

2018 Annual Report



**Red Latinoamericana para la
Prevención del Genocidio
y Atrocidades Masivas**



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The Network

The Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention (The Network) is a regional body of cooperation originally comprised of 18 member states¹ that have prioritized atrocity prevention in the development of both foreign and domestic policy. This forum provides a space for the exchange of best practices and training opportunities on the subject of atrocity prevention through national programs and regional initiatives. The Network also provides a robust teaching curriculum on the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities, the contents of which are reflected in each annual edition of the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for the Latin American Network. Through these efforts, Latin America has positioned itself as a leader in the joint and standardized implementation of approaches that prioritize universal rights and principles, providing a platform for the creation of common policies for the region.

The Network was established in 2012 as the result of an initiative led by the governments of Argentina and Brazil in partnership with AIPR, and The Stanley Foundation, with the support of the Office of the United Nations Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide. These non-state supporters are considered as the “external partners” of the Network. Since its inception, AIPR has served as the Network’s Technical Secretariat, a role performed by its Buenos Aires

office.

For the Network and for AIPR, the challenge of working in atrocity prevention necessitates efforts to strengthen local capacities that reflect a recognition that atrocities are not isolated or spontaneous acts, but instead are processes with complex backgrounds, precursors, and triggers.. Consequently, both the Network and AIPR work under the premise that the prevention must be a permanent process that requires political will and sustainable efforts, in order to guarantee the protection of human rights, the fight against discrimination and a commitment to learn from the past.



¹Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay and Venezuela

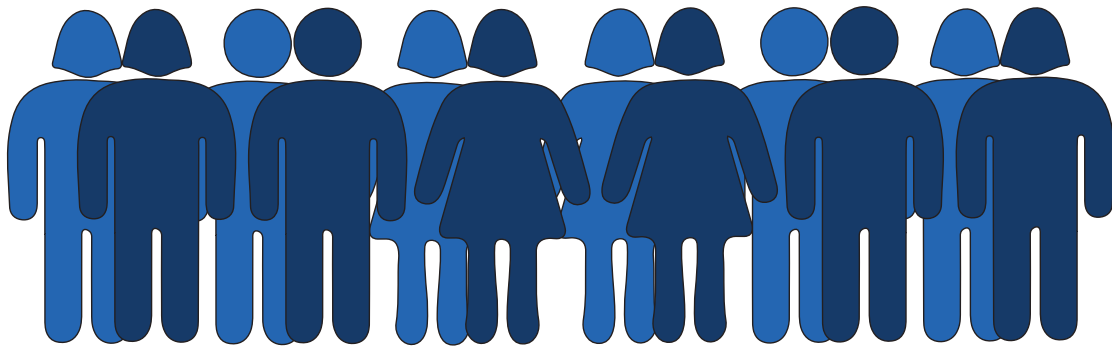
About This Report

This report reflects the activities carried out in 2018 within the framework of the Network. AIPR, in its role as Technical Secretariat, along with The Stanley Foundation and the Office of the UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide and on the Responsibility to Protect – as external partners of the Network – provided support and technical assistance for training activities addressed to member countries' institutions. The external partners also supported the development and progressive implementation of a common curriculum regarding genocide and mass atrocity prevention, as well as the creation of spaces for mutual collaboration and regional cooperation related to prevention.

The activities reflected in this document took place within member countries of the Network. The 2018 agenda was particularly focused on the Network's priority line of work related to the protection of vulnerable groups: the rights of Indigenous Peoples. The agenda included the annual Focal Points meeting, two editions of innovative national seminars with a regional approach, and other national seminars and workshops aligned with the Network's priorities.

Reach

185 people trained



3 member countries of the Network hosted regional seminars



Mexico



Guatemala



Bolivia

2018 Agenda

Seminar for Armed and Security Forces

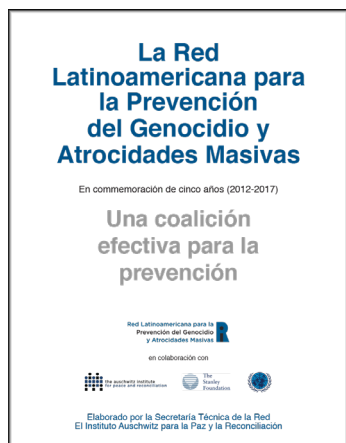
“Regional Perspectives on Education for Mass Atrocity Prevention”

Mexico City, February 14-16

The seminar “Regional Perspectives on Education for Mass Atrocity Prevention”, constituted the first iteration of implementing national seminars with a regional approach. Similarly, the event stressed the common understanding in Latin America that human rights education is a fundamental tool for strengthening the preventive role of armed and security forces. Participants in the seminar made evident the common goals and challenges shared by the countries in the region towards ensuring that human rights training programs effectively contribute to behavior changes in the field. With the support of the Network’s external partners and the host country of Mexico, the activity welcomed 105 participants from diverse national and regional institutions, among them representatives from Secretaries of Defense and of the Mexican Navy, the Federal Police of Mexico, as well as representatives from armed and security forces, Ministries of Defense, and Offices of the Ombudsperson from ten countries in the region.



Launch of the Network’s 5 Year Report



On April 26, the external partners of the Network co-organized an interactive dialogue for the atrocity prevention community in New York. The dialogue was aimed to present key points from the comprehensive assessment of the Latin American Network, the Network’s impact on public policy, and the 5 year report of the Network, which was prepared by the Technical Secretariat. This report provides a complete account of the Network’s actions during its first 5 years of operation, as well as documents support from AIPR and other external partners to the regional body and its member countries.

The event featured statements made by Adama Dieng, United Nations Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, Keith Porter, President of The Stanley Foundation and Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR. After these statements, the floor was opened for interactions with attending representatives from the

permanent missions of member countries to the UN. The interactive dialogue provided an opportunity to reflect on how permanent missions can support the efforts made within their respective capital cities and how the missions further involve themselves further in the promotion of the prevention agenda within the framework of the United Nations.

2018 Agenda

Protection of Groups in Vulnerable Situations: Indigenous Peoples



The Latin American Network has maintained the protection of vulnerable groups, with emphasis on Indigenous Peoples, as one of its priority working areas. Since 2015, the Network has been developing a research project entitled “Rights Related to Indigenous Peoples and Atrocity Crimes”, including the circulation of, and follow up related to, the questionnaire for the identification of best practices in the region. Moreover, the VIII Focal Points Meeting (New York, 2017) welcomed the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli Corpuz, who reflected about the current challenges in terms of atrocity

prevention in Latin America and served as a special guest in the questionnaire’ follow-up segment of the meeting. Thus, the decisions and agreements made during the VIII Focal Points meeting allowed for the incorporation of an approach prioritizing protections for Indigenous Peoples into the Network’s 2018 working agenda.

In addition to the follow-up activities carried out within the framework for technical assistance and cooperation with the Binghamton University Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention (I-GMAP), AIPR, as the Technical Secretariat, participated in an interactive dialogue alongside Special Rapporteur Victoria Tauli Corpuz, Special Advisor Adama Dieng, and UN Deputy Secretary General Andrew Gilmour. The dialogue took place on April 18 within the agenda of the 17th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In its statement, AIPR/TS described the process of integrating the preventive-centric approach into protective actions that Latin America has been carrying out within the framework of the Network with support from OSAPG and the Special Rapporteur, which will be reflected in the results of the project on indigenous peoples and prevention. Similarly, during the Network’s IX Focal Points meeting, the representative from Binghamton University’s I-GMAP, Nadia Rubaii, presented the preliminary results of the consolidation and analysis of data presented by the countries through the questionnaire. Over the course of the session, the member states of the Network agreed on a plan of action to continue developing this project in 2019.

National-Regional Seminar: “Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention and the Protection of Indigenous Populations in Latin America”

La Paz, October 25-26, 2018

The seminar “Genocide and mass atrocity prevention and the protection of indigenous populations in Latin America”, served to strengthen the Network’s approach to the protection of vulnerable groups, with a special emphasis on indigenous populations. The activity allowed for the review of historical aspects, as well as current challenges to the effective prevention of atrocities. Similarly, it provided an opportunity to share and discuss the scope of the joint OSAPG/Network project “Rights Related to Indigenous Peoples and Atrocity Crimes”, which was presented by Nadia Rubaii of the Binghamton University’s I-GMAP to attendees. The 25 participants included representatives from local government ministries and offices that work on issues related to the seminar theme, as well as representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Paraguay.



2018 Agenda

IX Focal Points Meeting of the Latin American Network

Santo Domingo, November 8-9, 2018



The annual meeting of the Network Focal Points was co-organized by its external partners and the Dominican Republic, who hosted the event. The meeting served as an opportunity to continue promoting the collaborative efforts between member states, reflect on the current challenges faced by the region, incorporate new topics and areas of work, and facilitate the continuity of meaningful projects towards the further consolidation of the forum. In this occasion, in addition to addressing the Network's progress, challenges related to its long-term projects, and follow-up on initiatives carried out at the

national level, members jointly reflected on the challenges currently being experienced in the region and discussed the design of proposals as well as the consolidation of the 2019 agenda.

Similarly, within the context of the meeting, the Focal Points made the following joint statement for the Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime:

69/323. International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime (Adopted by the General Assembly on 11 September 2015). Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention.

On the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime, the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention invites the commemoration of the dignity of the victims of this horrendous crime through concrete preventive actions and encourages the broader international community to recognize, and remain attentive to, new global challenges. With the conviction that only through coordinated efforts, sustained dialogue, and actions oriented towards the construction of memory, as well as the fight against discrimination and impunity, we will transform the grief from these atrocities into forceful messages and actions in order to build long-lasting peace.

Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, December of 2018.-



National Initiatives

National Seminar: Colombia

“Mass Atrocity Prevention Tools and the Early Warning System”

Bogota, March 14-15



In accordance with the established institutional cooperative partnership, AIPR and the Office of the Ombudsperson of Colombia co-organized the first national training seminar on “Mass Atrocity Prevention Tools and the Early Warning System”, which was also supported by the Swedish Embassy in Colombia and the UN Development Programme. The activity had a particular focus on the country’s new early warning system, the Intersectoral Commission for Early Response to Early Warnings (CIPRAT), which was established in December of 2017. The seminar welcomed 30 public officials and fostered reflection on the preventive approach to strengthen the country’s early warning system.

Seminar-workshop: Guatemala

“Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention and the Protection of Groups in Vulnerable Situations: Displaced Persons and Migrants in Latin America”

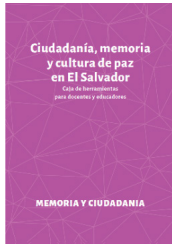
Guatemala City, May 31 and June 1

Through their strategic partnership, AIPR and The Stanley Foundation support efforts to provide tools that allow for the identification of the link between atrocity prevention and current challenges at the regional level in Latin America. Because of this, the two organizations co-organized a workshop in Guatemala City entitled “Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention and the Protection of Groups in Vulnerable Situations: Displaced Persons and Migrants in Latin America.” The activity was based on an awareness of the current challenges faced by the region in terms of the protection of vulnerable groups and the continued integration of human rights and migrant rights agendas with a preventive perspective. The event welcomed 25 local and regional participants and provided an opportunity for discussions and analysis between government officials, civil society representatives, scholars, journalists, and representatives from international organizations, who represented a diverse array of voices in establishing priorities and lines of action.



Support and Technical Assistance

Follow-up and Technical Assistance to the AIPR Project “Education for Prevention in Latin America” in Brazil and El Salvador



Since 2016 the AIPR/TS Educational Policies Program has been developing two components of the “Education and Prevention” project in Brazil and El Salvador – two member countries of the Latin American Network. During the IX Network Focal Points Meeting, the Director of AIPR’s Educational Policy Program, Dr. Clara Ramirez-Barat, presented the current status of the project in both countries. In El Salvador, the project developed a toolkit for educators, an educational resource

designed to facilitate work on democratic citizenship, memory, and a culture of peace in schools and other educational spaces for children and adolescents in the country. Equally, the document is designed for use by interested civil society organizations outside the bounds of formal education.

In Brazil, the project’s pilot phase was implemented in 7 middle schools belonging to the public education network: 5 in Sao Paulo and 2 in Brasilia, in collaboration with the Secretaries of Education of each state. The project has involved the participation of 15 teachers and approximately 650 elementary and middle school students. During the pilot phase, which ran throughout 2018, the project’s primary objective was the promotion of the acquisition of knowledge and abilities related to human rights and democracy among Brazilian public school students. The project has entered its second phase, in early 2019, and has [published an audiovisual product that summarizes the initiative’s work thus far](#).



Follow-up and Technical Assistance: Online Courses for the Latin American Network

During 2018, AIPR/TS developed online courses to continue and multiply the training of public officials within the institutions and entities of the Network’s member countries. These courses included two editions of the course “Foundations in Mass Atrocity Prevention”, which offered a comprehensive summary of concepts; and the course “Migration, Refugees and Mass Atrocity Prevention”, which aimed at training its participants on issues such as the protection and treatment of migrants and refugee populations.

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La Convención sobre el Genocidio

El proyecto de ley del Sexto comité se convirtió en la Convención sobre el Genocidio cuando la Asamblea General lo aprobó de manera unánime el 9 de diciembre de 1948. La Convención se convirtió en ley internacional oficial el 12 de enero de 1951, después de que 20 estados miembro la ratificaron. El siguiente mapa muestra todos los estados que no han firmado o que han ratificado, o accedido a la Convención sobre el Genocidio.

Los países en **verde claro** han firmado y ratificado la Convención sobre el Genocidio. Los países en **verde oscuro** solamente han accedido a ella. (Estos países no eran estados miembro de la ONU en el momento en el que se aprobó la Convención, pero desde entonces se han convertido en estados miembro y se han adherido a la Convención). El país en **amarillo**, la República Dominicana, ha firmado la Convención pero aun no la ratifica.

Support and Technical Assistance

Official Presentation of AIPR's Regional Office in Argentina

Buenos Aires, August 16



With an event entitled “AIPR in Argentina: Building Bridges for Prevention,” the Auschwitz Institute officially debuted its regional office in Argentina. Executive Director Tibi Galis opened the event with remarks about the mission, vision, and trajectory of AIPR at the global level. For her part, Eugenia Carbone, Director of Latin American Programs and head of the regional office in Buenos Aires, shared details on the Auschwitz Institute’s working plans in Argentina, which have been designed to have an impact throughout Latin America.

These presentations were accompanied by a message from Fabián Salvioli, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence. He identified possible paths for the integration of a focus on prevention into actions premised on transitional justice and human rights that are taken at the national and international levels. Salvioli also briefly covered the challenges that face the local and international communities today in these thematic areas.

Experts from a variety of different spheres attended, including parliamentarians, judges and justices, civil society representatives, public officials, private sector actors and members of AIPR’s local Advisory Committee. Taking advantage of this, the event provided an opportunity for dialogue and exchanges that promoted the construction of bridges between stakeholders and the common cause of strengthening actions for the protection of rights and prevention of mass atrocities.

Commemorative Events for the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide Convention

In December, AIPR’s regional office in Argentina participated in the organization of two events for the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Genocide Convention. Among the co-organizers were institutional partners such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina (Focal Point of the Network), the Prosecutor of the City of Buenos Aires, the German Embassy in Argentina, and the UNESCO Center for the Promotion of Human Rights in Argentina. These events included an expert panel and the screening of the documentary about Benjamin Ferencz and his role as a prosecutor in the Nuremberg Trials.

