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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)]

[Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs]

ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION BY THE
LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN ALLIANCE OF YMCAs
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

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 *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs*.

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." This document includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by the *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs* is a non-profit organization founded on December 10, 2003. It is part of the worldwide YMCA organization, which was founded in 1844 and has more than 700,000 volunteers and 96,000 employees, who work together to serve more than 58 million people in 119 countries and 11,000 communities.

The mission of the *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs* is to strengthen the institutional capacities of the national alliances in the region and to contribute to the development of the world alliance.

The *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs*, promotes the comprehensive development of the individual in body, mind, and spirit through social programs in 496 communities that impact more than 1.5 million people. It seeks to empower young people in order to bring about just and equitable communities.

The *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs* obtains its funding from dues provided by YMCAs in the Latin American and Caribbean region and from contributions from participants in the World Alliance of YMCAs, particularly Germany, Canada, and the United States stand out. In addition, the Association may raise funds from donations in order to build up its assets and sustain its activities.

The *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs* applied for registration with the OAS on September 1, 2020.

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

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- Secretary General of the Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs: Rodrigo Antonio Merino Arango
- Date established: December 10, 2003

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

The *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs* carries out programs aligned with the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It seeks to collaborate with the OAS in order to broaden its networks and include a collaborative approach in addressing the challenges that COVID-19 has brought to the Hemisphere, grounded in the realities of young people in the communities where those networks are present.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

The *Latin American and the Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs* would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working in partnership with the departments of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to bring about more sustainable, just and equitable communities, with emphasis on education, health, and employment for young people in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Working with the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in the area of migration;
- Working jointly with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) on drug abuse prevention programs for young people in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Working jointly with the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy (SFD) on programs targeting young people that seek to develop leadership skills and strengthen participatory democracy and good governance;
- Follow-up on implementation of mandates of the Summits of the Americas and resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and the Permanent Council; and

- 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 by the CSO to the OAS

- Application letter to the Secretary General of the OAS
- Articles of Incorporation and Statute
- Activity report for 2019
- Institutional mission statement
- 2019 financial statements
- 2019 Annual Report
- Sources of financing