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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 6
OF THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER]

REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION BY *ASOCIACIÓN CIUDADANA ACCEDER*
TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OAS

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER* (ACCEDER Citizen Association).

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities,” and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER was established in Costa Rica on November 6, 2015 as a non-profit organization, with a mission is to promote full citizenship and effective access to human rights for women and LGBTIQ+ people, based on a feminist intersectionality perspective and ethics and applying social change theory. *ACCEDER* draws on international law sources and instruments for strategic litigation at the domestic level, political lobbying with various institutions, citizen training, and participation in draft legislation consultation processes.

The objectives of *Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER* are to: (1) collaborate on building an inclusive society that respects human rights; (2) propose and/or support public policies, social programs, and/or projects from a gender perspective aimed at promoting the advancement of human rights; (3) generate support and strategic collaboration options for individuals whose rights are violated; and (4) work for access to basic and indispensable services to ensure a dignified life.

The Association gets its funding through donations from individuals and from any form of assistance from domestic, foreign, and international entities and organizations, both public and private; volunteer program members’ work and support; and from the proceeds of the sale of services.

Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER submitted its application to the OAS on May 6, 2022.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment of the CSO

- Name of the organization: Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER
- Address: San José, Costa Rica, Distrito Hospital, calle 26 número 254.
- E-mail address: accedercr@gmail.com
- President and Director: Andrea Vásquez Rodríguez and Laura Valenciano Arrieta
- Date established: November 6, 2015

3. Primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER engages in lobbying, strategic litigation before the Inter-American Human Rights System, training, information and awareness campaigns, and research activities. Its work has focused on advancing sexual and reproductive rights, democracy and human rights training, and training and capacity building for rural organizations. It also engages in political lobbying with different state bodies.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Asociación Ciudadana ACCEDER would like to support the OAS in the following areas:

Working closely with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to provide multidisciplinary and intersectional perspectives for conducting analysis of current social issues.

Helping the Inter-American Commission of Women create and develop strategies to deal with current social issues in such areas as women's rights and violence against women.

Giving the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development recommendations on how best to meet objectives in areas such as sustainable development, access to rights, social development, and democracy.

Following up on implementation of mandates from the Summits from the Americas and resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council.

Promoting participation by civil society organizations in activities organized by the OAS and registration of civil society organizations in the OAS roster.

5. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Request letter sent to the OAS Secretary General
- Articles of Incorporation and Statutes
- 2022 activities report
- Institutional mission statement
- 2022 financial statements

