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WORK PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION ISSUES (CAM)   
FOR THE 2021-2022 PERIOD

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INTRODUCTION

Migration is a defining feature of human history. Various push and pull factors make migration a multidimensional phenomenon that affects countries of origin, transit, destination, and return in numerous ways. This is clearly evidenced by the migratory dynamics and mixed migratory movements seen today in the Americas. It is therefore necessary to address the region’s migration dynamics and processes, examining their different causes and identifying both the different degrees of vulnerability and the multiple forms of discrimination to which migrants are exposed, especially those engaged in irregular migration.

The OAS member states have agreed that the challenges and opportunities posed by international migration must be addressed in a balanced way, promoting evidence-based public policies and ensuring that migration takes place in an orderly, safe, and regular manner, and recognizing states’ obligations to protect the rights of migrants, regardless of their migratory status, with full respect for human rights and national law.

Recent years have seen significant upswings in migration dynamics in the Hemisphere. This demands an informed dialogue to build regional responses for addressing the challenges that arise and for taking advantage of the development opportunities that migration offers. Significant in this regard is that the 2030 Agenda has recognized the close link between human mobility and sustainable development, and that the OAS member states have recognized the contribution of migrants and migration to the growth and sustainable development of countries of origin, transit, destination, and return. Migration processes in the region must therefore be observed and analyzed, in harmony with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Similarly, the Inter-American Principles on the Human Rights of All Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, and Victims of Human Trafficking adopted by the IACHR emphasize “the transnational nature of migration and the importance of shared responsibility between States, and the need to cooperate and engage in dialogue to defend and protect the rights of all migrants, regardless of their migration status,” and “the need for comprehensive, people-centered and human rights-based policies, laws, and practices, including responses to large and/or mixed movements of migrants implemented by states to address the human mobility phenomenon, and the applicability of the principles of non-regression and nonderogability in all relevant matters.”

According to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the number of migrants in the world reached 281 million in 2020 and, in the Americas, there were about 74 million international migrants that same year.[[1]](#footnote-2) In addition to the growing number of migrants within the region itself, the region is currently experiencing numerous dynamics of forced internal and international displacement, which will continue to worsen as a result of the prolonged impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these people are extremely vulnerable and require humanitarian assistance and protection; following a human rights approach in dealing with the issue will therefore serve to highlight the particular vulnerability of persons in situations of forced displacement (internally displaced, asylum seekers, refugees) and any specific rights and needs they may have.

The various vulnerabilities and risks faced by migrants have increased since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is an unprecedented global crisis in which migrants have been directly and indirectly affected. For that reason, the region’s countries have decided to take migrants and their families into account in formulating and enforcing policies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into consideration the particular impact it has had on women and on children and adolescents.

The objective of this work plan is to address migration issues in the Americas in a multidimensional way, with a rights-based approach, covering the social and economic dimensions from a national and regional perspective and with a gender focus, seeking to highlight the initiatives for dialogue and cooperation on migration and international protection undertaken at the multilateral level.

Based on the issues addressed at the thematic meetings, the Chair will place before the delegations a series of paragraphs for discussion and inclusion in the CIDI omnibus resolution to be presented to the next General Assembly.

Article 58 of the Rules of Procedure for CIDI regular and special meetings establishes the functions of the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM).

MANDATES

This Work Plan for the Committee on Migration Issues is based on the mandates issued to the Committee by the General Assembly and the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) in the following resolutions:

1. AG/RES. 2738 (XLII-O/12) “Strengthening the Topic of Migration in the OAS: Establishment of the Committee on Migration Issues,” operative paragraphs 1 to 3. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_18/CIDSC00047S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_18/CIDSC00047E02.doc)
2. AG/RES. 2816 (XLIV-O/14) “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development,” operative paragraphs 18 to 22. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091E02.doc)
3. AG/RES. 2881 (XLVI-O/16) “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development,” operative paragraphs 33 to 37. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_18/CIDSC00048S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_18/CIDSC00048E02.doc)
4. [AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16)](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=ag/doc.&classNum=5530&lang=s) “Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, including Migrant Workers and Their Families,” operative paragraphs 1 to 3. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039E02.doc)
5. AG/RES. 2910 (XLVII-O/17) “Migration in the Americas,” operative paragraphs 1 to 20. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_17/CIDRP01967S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDRP01967E02.doc)
6. AG/RES. 2916 (XLVIII-O/18) “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development,” “Fostering the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants, including migrant workers and their families, in accordance with the Inter-American Program on this subject to enhance their contribution to development,” operative paragraphs 26 to 33. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_18/CIDIS00003S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_18/CIDIS00003E02.doc)
7. AG/RES. 2939 (XLIX-O/19) “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development,” “Fostering the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants, including migrant workers and their families, in accordance with the Inter-American Program on this subject to enhance their contribution to development,” operative paragraphs 21 to 25. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00090S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00090E02.doc)
8. AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20) “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience,” “Fostering the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants, including migrant workers and their families, in accordance with the Inter-American Program on this subject to enhance their contribution to development,” operative paragraphs 34 to 45. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158E02.docx) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/FRENCH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158F02.docx) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/PORTUGUESE/HIST_21/CIDSC00158P02.docx)
9. AG/RES. 2967 (LI-O/21) “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience,” “Fostering the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants, including migrant workers and their families, in accordance with the Inter-American Program on this subject to enhance their contribution to development,” operative paragraphs 46 to 60. [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_22/CIDSC00185S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_22/CIDSC00185E02.docx) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/FRENCH/HIST_22/CIDSC00185F02.doc) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/PORTUGUESE/HIST_22/CIDSC00185P02.doc)

PROGRAM STAKEHOLDERS

1. Organs, agencies, and entities of the OAS and of the inter-American system referred to in this program:
2. General Secretariat
3. Committee on Migration Issues (CAM)
4. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
5. Specialized organizations:
6. Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)
7. Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN)
8. Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
9. OAS member states
10. Multilateral organizations
11. Other stakeholders: Encourage civil society organizations and other stakeholders, academics, diaspora networks, and migrants to take account of the goals of this Inter-American Program in their activities, in accordance with their mandates and to the extent allowed by their budgets, with a view to future cooperation between them and the CAM, the OAS member states that so request, and the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization.

**CAM CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES, 2022**

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| DATE | MANDATE | ACTIVITY |
| FEBRUARY 22, 2022  Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. | AG/RES. 2738 (XLII-O/12)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_18/CIDSC00047S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_18/CIDSC00047E02.doc)  [AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16)](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=ag/doc.&classNum=5530&lang=e) [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039E02.doc) | First session  1. Presentation of candidates for the Vice Chair   1. Second session 2. 1. Election of the Vice Chair 3. 2. Consideration of the 2022 Work Plan |
| MARCH 15, 2022  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | AG/RES. 2910 (XLVII-O/17)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091E02.doc) | Thematic meeting  – “Migration in the Americas: Main migration dynamics and figures” |
| APRIL 5, 2022  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  2020 Resolution  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158E02.docx) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/FRENCH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158F02.docx) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/PORTUGUESE/HIST_21/CIDSC00158P02.docx) | Thematic meeting   * “Migration in North America” * “Migration in Central America” |
| APRIL 28, 2022  Thursday, 2:30 p.m. | AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  2020 Resolution  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158E02.docx) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/FRENCH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158F02.docx) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/PORTUGUESE/HIST_21/CIDSC00158P02.docx)  AG/RES. 2816 (XLIV-O/14)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091E02.doc)  [AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16)](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=ag/doc.&classNum=5530&lang=s) [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039E02.doc)  AG/RES. 2910 (XLVII-O/17)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_19/CIDSC00091E02.doc) | Thematic meeting   * “Migration in South America” * “Migration in the Caribbean” |
| MAY 17, 2022  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  2020 Resolution  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158E02.docx) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/FRENCH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158F02.docx) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/PORTUGUESE/HIST_21/CIDSC00158P02.docx) | Thematic meeting   * “Migration governance and international and regional migration mechanisms and processes: towards the development of a comprehensive and hemispheric approach (GCM, RCM, SACM, Quito Process, R4V Platform, MIRPS, and CAM).” |
| JUNE 14, 2022  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | AG/ DEC. 88 (XLVI-0/16)  “Climate Change, Food Security, and Migration in the Americas”  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00159S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00159E02.docx)  AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  2020 Resolution  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158E02.docx) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/FRENCH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158F02.docx) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/PORTUGUESE/HIST_21/CIDSC00158P02.docx) | Thematic meeting   * “Migration, Natural Disasters, and Climate Change”   Thematic meeting:   * “The Role of Local Governments in Receiving and Integrating Migrants” |
| JUNE 30, 2022  Thursday, 2:30 P.m. | AG/RES. 2916 (XLVIII-O/18)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_18/CIDIS00003S02.doc) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_18/CIDIS00003E02.doc)  AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  2020 Resolution  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158S02.docx) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158E02.docx) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/FRENCH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158F02.docx) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/PORTUGUESE/HIST_21/CIDSC00158P02.docx) | Thematic meeting  – “Preventing Racism, Xenophobia, and Intersectional Discrimination against Migrants”  – “Regularization and Regular Channels for the Admission and Establishment of Migrants” |
| JULY 25, 2022 |  | Distribution by the Chair of paragraphs to be included in the CIDI draft resolution for referral the OAS General Assembly. |
| SEPTEMBER 06, 2022  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | Rules of Procedure for CIDI regular and special meetings [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=e) | Negotiation of paragraphs for inclusion in the draft resolution for consideration by CIDI prior to referral to the OAS General Assembly. |
| SEPTEMBER 13, 2022  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | Rules of Procedure for CIDI regular and special meetings | Negotiation of paragraphs for inclusion in the draft resolution for consideration by CIDI prior to referral to the OAS General Assembly. |
| SEPTEMBER 20, 2022  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | Rules of Procedure for CIDI regular and special meetings | Final consideration and approval of paragraphs for inclusion in the draft resolution for consideration by CIDI prior to referral to the OAS General Assembly. |

1. UNDESA, International Migrant Stock 2020. Available at: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/content/international-migrant-stock> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)