



Financial management

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A. Income

There are four main sources of the Inter-American Court's income:

- the OAS Regular Fund
- voluntary contributions from Member States
- international cooperation projects, and
- other special income.

During the 2022 fiscal exercise, the Court received a total income of US\$8,458,288.45, of which US\$5,024,000.00 (59.40%) was provided by the OAS Regular Fund.²⁷² Meanwhile, US\$548,073.72 (6.48%) corresponded to voluntary contributions from Member States, and US\$2,886,214.73 (34.12%) to international cooperation projects.

The following table shows the income received by the Inter-American Court during 2022:

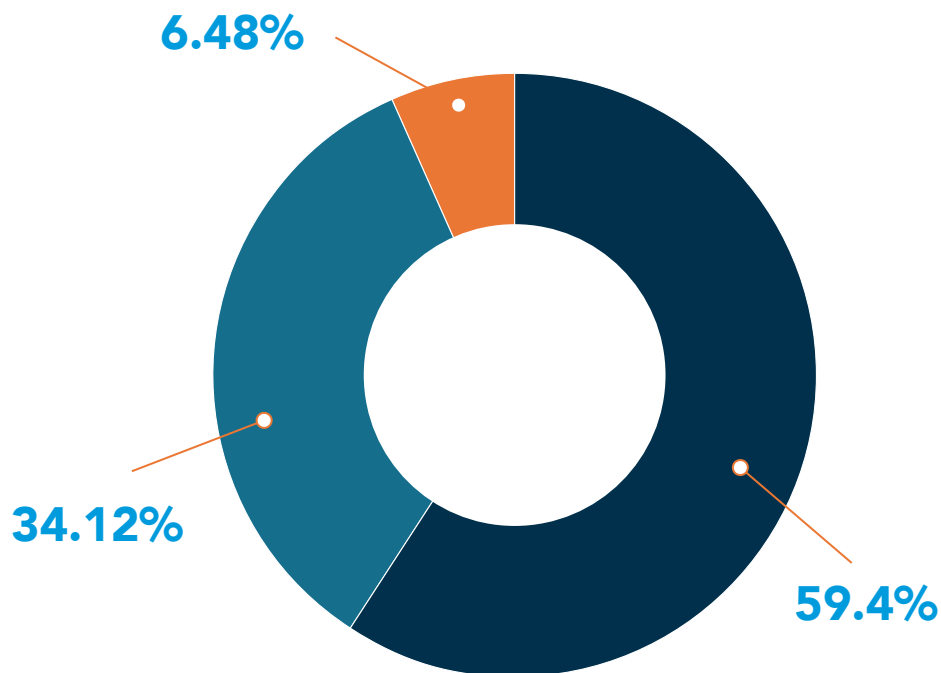
INCOME 2022	
OAS REGULAR FUND	\$5,024,000.00
MEMBER STATES (voluntary contributions)	\$548,073.72
Republic of Costa Rica	\$99,155.53
United Mexican States	\$400,000.00
Republic of Peru	\$33,918.19
Republic of Chile	\$15,000.00
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	\$2,886,214.73
Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development	\$89,902.50
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	\$529,427.63
European Commission	\$633,705.15
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation COSUDE	\$397,095.00
Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	\$1,203,523.88
Office of the Prosecutor General of Ecuador	\$13,353.61
Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation (Cooperation BMZ Germany)	\$5,006.96
UNESCO	\$14,200.00
TOTAL	\$8,458,288.00

²⁷² Of the funds allocated by the OAS General Assembly to the 2022 Budget, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights received US\$5,024,000 through the OAS General Secretariat, which corresponds to 100% of the amount established.

The following chart shows the distribution, by percentage, of the income received by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights during 2022:

INCOME RECEIVED Year 2022

■ OAS Regular Fund ■ Member States (Voluntary contributions) ■ International Cooperation

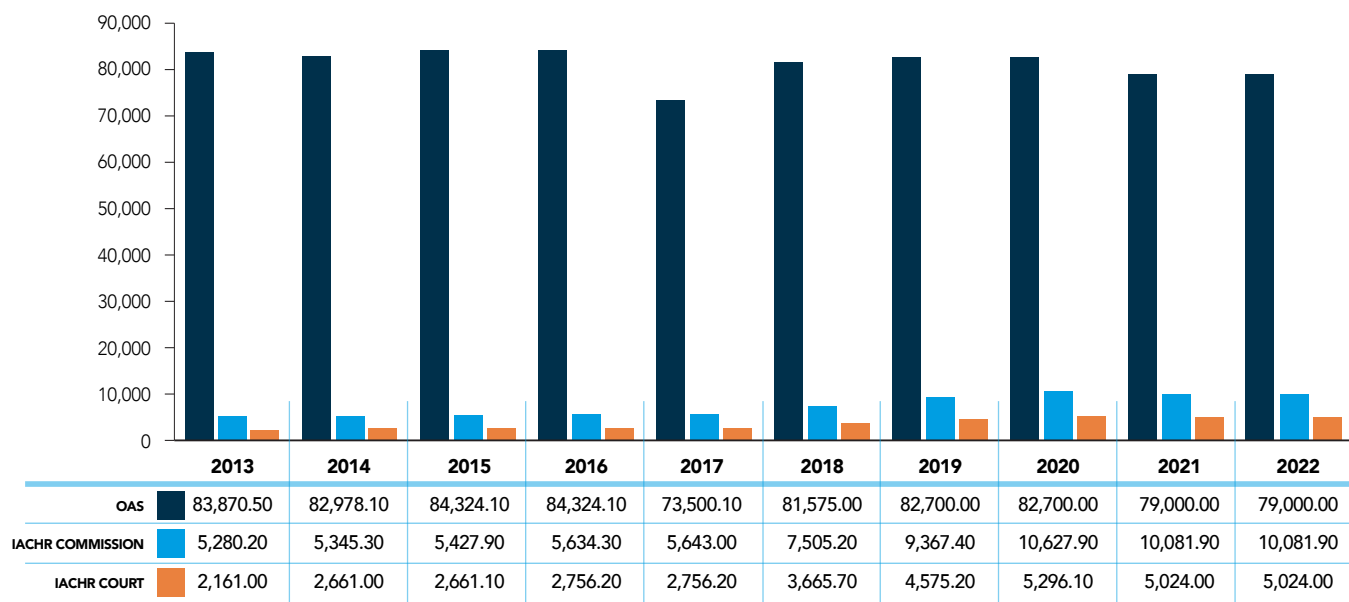


1. Income: OAS Regular Fund

During the fifty-first OAS General Assembly held in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on November 10, 11 and 12, 2021, the Program-Budget of the Organization of American States for the 2021 financial exercise was adopted by Resolution No. AG/RES. 2971 (LI-O/21), the Program-Budget of the Organization of American States for 2022. The Program-Budget allocated the sum of US\$5,024,000.00 to the Court.

The following table provides a historical comparison between the total budget of the OAS and the amounts allocated to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights over the last ten years.

COMPARATIVE BUDGET ALLOCATION BY THE OAS TO THE IDH COURT 2013-2022



2. Income from voluntary contributions from OAS Member States

During 2022, the IACtHR received the following voluntary contributions from four OAS Member States amounting to US\$548,073.72, which represented 6.48% of the Court's total income:

Member States	US\$548,073.72
Republic of Costa Rica	99,155.53
United Mexican States	400,000.00
Republic of Peru	33,918.19
Republic of Chile	15,000.00

Regarding the contribution made to the Court by the Mexican State, through its Embassy in San José, Costa Rica, the deposit made on November 29, 2022, will be allocated to the period 2023.

3. Income from international cooperation projects

Income received from international cooperation for the 2021 period amounted to US\$2,886,214.73 (34.12% of the total income for the year). This sum consisted of the following contributions:

Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID): US\$89,902.50

In November 2020, the Court submitted to AECID, through the OAS General Secretariat, a proposal for the project: "Enhancing the protection standards of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights concerning access to justice for persons and groups in a vulnerable situation and the dissemination of the Court's activities." The proposal was approved at the end of July 2021, with a budget of US\$299,675.00 and a duration of one year, to be executed from July 28, 2021, to July 27, 2022.

Between April and September 2021, the Court received, through the OAS General Secretariat, the sum of US\$209,772.50, corresponding to 70% of the project total, as a first instalment to initiate activities.

The Court received the final payment for the project of US\$89,902.50 on September 16, 2022.

Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: US\$529,427.63

In September 2020, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the IACtHR signed a project on "Enhancing the jurisdictional and communication capacities of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 2020–2024" with funding of up to NOK 20,000,000.00, equal to approximately US\$1,995,740.00, for four years from July 2020 to June 2024. An initial contribution to this project of US\$266,050.67 was received in September 2020.

During 2021, the Court received deposits for NOK 991,136.00 (US\$116,736.08) and NOK 4,008,864, (US\$485,652.12), on April 9 and June 10, respectively.

In 2022, it received NOK 5,000,000 divided into two deposits, the first on April 20 for US\$156,613.85 (NOK 1,372,000) and the second for US\$372,813.78 (NOK 3,628,000), on August 8.

European Commission: US\$633,705.15

The European Commission and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights signed an agreement to implement the project: "Improving the capability of the Inter American Court of Human Rights to administer prompt international justice to victims of human rights violations, especially those belonging to vulnerable and traditionally discriminated groups, and to disseminate its Case Law and work in a user-friendly manner that facilitates observance and use among national actors," with funding of 750,000.00 euros for project execution over 24 months starting in May 2019.

In May 2019, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights received the first contribution to the project of 392,658.40 euros, and the sum deposited in dollars was US\$432,472.61.

In August 2020, a second instalment of US\$197,321.17 was received, equivalent to 168,505.57 euros.

Owing to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, at the end of March 2021, the Court presented a request for an addendum to the European Commission in order to reallocate some activities that had been

reformulated and to extend the term of the project, from 36 to 39 months. The request was approved in a note of April 23, 2021, and the project was extended until August 1, 2022. The Court did not find it necessary to request the European Commission to make disbursements in 2021 because, with the disbursements received in 2020, it was able to continue activities in 2021 that, as mentioned, had been affected by the pandemic.

On May 2, 2021, the Court issued the technical and financial progress reports and these were approved by the Commission.

The third instalment of the project for US\$117,831.57, equivalent to 113,836.03 euros, was received in June 2022.

The final narrative and financial reports on the project were presented on November 1, as stipulated in the original agreement. The audit reports were issued on December 1 and sent together with the final disbursement request on January 12, 2023. The IACtHR is awaiting the Commission's final approval and liquidation of the project.

The project: "Improvement of the capacities of the Inter American Court of Human Rights, Phase II", was signed by the European Commission on October 13, and by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on October 31, 2022, with funding of 1,000,000.00 euros over 24 months, starting on October 31, 2022.

The initial instalment of the project was received in November 2022, for 507,396 euros, equivalent to US\$515,873.58.

Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) under the Program on Regional International Law and Access to Justice in Latin America II (Dirajus III), financed by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ): US\$1,203,523.88

Under the DIRAJus agreement, on December 16, 2021, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, and the IACtHR signed a special agreement for the Project: "Enhancing sustainable Inter-American E-Justice for Human Rights," to be executed from December 27, 2021, to October 31, 2022, with an approved funding of 1,000,000.00 euros.

The first disbursement for US\$1,023,963.08, equivalent to 914,575 euros, was received in January 2022.

The Court asked the agency to amend the initial funding plan for the project, owing to the savings made in the execution of activities. The request was approved on October 17, 2022, and included an extension of the project termination date, extending this to February 28, 2023.

In November, a second disbursement of US\$67,232.84 was received, corresponding to 65,818 euros.

At the request of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of the Federal Republic of Germany, the German cooperation agency, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has been providing support to the IACtHR since 2013, when the first memorandum of understanding was signed. On November 15, 2017, the two institutions signed a second memorandum of understanding on joint undertakings under the program "Regional international law and access to justice in Latin America (DIRAJus II)." The purpose of this agreement is "to continue supporting the strengthening of access to justice." GIZ agreed to provide the Court with 250,000.00 euros, to be contributed under specific contracts between 2017 and 2020.

On June 29, 2020, the two institutions signed a third “Memorandum of understanding on joint undertakings” under the program “Regional international law and access to justice in Latin America (DIRAJus II).” The purpose of this agreement is “to continue supporting the strengthening of Inter-American justice and regional jurisprudential dialogue with a specific focus on the ESCER and access to justice.” GIZ agreed to provide the Court with US\$160,000, under specific contracts during 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Under the said third memorandum of understanding, and on January 28, 2021, a funding contract was signed by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the IACtHR in order to reinforce and disseminate the Court’s work by preparation and updating of its Case Law Bulletins. The contract was executed for the sum of US\$26,500.00. The contract ran from February 15, 2021, to January 31, 2022, and all scheduled activities were executed.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the IACtHR signed a second and third funding agreement in July 2022, in order to reinforce the work of the Court and its dissemination by holding a session in Brazil in August, and another in Uruguay in October. The agreement for the session in Brazil was executed for the sum of US\$24,883.56 and that of Uruguay for the sum of US\$67,444.40.

According to the agreements, the activities were to be carried out between July 11 and November 15 and 30, 2022, respectively.

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation COSUDE: US\$397,095.00

Under the Program “Strengthening governance and Human Rights with emphasis on vulnerable populations in the countries of Central America,” a second memorandum of understanding was signed in October 2019 for collaboration between the two institutions under the program “Strengthening the protection of human rights and the Rule of Law through jurisprudential dialogue, optimization of capacities, and compliance with the Judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.”

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (COSUDE) undertook to make a contribution of US\$750,000.00 to the Court, to be distributed over the years 2019-2022. In November 2019, the Court received US\$150,000.00 corresponding to the first disbursement for the activities during the first year from October 2019 to September 2020. In September 2020, the Court received the second disbursement of US\$250,000.00, as set out in the memorandum of understanding.

On April 20, 2021, the Court submitted an addendum on the budget reallocation for the project activities, which were reformulated owing to the Covid-19 pandemic and its prolongation. This addendum was approved by the Head of International Cooperation of COSUDE in a note dated May 19, 2021.

The Court received the third disbursement for the project, for US\$250,000, on December 14, 2021.

The final narrative and financial reports on the project that terminated on September 30, 2022, were submitted to the agency at the end of October. The Court received the final disbursement for the sum of US\$97,095 in November.

Also under the Program “Strengthening governance and Human Rights with emphasis on vulnerable populations in the countries of Central America,” in October 2022, a third memorandum of understanding was signed for collaboration between the two institutions on: “Strengthening the

protection of Human Rights and the Rule of Law through jurisprudential dialogue, optimization of capacities, and compliance with the Judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, Phase III.” This project started on October 1, 2022, with a duration of 18 months, and funding of US\$700,000.

The first disbursement for Phase III of the project, for US\$300,000, was received in October.

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA):

In November 2020, Sweden’s Government Agency for Development Cooperation (SIDA), represented by the Swedish Embassy in Guatemala, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights signed an agreement on “Institutional strengthening of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to optimize its capacities,” with funding of up to SEK 5,000,000.00, equivalent to approximately US\$500,000.00 at the exchange rate in force at that time, to be used over the project execution period from December 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021. The purpose of the project was to contribute to the protection of human rights in the region by institutional reinforcement of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

In December 2020, the Court received a contribution towards the project of US\$589,368.96. The reason for this increase in the budget was the fluctuation in the exchange rate between the Swedish krona and the United States dollar amounting to US\$89,368.96. Subsequently, the agency approved the use of the surplus obtained due to this difference in the exchange rate for project activities.

On July 9, 2021, Sweden’s Government Agency for Development Cooperation and the IACtHR signed Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement providing SEK 3,180,000.00 in additional funding to the project. As a result of this amendment, the Court received US\$370,036.36 on September 2, 2021.

The two parties signed a second amendment to the Agreement on November 8, 2021, to extend its closing date from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2022, and also to provide additional funds, for a total of up to SEK 16,180,000.00 for the project.

The first disbursement under Amendment No. 2, of SEK 8,000,000.00, was accredited to the Court on December 3, 2021, and represented US\$902,542.35.

Prior to the deadline of March 31, 2023, the IACtHR will be presenting the final narrative and financial reports to the agency; the audit reports will be forwarded by April 30 at the latest, as stipulated in the agreement between the two institutions.

Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation: US\$5,006.96

As indicated in the 2021 Annual Report, the project entitled “Basic course on the Case Law of the IACtHR on women’s Human Rights in Central America,” with a budget of US\$21,500.00, was implemented from July to November that year. Following the completion of the project, the respective narrative and financial reports were presented, and were approved at the start of 2022. Therefore, the liquidation and the disbursement of the remaining balance of US\$5,006.96 were made on March 4, 2022.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO): US\$14,200.00

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), with offices in Uruguay, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, through its Secretariat, signed the contract No. 4500448811, DIALOGA Network: Local Meeting and Training Course for Journalists in the Inter-American System of Human Rights, on November 17, 2021. The project seeks to train and provide advice to journalists, within the framework of the Inter-American Human Rights system (IAHRS), and to provide a networking space for the IAHRS and the journalists of the hemisphere. The contract was signed for one year as of the date of signature and for a contribution of US\$24,200.00.

The Court received the first disbursement of US\$10,000.00 on December 16, 2021, in keeping with the conditions of the contract. A second disbursement of US\$9,000 was received in October 2022.

At the close of the project, on November 30, 2022, the respective narrative and financial reports were presented, and approved. The final payment of US\$5,200 was received in mid-December.

Office of the Prosecutor General of Ecuador: US\$13,353.61

As reported in the 2021 Annual Report, the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Ecuador and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights signed a contract for training on Inter-American standards in relation to social protest and control of public order with a budget of US\$19,076.59, and a 60-day execution period that year. The final disbursement of the remaining balance, corresponding to 70% of the funds, was made on February 18, 2022, for US\$13,353.61.

B. Technical cooperation

The German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of the German Federal Republic, through the German cooperation agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) continued to implement the DIRAJus Project, which includes the work of a German lawyer who conducts research on access to justice and is developing a valuable tool known as the Digesto, which is described in section XVI of this report.

The Latin American youth incubator course (Semillero Latinoamericano) described in section XII of this report was held with the technical cooperation of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

The Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law provided cooperation to the Court by funding two one-month research grants for doctoral students on issues of special relevance for the work of monitoring compliance with Judgment.

A lawyer with a grant from the University of Notre Dame incorporated a working group of the Court's legal area for one year starting of August 8, 2022. The University of Notre Dame, through the Notre Dame Reparations Design and Compliance Lab, provided technical collaboration with research on compliance with the reparations ordered by the Court. It also prepared several reports on issues such as the impact of the hearings on monitoring compliance with Judgment, and kept updated a database on compliance with measures of reparation created in 2021.

C. Regular Fund Budget approved for 2023

During the fifty-second OAS General Assembly held in Lima, Peru, from October 5 to 7, 2021, the OAS adopted the 2023 budget of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights amounting to US\$5,024,000.00.²⁷³ However, it should be pointed out that this sum does not correspond to twice the budget adopted in Cancún in 2017, as decided by the OAS General Assembly in 2017.

In this regard, it should be recalled that, during the General Assembly, held in Cancun, Mexico, in June 2017, the States decided, by Resolution AG/RES. 2908 (XLVII-O/17),²⁷⁴ that the budget granted to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights should be doubled over a three-year period. In other words, by 2022, the amount allocated by the OAS should have risen to US\$5,512,400.00.

D. Audit of the financial statements

During 2023, an external audit was conducted of the financial statements Secretariat of the Inter-American Court for the 2022 fiscal year. It covered all the funds administered by the Court, including the funds from the OAS, the contribution of the Costa Rican Government, the funds from international cooperation, the Victims' Legal Assistance Fund, and also the contributions from other States, universities and other international agencies. The audit report corresponding to the 2022 fiscal year will be issued in March 2023.

In addition, each international cooperation project is subject to an independent Audit to ensure the most effective use of these resources, and each report is submitted to the corresponding cooperation agency in keeping with the contract signed for each project.

273 Organization of American States. General Assembly (2021). Declarations and resolutions (Regular Session). Program-budget of the Organization for 2020" (adopted at the plenary session held on November 11, 2021) AG/RES. 2971 (LI-O/21). Found at: <https://www.oas.org/es/council/AG/ResDec/> <http://www.oas.org/es/50ag/>

274 The General Assembly resolved "To request the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs, considering the existing resources, to double the amount of Regular Fund resources earmarked for the organs of the Inter-American human rights system: the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, over a three-year period." Promotion and protection of human rights, A/RES.2908 (XLVII-O-17) Item XVI. "Financing of the organs of the Inter-American human rights system out of the program-budget of the Organization for 2018."