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INTRODUCTION

International migration is a multidimensional phenomenon that has wide-ranging impacts on countries of origin, transit, destination, and return. Migration processes in the region must therefore be observed considering their different causes, identifying both the varying degrees to which migrants are vulnerable and the numerous forms of discrimination to which they are exposed.

The OAS member states have agreed that the challenges and opportunities arising from international migration call for a balanced approach that promotes evidence-based public policies and ensures that this migration is orderly, safe, and regular; and recognizes states' obligation to protect the rights of migrants, regardless of their immigration status, with full respect for human rights and domestic laws.

Recent years have witnessed significant increases in human mobility flows in the hemisphere, and this demands a more thorough and informed dialogue to craft regional strategies to handle the challenges and opportunities that migration phenomena entail for development. It must be recalled, in that regard, that the 2030 Agenda acknowledges the close link between human mobility and sustainable development, and that the OAS member states have also recognized the contributions of migrants and migration to growth and sustainable development in countries of origin, transit, destination, and return. Regional migration processes must therefore be observed and analyzed in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

According to the UN International Migration 2019 report, migrants numbered 272 million worldwide, while in the Americas, they jumped from 47 million in 2000 to 70.3 million in 2019.[[1]](#footnote-2) Added to the growing number of migrants within the region itself, the region is now the source of substantial flows of people forced to migrate, many of them highly vulnerable people who are clearly in need of humanitarian protection. A human rights approach to dealing with this issue will therefore seek to underscore how particularly vulnerable migrants are.

These people have become more vulnerable since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, an unprecedented global crisis affecting migrants directly and indirectly. The countries of the region have therefore decided that when formulating and applying policies to deal the COVID-19 pandemic, they will consider migrants and their families, mindful of the particular impact they have on women, children, and adolescents.

This work plan aims to approach migration issues in the Americas from a multi-dimensional, rights-based standpoint covering social and economic dimensions from a national, regional, and gender perspective while seeking to highlight multilateral efforts for dialogue and cooperation on migration and international protection.

Meetings will thus be held on: “Access to social benefits, pensions, and agreements between countries on pension transfers to social and health services for vulnerable groups in host countries”; “Migrants' contributions to host countries”; “Public policies and best practices in the region to combat discrimination, xenophobia, and racism”; “Assistance for human trafficking and migrant smuggling victims”; “The impact of migration on small island developing states (SIDS) and specific challenges in terms of their physical and financial capacity”; “Migration and climate change”; “Special migration situations in the region” (e.g., Venezuela and Central America); and “Collection of data and inter-American migration statistics” (including SICREMI).

Depending on what issues are covered at the thematic meetings, the Chair will propose a series of paragraphs for the delegations to discuss and incorporate into the CIDI omnibus resolution to be considered at the next General Assembly session.

The functions of the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM) are set out in Article 58 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI.

MANDATES

This Work Plan for the Committee on Migratory Issues was drawn up based on the mandates given to this 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 (XLIII-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 (XLIII-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 Migration 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 Flows in the Americas. Operative paragraphs 1 -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 26-33: [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-0/19) 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 21-25: [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: Promotion of 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 34-45: [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)

PROGRAM STAKEHOLDERS:

1. Organs, agencies, and entities of the OAS and the inter-American system mentioned in this Program
2. General Secretariat
3. The Committee on Migration Issues (CAM)
4. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
5. Specialized agencies
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 – To urge civil society organizations and other actors, academia, and diaspora and migrant networks to take this Program’s objectives into consideration in their activities, in keeping with their mandate and, as funding permits, with a view to possible cooperation involving them and the CAM, OAS member states that so request, and the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization.

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CAM, 2020-2021**

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| DATE | MANDATE | ACTIVITY |
| JANUARY 26, 2021  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=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) | 1. 1. Nominations for Vice Chair 2. 2. Consideration of the 2020-2021 Work Plan |
| FEBRUARY 16, 2021  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | [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) | Thematic meeting   * “Access to social benefits, pensions, and agreements between countries on pension transfers to social and health services for vulnerable groups in host countries.” |
| MARCH 30, 2021  Tuesday, 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) | Thematic meeting   * “Assistance for human trafficking and migrant smuggling victims” |
| APRIL 13, 2021  Tuesday, 10:00 a.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) [-](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CIDSC00158E02.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   * “Migrants’ contributions to host countries.” * “Public policies and best practices in the region to combat discrimination, xenophobia, and racism.” |
| MAY 4, 2021  Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. | 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) [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   * “The impact of migration on small island developing states (SIDS) and the specific challenges in terms of their physical and financial capacity.” |
| JUNE 15, 2021  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | 2020 Resolution  AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039S02.doc) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039E02.doc) - [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   * “Follow-up on measures to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrants in the Americas, including vaccination processes.” |
| JULY 9, 2021  Friday, 10:00 a.m. | 2020 Resolution  AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039S02.doc) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039E02.doc) - [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   * “Collection of data and inter-American migration statistics” |
| JULY 23, 2021  Friday, 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_17/CIDSC00039S02.doc) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039E02.doc) | Thematic meeting   * “Migration and climate change” |
| AUGUST 10, 2021  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | 2020 Resolution  AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039S02.doc) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_17/CIDSC00039E02.doc) - [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   * “Special migration situations in the region” (e.g., Venezuela and Central America); |
| AUGUST 17, 2021 |  | Distribution by the Chair of paragraphs to be included in the CIDI draft resolution with a view to its submission to the OAS General Assembly. |
| SEPTEMBER 7, 2021  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | Rules of Procedure for regular and special meetings of CIDI - [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 to be considered by CIDI with a view to its submission to the OAS General Assembly. |
| SEPTEMBER 14, 2021  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | Rules of Procedure for regular and special meetings of CIDI | Negotiation of paragraphs for inclusion in the draft resolution to be considered by CIDI with a view to its submission to the OAS General Assembly. |
| SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | Rules of Procedure for regular and special meetings of CIDI | Final consideration and approval of paragraphs for inclusion in the draft resolution to be considered by CIDI with a view to its submission to the OAS General Assembly. |

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1. . UNDESA, Population Facts, September 2019. Available at: https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/publications/populationfacts/docs/MigrationStock2019\_PopFacts\_2019-04.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-2)