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DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COURTS



San José, Costa Rica, May 30, 2023 - On Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26, 2023, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights and the African Court on Human and People's Rights, held a Dialogue between the three Regional Human Rights Courts in San José, Costa Rica. This International Forum has been held every two years since 2018, when the Declaration of San José was adopted during the first meeting of the three Regional Courts.

"In the dialogue between the three Regional Human Rights Courts, topics such as the environment, climate change, judicial independence and the Rule of law were addressed. This type of activity enriches the work of each of the Courts, allowing the Judges to broaden their perspectives on possible responses or solutions to the human rights challenges facing the Americas, Africa and Europe", emphasized the President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique. "I wish to thank my fellow Judges of the European Court and the African Court for coming to our Court. This event is a sign of the dialogue and cooperation between the Courts, which will continue in the future," he added.

The event concluded with the signing of the [Declaration of San José \(II\)](#), in which the High Courts reaffirmed their commitment to the principles and objectives contained in their respective regional human rights instruments. Furthermore, in this declaration the Courts agreed that the States of the three regions under their respective jurisdictions must guarantee the effective protection of democracy, human rights and sustainable development, as these are essential to preserve peace and respect for the dignity of the human being.

The next International Human Rights Forum will be held in 2025 and will be hosted by the African Court on Human and People's Rights.

Finally, within the framework of this Dialogue between the three Courts, an International Seminar on "The Regional Systems for the Protection of Human Rights and the challenges" was held at the University of Costa Rica with the participation of the Presidencies of the three Courts. You can view the Seminar [here](#).

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