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Training

I/A Court H.R.
Education Center



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In 2022, the Inter-American Court formally began the process of centralizing all its training activities in what it called its Education Center. This space, designed to offer training on the Inter-American Court's case law, caters to public institutions and the general public. It has three components: an audio and video room, an online training environment (a website and a classroom virtual) and it is anticipated that, in the future, it will have physical facilities. During 2023, the installation of the technological equipment in the audio and video room was completed, making this space operational. On December 10, the Education Center's website and Virtual Classroom were launched, which included, in the first stage, the launch of 28 self-training courses.

During 2023, the Inter-American Court and its Education Center carried out more than 23 in-person, hybrid, and virtual training procedures in human rights on different topics of its case law using various resources and methodologies. This year, registration for the Inter-American Court courses was massive (more than 27,000 people registered), and, counting only those who completed all the courses by December 2023, 5,084 people received training. It should be noted that these individuals come almost entirely from judicial institutions and state bodies linked to the protection of human rights in the state parties.

Regarding face-to-face and hybrid training activities, 8 training processes were developed in five States Parties, including within the framework of cooperation projects of Switzerland and the European Commission. Some 365 people participated in these training activities.

14 virtual training courses were carried out (11 self-training and 3 synchronous) that were concluded (taking only the synchronous ones into consideration) by 4,799 people. In these virtual training processes in the various modalities (synchronous and asynchronous), some were carried out for the benefit of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Province of Buenos Aires (Argentina), the Public Prosecutor's Ministries of the region (co-organized with the Argentine Association of Prosecutors) and the Public Defender's Offices of the region (co-organized with the Argentine Public Ministry of Defense and FLACSO).

In 2023, work was carried out on the development of 28 self-training courses, 24 courses in Spanish, 3 in English, and 1 in Portuguese.

With the support of international cooperation, it is expected that in the next three years, the Education Center's Virtual Classroom will have 30 self-training courses in Portuguese and 21 in English, as well as the commencement of translation of the most important self-training courses into French. In their first 48 hours of existence, the virtual classroom courses of the Inter-American Court Education Center received more than 2,300 registrations from people in 24 countries.

The development of all these activities required a team of experts in international human rights law. In 2023, as has been the case since 2018 onwards, the teaching staff was made up of 66% women and 33% men. Specific information is provided below on the various training processes carried out by the Inter-American Court.

Learn more about the Court Education Center [here](#).

A. | In-person and hybrid training

1. Training activities from the projects of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (COSUDE, Phase III)

A substantial part of the project implemented by the Inter-American Court with the support of COSUDE aimed to strengthen judiciaries, public prosecutor's ministries, public defender's offices, human rights attorney's offices, and other key institutions for the protection of human rights in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

1.1 Refresher Course on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Case Law

The Refresher Course on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Case Law is a training process that takes approximately two (2) months and delves into the main lines of the Court's case law, emphasizing the jurisprudential standards on access to justice. (Articles 8 and 25 of the American Convention).

The training activity is aimed at officials of the judiciary, the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defense, the Attorney General's Offices, and other key actors in the protection of human rights at the state level.

The hybrid methodology allows people to participate in two (2) in-person modules of two (2) days of face-to-face classes each - the first and third part of the Diploma -, and one (1) virtual self-training module of four (4) weeks - the second part of the Diploma - which includes sixteen (16) presentations recorded by lawyers of the Court and reading materials that are available on the Inter-American Court training platform.

In total, more than approximately 50 effective hours of training are given.

During 2023, Refresher Diploma Courses were held in the following countries:

a. Honduras

From May 10 to August 9, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, the Court held the V Edition of the Refresher Diploma Course. This course had the active participation of 62 officials from the administration of justice.

The inauguration of the course was led by the President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, who highlighted the importance of training in human rights for operators of the administration of justice. There was additional participation by the lawyer Francisca Villela Zavala, Magistrate of the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of Honduras, and lawyer Elsa Calderón Godoy, Director of the "Dr. Francisco Salomón Jiménez Castro" judicial school. The in-person modules of the course were carried out at the facilities of the Judicial School of Honduras.

Further details are available [here](#).

b. El Salvador

From May 16 to August 15, the Court held the V Update Program on the Court's case law in San Salvador, El Salvador, with the active participation of 28 officials from the Judiciary, the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Attorney General's Office, the Public Defense, and the Attorney General's Office for the Defense of Human Rights, among other key officials for the protection of human rights in El Salvador.

The inauguration was led by the Registrar of the Inter-American Court, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, who highlighted the support of the judicial administration bodies that have uninterruptedly delivered the training process since 2019. Additionally, Attorney Bessy Aguirre from Flores, Acting Director of the "Dr. Arturo Zeledón Castrillo" also participated.

The in-person modules of the Refresher Course were held at the Judicial Training School's facilities.

Further details are available [here](#).

1.2 II Specific Course on Women's Rights in the Case Law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

As part of the project's third phase (2022-2024), sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (COSUDE), the Court held the II Specific Course on Women's Human Rights in the Case Law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for 2023, in Honduras and El Salvador.

This course is part of the short-term training courses in which participants have the opportunity to attend two days of in-person classes with experts in the field. This activity seeks to strengthen the institutional capacities of the administration of justice through the training of its officials in jurisprudential standards of the Inter-American Court on the human rights of women.

These courses included more than 14 hours of theoretical work, through face-to-face classes that presented the most relevant lines of the Inter-American Court's case law on the matter. In addition, participants were able to interact with the teachers through question-and-answer sessions and had access to the mandatory and suggested bibliography complementing the course.

a. Honduras

On August 10 and 11, the Court held the II Course on women's human rights in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The training was developed at the "Francisco Salomón Jiménez Castro" Judicial School of Honduras and saw the participation of 27 judicial administration officers from the Judiciary, the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and the Attorney General's Office, among other key institutions for the protection of women's rights in this country.

Further details are available [here](#).

b. El Salvador

On August 17 and 18, the Court held the II Course on women's human rights in San Salvador, El Salvador. The training was carried out at the "Dr. Arturo Zeledón Castrillo" Judicial Training School and was inaugurated by Bessy Aguirre de Flores, director of the training institution attached to the National Council of the Judiciary (CNJ), with the participation of 40 judicial administration officers belonging to the Judiciary, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Attorney General's Office of the Republic, among other key institutions for the protection of the rights of women, girls and adolescents in the country.

Further details are available [here](#).

2. "Refresher Course on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Case Law", Judicial School, Costa Rica

Between June 8 and July 13, included in the Initial Training Course for candidates to the Judiciary (FIAJ) of the Judicial School of Costa Rica was the Human Rights Protection Module, taught during the third edition of the "Refresher Course on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' Case Law." Some 13 candidates for the judiciary of Costa Rica participated in this activity.

The training consisted of three modules, one in-person and two virtual modules (and, of these, one synchronous and one asynchronous), in which the participants were able to refresh and deepen their knowledge about the Court's case law in various subjects. The activity's opening was led by Judge Nancy Hernández López and the Judicial School's Director, Rebeca Guardia Morales. This human rights training activity is part of the collaboration agreement between the Inter-American Court and the Édgar Cervantes Villalta Judicial School of the Costa Rican judiciary.

3. Course for officers of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP) - Colombia

On October 11, during the 162nd Regular Session held in Bogotá, Colombia, joint training on the Court's case law was held in conjunction with the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP) for the benefit of the latter institution.

The course was inaugurated by Dr. Alexei Julio Estrada, Legal Director of the Inter-American Court, who gave a keynote lecture on the "Overview of how International Human Rights Law contributes towards compliance with the mandate of the SJP." Additionally, various aspects of the Inter-American System and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and their case law were discussed. Three roundtables for dialogue and discussion were held on comprehensive reparation, conventionality control, and inter-American standards for investigating, prosecuting, and punishing serious human rights violations.

The training was carried out at the SJP facilities and 70 people participated in person, including judges, judicial assistants, and courtroom legal staff. In addition, the event featured the participation of Judge Roberto Carlos Vidal López, president of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, judges Alexandra Sandoval Mantilla and Xiomara Balanta Moreno, president, and vice president of the Amnesty or Pardon Chamber of the SJP, Judge Oscar Parra Vera, member of the Chamber for Recognition of Truth, Responsibility and Determination of Facts and Conduct of the SJP, deputy magistrate, Ana María Mondragón Duque, deputy magistrate, Juan Pablo Cardona Chávez, SJP attorney, Santiago Medina Villareal, attorney Juana María Ibáñez Rivas and SJP General Rapporteur, Dilia Lozano Suárez. The course was broadcast through the SJP's internal channels, where it was followed virtually by officers from its headquarters in Bogotá.

4. Course for the Professional Association of Psychologists in Costa Rica

On October 12, 17, and 19, the Office of the Court Registrar and the Professional Association of Psychologists in Costa Rica, organized joint training for a group of 10 professionals in the discipline selected by the Association, who will be responsible for providing the psychological support service for deponents before the Inter-American Court. The training was held both virtually and in person at the Court's seat and addressed, among other topics, an introduction to the functioning of the Inter-American Court, its procedure, and public hearings. It should be noted that, in agreement with the Association, it was decided to strengthen training and carry out a second module at the beginning of 2024 to reinforce legal knowledge and issues related to psychological support by the participating professionals.

5. Regional Training on Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law – UNESCO – Costa Rica

The Inter-American Court Education Center co-organized the Regional Training event on Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law, an initiative of the UNESCO Regional Office.

The course was held at the Court's seat from November 15 to 17, 2023, and addressed, among other topics, an introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the rule of law, the adoption of AI in the judicial sector, the legal

and ethical challenges of deploying AI in the judicial sector, and human rights and AI: governance, regulation and policy. At the request of the Inter-American Court Training Center, representatives of the Judicial Schools that make up the Ibero-American Network of Judicial Schools (RIAEJ) were invited.

6. Course on “Compliance with Judgments of the Inter-American Court and Public Policies for their Implementation”

On November 27, the Court and the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights (IPPDH) co-organized the 1st Edition of the International Course “Compliance with Judgments of the Inter-American Court and Public Policies for their Implementation.” The course runs for 11 weeks in a mixed format (virtual and in-person), with synchronous virtual conferences and with a face-to-face week in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from February 5 to 9, 2024. The teaching team consists of professionals from the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court, experts in the inter-American System, and in the design and implementation of IPPDH public policies with a human rights focus.

This course was co-organized under an agreement signed in 2023 between both institutions with the objective of “promoting coordinated actions, facilitating and encouraging mutual collaboration to promote a human rights focus in the public policies of the MERCOSUR countries.” The objective of the course is to train participants on the different forms of reparation ordered by the Inter-American Court in its judgments, the procedure and mechanisms it uses to monitor compliance, and the impact that the design and implementation may have on public policies with a human rights focus by States in the implementation of reparations. It also aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences regarding good practice, challenges, and resolution of problems that arise in the implementation of the reparations ordered in the judgments and seeks to promote training in the management of public policies from a human rights perspective, all this within a space for discussion and reflection.

This first edition registered more than 80 participants from various countries in the region, chosen from more than 1,900 applications. Among those selected were state officers or people working in institutions that undertake States’ legal representation in proceedings before the Inter-American Court, and public officials in charge of the implementation or execution of reparation measures ordered by the Inter-American Court. Also included were: those responsible for the design, management, execution, and evaluation of the reparations ordered by the Inter-American Court, national human rights institutions of the States Parties in the American Convention with interest in influencing the fulfillment of reparations ordered by the Inter-American Court at the domestic level, representatives of alleged victims in proceedings before the inter-American System, inter-American public defenders, people from civil society and academia with interest in the implementation of the reparations ordered by the Inter-American Court and in the monitoring stage of compliance with judgments.

B. | Virtual training

1. Online self-training courses of the Institutional Strengthening Project of the Inter-American Court to optimize its capabilities (ASDI)

On February 15, 2023, thanks to the support of Swedish cooperation, the Inter-American Court launched three courses on basic issues of international human rights law, namely, “Introduction to the inter-American Human Rights System and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.”, “Access and procedure before the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights” and an introduction on “The right to equality and the principle of non-discrimination”.

The call for registration in these three courses ran from December 21, 2022, to January 30, 2023, a period in which around 13 thousand people registered. However, applications continued to be received until the following February 13, so it was decided to extend the registration period to include another 3,000 people who registered after the initial deadline. This allowed more than 16,000 people to register for the three self-training courses.

Each course is made up of 10 video masterclasses taught by an expert and readings and other support materials that are available on the Training Center website, inaugurated in 2023.

2. Course on “Public Defense in Equity: Gender and intersectionality perspectives for effective action”, National Public Defender’s Office, FLACSO and Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Between May 2 and June 11, 2023, the second edition of the course “Public Defense in Equity: gender and intersectionality perspectives for effective action. A virtual learning and experimentation experience” was held virtually in asynchronous mode, organized by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Public Prosecutor’s Office of Argentina and FLACSO, with the support of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. The course had the active participation of 22 official public defenders and officials from the public defender’s offices from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Chile, Honduras, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Panama. The course tutoring was provided by personnel from the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court and the Ministry of Public Defense of Argentina.

The course included 30 hours, spread over 6 weeks, with 8 online activities that were based on work on hypothetical cases related to women’s human rights narrated via multimedia. The content of the hypothetical cases allowed the gender perspective to be applied by examining, through role plays, access to various fundamental rights by the cases’ women protagonists, such as the guarantees of due process, the right to adequate technical defense, the right to protest and the right to personal integrity, among others. The objective of each activity was to encourage each participant to study, explore alternatives, make decisions, and reflect on their own actions when intervening in the public defense of the case.

The course also offered a wide repertoire of international instruments, and judgments from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights related to women’s rights from a practical perspective, facilitating the application of inter-American standards as a tool for public defense.

3. Course “International Standards for the issuance and review of coercive measures”, Supreme Court of Justice of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina

From August 16 to September 13, 2023, the virtual course International Standards for the issuance and review of coercive measures was held, organized by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Education Center, the Institute of Judicial Studies of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, the provincial Public Prosecutor’s Office, and the Implementation and Monitoring Authority of the “Verbitsky” Judgment Compliance Program. This course was aimed at more than 4,000 officials from various judicial institutions in the Province of Buenos Aires.

The course was taught by two lawyers from the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court, its Legal Director, and the Deputy Court Registrar. It should be noted that this course was declared mandatory by the Supreme Court of the Province of Buenos Aires and uploaded to a training website so that it can be completed by those who did not complete it at the time and those who entered the judiciary. As of December 2023, 6,205 officers from the provincial justice administration had enrolled in this course with 4,575 people having passed.

4. Course “The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Public Prosecutor’s Office”, Argentine Association of Prosecutors, Argentina

From October 11 to November 1, 2023, the course The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Public Prosecutor’s Office was held, organized by the Inter-American Court Training Center and the Argentine Association of Prosecutors (AAF). More than 1,400 people from 13 States in the region enrolled in this synchronous online course, an average of more than 300 prosecutors and members of Public Prosecutor’s Offices participated in its sessions, of which 202 completed the entire process. The course was taught by three lawyers from the Secretariat, the professor and former prosecutor of Colombia, Dr. Angela Buitrago, and the then President of the Inter-American Court, Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique.

5. First edition of the International Course “Compliance with I.A. Court H.R. Judgments and public policies for their implementation”

On November 27, 2023, the 1st Edition of the International Course “Compliance with I.A. Court H.R. Judgments and Public Policies for their Implementation”, co-organized by the Inter-American Court and the Institute for Public Policies on Human Rights (IPPDH) of MERCOSUR, began. The course has a duration of 11 weeks in a mixed format (virtual and face-to-face), with synchronous virtual conferences and a face-to-face week in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from February 5 to 9, 2024. More information on this course is provided in the Training chapter of this Report (below). The teaching team is made up of professionals from the Judgment Compliance Monitoring Unit of the Secretariat of the I.A. Court H.R., experts in the Inter-American System, and the design and implementation of public policies with a human rights approach from the IPPDH.

This course was co-organized within the framework of an agreement signed in 2023 between both institutions with the objective of “promoting coordinated actions, facilitating and encouraging mutual collaboration to promote the human rights approach in the public policies of the MERCOSUR countries”.

The objective of the course is to train participants on the different forms of reparations ordered by the I.A. Court H.R. in its judgments, the procedures and mechanisms used by the Court to monitor compliance, and the impact that the design and implementation of public policies with a human rights approach by the States can have on the implementation of reparations. It also aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences regarding good practices, challenges, and problem-solving in the implementation of reparations ordered in the Judgments. In addition, it seeks to train in the management of public policies from a human rights perspective, all within the framework of a space for discussion and reflection.

More than 80 people from different countries in the region participated in this first edition, chosen from among more than 1,900 applications. Among those selected were state agents or persons working in institutions that exercise legal representation of the States in proceedings before the I.A. Court H.R.; public officials responsible for the implementation or execution of reparations measures ordered by the I.A. Court H.R.; public officials responsible for the design, direction, execution, and evaluation of reparations ordered by the I.A. Court H.R.; officials of national human rights institutions of the States Parties to the American Convention with an interest in influencing compliance with reparations ordered by the I.A. Court H.R. at the domestic level; representatives of alleged victims and victims in proceedings before the Inter-American system; inter-American public defenders; and persons from civil society and academia with an interest in the implementation of reparations ordered by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. reparations ordered by the I.A. Court H.R. and in the stage of supervision of compliance with the judgment.

C. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights education center

Throughout 2023, the Court continued the process of establishing a Human Rights Training Center. In this regard, efforts were concentrated on:

- ▶ Establishing an audio, video, and television recording room used for the production of audio-visual resources and as the Court's television channel to broadcast training events live, and produce high-quality recordings of classes and other training resources;
- ▶ Developing and implementing a Virtual Classroom and a website that offers self-training courses and teaching resources for the promotion and education in human rights, and
- ▶ producing, in the initial stage, 28 additional self-training courses on the Court's various lines of case law in order to promote and meet the growing demand for training received by the Court.

1. Audio, video, and television recording room of the Education Center

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CLASE 2

**LA CONVENCION SOBRE
LOS DERECHOS DEL NIÑO:
PREÁMBULO, ESTRUCTURA Y
PRINCIPIOS FUNDAMENTALES**

**En esta clase se abordarán los
siguientes contenidos:**

- Igualdad y no discriminación
- Vida, supervivencia y desarrollo
- Interés superior
- Participación

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3. Production of self-training courses

The production of the self-training courses in the Virtual Classroom catalog began at the end of 2022 with the preparation and recording of the three courses sponsored by Swedish cooperation and published in February 2023. They were joined, thanks again to Swedish support, by the production of three courses in English and one in Portuguese, which will be published in 2024.

This work continued throughout 2023 thanks to the cooperation of Switzerland, with which it was agreed to produce another 18 self-training courses in Spanish on the Court's various lines of case law. From the second semester, three more courses were added thanks to Swedish cooperation. As a result, during 2023, the Inter-American Court worked on the production of 28 self-training courses, of which 11 were published on December 10, 2023, and the rest were in production as of December 31, 2023. During the year 2023, The following self-training courses were offered in the Virtual Classroom:

NO.	NAME OF COURSE	LAUNCH
1	Introduction to the inter-American system of Human Rights	13 Feb 2023
2	Access and procedure to the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights	13 Feb 2023
3	Equality and non-discrimination I	13 Feb 2023
4	Equality and non-discrimination II	10 Dec 2023
5	Persons with disabilities	10 Dec 2023
6	Indigenous and Tribal Peoples	10 Dec 2023
7	Freedom of Expression	10 Dec 2023
8	Right to life	10 Dec 2023
9	Right to Personal Freedom	10 Dec 2023
10	Children and adolescents	10 Dec 2023
11	Women's human rights	10 Dec 2023

To improve the training processes developed by the Education Centre and to support the strengthening of the training capacities of the Inter-American Court in the medium and long term, a pedagogical assessment was undertaken by the State Distance University for the Development and Promotion of Distance Education (FUNDEPREDI) Foundation in November 2023. The purpose of this advice is to review the study programs, video classes, and teaching materials produced (and in production) by the Inter-American Court's Training Facility, the identification of areas for improvement, the preparation of proposals for improvement, and the support of their expertise for the general optimization of the pedagogical aspects of the self-training courses.

4. First Meeting on Human Rights Training in the Region's Law Schools

On October 30 and 31, the first Meeting on Human Rights Training in the Law Schools of the region was held at the Court's seat. This meeting saw the participation of Deans and other high-ranking authorities from universities in Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. It allowed the formation of a network of the region's Law Faculties and the Inter-American Court's Education Center to develop various joint activities, beginning on December 10, the launch date of the Virtual Classroom of the Inter-American Court Training Centre. This activity was made possible thanks to the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation COSUDE.

5. Education Center incorporated into the Ibero-American Network of Judicial Schools – RIAEJ

On November 12, the Court Education Center joined the Ibero-American Network of Judicial Schools. The decision was adopted unanimously by the judicial schools participating in the XII General Assembly, held in the city of León, Spain. As part of this incorporation, the Education Center made a proposal to the RIAEJ for the formulation of a basic training program on the Court, for the benefit of the judicial schools in the network, and a series of training events to be developed during the year 2024.

6. Collaboration with other training initiatives on the Inter-American Court's work and case law.

In addition to the aforementioned training work, carried out directly by the Inter-American Court, other human rights training initiatives were supported, among which the following stand out.

6.1 "Héctor Fix Zamudio" Training Diploma in the Inter-American Human Rights System

Within the framework of a Collaboration Agreement signed in 2013 and renewed in 2021 between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the National Autonomous University of Mexico, the UNAM Legal Research Institute, in coordination with the Institution's Office of the General Advocacy, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Court, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner in Mexico and the International Committee of the Red Cross, the 2023 edition of the "Héctor Fix Zamudio" Training Diploma in the Inter-American human rights system was held.

The Fix Zamudio Diploma is a specialized and high-level academic training activity in the inter-American system of human rights for students, members of civil society organizations, public officials, and anyone interested in the subject.

6.2 Latin American Human Rights Research Hub

The Latin American Human Rights Research Hub was held in 2023, offering young people from Latin America and the Caribbean the opportunity to delve into the work of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In this course, fundamental topics were addressed such as the construction of inter-American standards and jurisprudential dialogue with States and other human rights systems. In the workshops and meetings, various aspects of human rights were explored in depth, particularly reparations in the Inter-American human rights system. The sessions generated valuable debates that contributed to the dissemination of the Inter-American human rights system. This initiative, promoted by the Inter-American Court, the Human Rights Center of the University of Buenos Aires, and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Rule of Law Program for Latin America, achieved its objective of bringing young people closer to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights case law.

D. | Publications

In 2023, the Court produced and edited nine new publications and supported the launch of a series of publications by the Supreme Court of Mexico and a publication by the State of Costa Rica.

1. Inauguration of the 2023 Inter-American Judicial Year

The Court published the proceedings of the inauguration of the Inter-American Judicial Year, which took place on February 7, 2023. This document brings together the speeches given during the inauguration ceremony by then-President of the Court Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique; Vice President of the Republic of Costa Rica Stephen Brunner Neibig; President of the Superior Court of Justice of Brazil, Minister Maria Thereza Rocha de Assis Moura; and ex-President of the Inter-American Court Sergio García Ramírez. The proceedings were published on December 8, 2023, and disseminated by the Court on social media.²⁰⁰

2. Case Law Bulletins of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

The Court's Case Law Bulletins are an important instructional tool as well as a means of disseminating case law. They are used as resources for the Court's growing number of educational activities, and they are also used by various courts, institutions, and organizations in the region. They play an educational role for those involved with—or interested in—the inter-American human rights system, facilitate access to international justice and increase awareness of the Court's work.

The series currently includes 40 bulletins in Spanish and 5 in Portuguese. In addition, bulletins were revised in 2023 as part of the ongoing improvement process; progress was made on updates to the bulletins on Nicaragua, Honduras, Bolivia, Guatemala, and others.

In this regard, in 2023, ___ booklets were issued.

200 Social media dissemination: <https://twitter.com/CortelDH/status/1733267026280341652>

3. Series on reparations compliance monitoring and impacts of the I/A Court H.R.'s judgments

In 2023, the Court began to publish a series on reparations compliance monitoring and the impacts of the I/A Court H.R.'s judgments. This series is intended to disseminate the Court's case law on compliance monitoring, organizing it by type of reparation. The aim here is to shed light on the actions, laws, domestic decisions, and public policies implemented by States to make the reparations ordered. Organizing this information also makes it possible to do comparisons to identify the best practices or domestic mechanisms that are the most effective compliance measures for different types of reparations, which could then be replicated in other States.

This series also publicizes information on the impacts of the Inter-American Court's decisions. To that end, legal decisions and domestic laws are identified in which the Convention-based standards developed by the I/A Court H.R. in its judgments are incorporated domestically by other States that were not parties to those disputes. This highlights the important areas in which constructive dialogues between the international court and domestic bodies and institutions have emerged, and it shows the impact of the I/A Court H.R.'s judgments on the implementation of structural changes that protect and ensure the human rights enshrined in the American Convention on Human Rights and other inter-American agreements beyond a particular case.

In 2023, the first two documents of this series were published with the support of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.

3.1 Reparations related to invalidating domestic judgments and creating mechanisms for reopening judicial processes

This publication addresses two distinct measures of reparation:

- a. the measure of restitution to invalidate domestic judgments the Court has found to be in violation of the Convention and to eliminate any corresponding law enforcement, judicial, administrative, or criminal record against the victims. This kind of measure is ordered in cases in which proceedings and rulings against the victims violated rights such as the freedom of thought and expression, the right to defense, and the principle of legality; and
- b. the guarantee of non-repetition related to creating mechanisms that permit the reopening of investigations or judicial proceedings when the I/A Court H.R. has found that the State failed to fulfill its obligation to investigate human rights violations. This kind of measure was ordered for the first time in 2022 in cases in which the rights to judicial guarantees and judicial protection were violated due to the State's failure to fulfill its obligation to investigate the death and torture of victims.

3.2 Reparations related to adapting domestic law to the Convention, with respect to the right to appeal a judgment before a higher judge or court

This publication is the second in the series, and it addresses the right to appeal a judgment before a higher judge or court, which is established in Article 8(2)(h) of the American Convention. This right ensures non-repetition through the adaptation of States' legal systems to the Convention with respect to that right so that States adequately protect and safeguard it.

4. Collaboration with States Parties on publications

4.1 Infographic of the Case of Guevara Díaz v. Costa Rica

In the last few years, the Inter-American Court has created and published infographics on some of its decisions with the aim of making the information accessible to more of the public, especially those who do not have legal training or extensive knowledge of human rights. The infographics visually convey the most important information and data concerning the Court's judgments and advisory opinions, combining different image and text elements that simplify and summarize the I/A Court H.R.'s decisions. This line of publications is intended to reach members of the public who have little to no engagement with the Inter-American Court, as well as to complement the Court's publications that are intended for a more specialized audience (such as the institutional books and Case Law Bulletins).

In 2023, in response to a request from the State of Costa Rica, the I/A Court H.R. provided advice and assistance in the development of an infographic by that country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture on the Case of Guevara Díaz v. Costa Rica. It is noteworthy that this publication was not ordered by the Inter-American Court in its judgment; rather, it was an additional initiative proposed by the State to raise awareness in society and among public officials, as a complement to the training of Ministry of Finance officials ordered in the judgment. The infographic was presented on June 21, 2023, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture of Costa Rica, and it can be found on that ministry's website.

4.2 Line of Precedents of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights – Supreme Court of Mexico

December 7, 2023, marked the publication of the first volume in the series Lines of Precedent of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights: No. 1 Judicial Independence, which was produced by the Supreme Court of Mexico with the support of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court. This collection supplements the Case Law Bulletins of the I/A Court H.R.