

Inter-American Commission of Women



The Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM, or *la Comisión Interamericana de Mujeres* in Spanish) is a specialized inter-governmental organization within the [Organization of American States](#) (OAS). CIM is the only hemisphere-wide policy forum on women's rights and gender equality in the Americas. Its counterpart, the CIM [Executive Committee](#), complements its work and meets more regularly to discuss routine matters and immediate concerns.

CIM is based at the OAS headquarters in Washington, District of Columbia, United States. The [Assembly of Delegates](#) is CIM's highest authority, and is composed of [Delegates](#) from all participating OAS Member States. The Assembly holds [biennial meetings](#) in OAS Member States and organizes the [Meeting of Ministers of the Highest-Ranking Authorities](#) every four years.

CIM Assembly Delegates:

CIM Delegates may come from all participating OAS Member States. As of November 2017, CIM Delegates come from 34 OAS Member States. Those are: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

CIM's Activities:

- Support Member States, at their request, in their compliance with their international and Inter-American commitments to women's human rights, gender equity and equality
- Collaborate with Member States, international and civil society organizations, academics, and private actors to support women's rights and gender equality in the region
- Provide counsel to the OAS on all women's rights- and gender equality-related issues
Report annually to the OAS General Assembly regarding CIM's work, progress, and particular topics of concern at a thematic and national level

Basic Instruments:

The following is a list of core instruments relevant to CIM's work:

- Inter-American Program for the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality ([text](#))
- Statute of the Inter-American Commission of Women ([text](#))
- Regulations of the Inter-American Commission of Women ([text](#))
- Rules of Procedure of the CIM Assembly of Delegates ([text](#))
- Agreement between the Inter-American Commission of Women and the Organization of American States ([text](#))

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