civil society, the private sector, and international organizations.

Dr. Matthew Bird, Elected Director of the Department of Social and Political Sciences of Universidad del Pacífico.  
(Integration of migrants and displaced persons (30 min.)

**Doers Panel: Integration of Venezuelan migrants and refugees. (1 hour)**

- Nancy Arellano, President of Veneactiva Peru.
- Felipe Muñoz, Chief of the Migration Unit at the Inter-American Development Bank.

- What good practices have you identified in your work to promote the integration of Venezuelan migrants and refugees?
- What actions should be undertaken to promote the integration process of Venezuelan migrants and refugees?
- What are the three most important recommendations you would give to officials in charge of promoting the integration of these populations?

**19:30 – 20:00**

**Questions and Answers**

## **Session 5: August 28, 2024**

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**18:00 – 19:30**

**Módulo 5: Design and evaluation of public policies on migration issues**

Objectives:

1. Access to practical tools for the design, implementation, and evaluation of public policies on migration.
2. To deepen knowledge in the design of public policies at the local level.

- Juan Pablo Ramaciotti, Executive Director, Migration Policy Center of Chile (Design of public policies on migration issues) (45 min.)
- Gustav Brauckmeyer, Executive Director, Equilibrium CenDE (Evaluation of public policies on migration with a focus on hidden populations) (45 min.)

**19:30 – 20:00**

**Questions and Answers**



## Session 6: August 29, 2024

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**18:00 – 19:30**

### **Module 6: Communicating about Migration | Leadership and strategic communication.**

Objectives:

1. Access to tools for the proper handling of migration issues in communication products.
  2. Review good practices for preventing and eradicating xenophobia against migrants and displaced persons through the use of social networks.
  3. Techniques to persuade and communicate about projects or initiatives on migration issues.
- Virginia Garcia Beaudoux, communication and leadership consultant (Leadership and strategic communication for projects on migration and forced displacement) (45 m).
  - Ginna Morelo Martinez, Freelance journalist and editor - professor at the Language Faculty of the Universidad Javeriana, Colombia (Communication on migration from a rights-based perspective and combating xenophobia) (45 m).

**19:30 – 20:00**

### **Questions and Answers**

### **Closing Ceremony**

- Betilde Muñoz Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion, OAS.



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