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(Regular meeting of CIDI, September 27, 2022)

INSTALLATION OF THE CAM AND ELECTION OF ITS OFFICERS

The Committee on Migration Affairs (CAM) was established by resolution “Strengthening the Topic of Migration in the OAS: Establishment of the Committee on Migration Issues,” adopted in 2012.

In the 2021-2022 term, the Committee on Migration Issues was installed during the regular meeting of CIDI held on January 25, 2022, at which I was elected Chair of the Committee by acclamation.

The election of the Vice Chair of the CAM took place during the second meeting of the CAM, held on February 22, 2022, at which Jaqueline Adriana Melgar Figueroa, Alternate Representative of Guatemala, was elected.

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE CAM: 2021-2022 TERM

At the second meeting on February 22, 2022, the CAM adopted its work plan for the 2021-2022 term (document CIDI/CAM/doc.102/22 rev. 1: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=102&lang=s) | [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=102&lang=e)). The purpose of this work plan was 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. The activities scheduled in the work plan were implemented in six thematic meetings held during the term.

Meetings were held with high-level speakers on the following topics: “Migration in the Americas: Main migration dynamics and figures”; “Migration in North America and Migration in Central America and Mexico”; “Migration in South America and Migration in the Caribbean”; “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)”; “Migration, Natural Disasters and Climate Change”; “The Role of Local Governments in Receiving and Integrating Migrants”; “Preventing Racism, Xenophobia, and Intersectional Discrimination against Migrants” and “Regularization and Regular Channels for the Admission and Establishment of Migrants.” It should be noted that at all those meetings, as pledged at the beginning of the term, the requirement of gender parity in the composition of each of the panels was met.

Each of the concept notes prepared by the Chair with the support of the Technical Secretariat, as well as the audio recordings and presentations made by the distinguished speakers who kindly participated in the aforementioned meetings, constitute a rich source of information on the status of each of the above migration issues.

The fourth thematic meeting on the topic “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)” was particularly enriching for the work of the Committee. Before concluding the meeting, the Chair and the delegates of the member states agreed to submit to CIDI for consideration a mandate to promote a space for dialogue among these mechanisms and processes, in the form of an annual meeting within the framework of the regular meetings of this Committee, so that each year follow-up meetings are held with the aim of contributing to improvements in the migration governance and international protection in the Americas.

In accordance with the mandate to ensure that the institutions of the inter-American system meet the objectives in the area of international migration that have been assigned to them through the Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, Including Migrant Workers and Their Families [AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16)], the Chair of the CAM requested the IACHR the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN), and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to submit written reports on the work they have done in the past year to achieve the objectives of the Program. This information will be reported to the member states in the report of the Chair of the CAM on the follow-up process to the Inter-American Program.

Finally, in the framework of the CAM, at four meetings held from September 1 to 20, 2022, the member states negotiated and agreed on various paragraphs on the issue of migration for inclusion in the strategic line “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”. In this regard, the CAM submits these paragraphs to the consideration of this Council for their incorporation in the corresponding strategic line of the draft omnibus resolution of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), to be considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-second regular session (document (CIDI/CAM/doc.116/22 rev. 4- [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=116&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=116&lang=e)| [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=116&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=116&lang=p))

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Likewise, the Chair is especially grateful to the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development and the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, which serve as the secretariat and technical secretariat of the CAM, respectively, for their valuable support.

Finally, this Chair thanks Sandra Burns and Estela Díaz, from the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, and Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Álvaro Botero, Claudia González, Sarah Meneses, and Vanessa Salazar, from the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, for their indispensable, committed and professional support to the Committee on Migration Affairs during the 2021-2022 term.

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