

■ ASOCIACIÓN INTERAMERICANA DE DEFENSORÍAS PÚBLICAS – AIDEF

The Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (AIDEF) is an association of Public Defender's Offices whose main objectives are to defend the full validity and effectiveness of human rights, to establish a permanent system of coordination and inter-institutional cooperation of public defenders and the Associations of Public Defenders of the Americas and the Caribbean, to promote the independence and functional autonomy of the Public Defenders Offices to ensure the full exercise of the right to defend the people. The Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (AIDEF) was created on October 18, 2003 in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on the date of the "II Inter-American Congress of Public Defenders." The Association is made up of representatives of 18 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Subsequently, the following countries have been incorporated: Bahamas, Bolivia, the United States, Guatemala, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago.

■ ASSOCIAÇÃO DAS DEFENSORAS E DEFENSORES PÚBLICOS DO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO – ADPERJ

The Association of Public Defenders of Rio de Janeiro was created in 1982 and today has almost a thousand members, making it the largest state class entity of public defenders in the country. Its main objective is to fight for the interests of its members and to defend the functional prerogatives of public defenders. This action is essential for the achievements obtained by the Public Defender's Office, such as full autonomy and parity with other legal careers. Their role remains essential in the guarantee of the above-mentioned rights and in the conquest of others, such as better working conditions. At the national level, the ADPERJ acts in the public defenders' interests and in alliance with the National Association of Public Defenders (ANADEP) to which it is affiliated.

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■ ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS DEFENSORES PÚBLICOS DO ESTADO DO CEARÁ – ADPEC

The Association of Public Defenders of the State of Ceará (ADPEC), founded in 1980, is a non-profit, civil organization that brings together state public defenders to defend their prerogatives, rights, and interests, as a means of fighting for the independence and appreciation of the Public Defender's Office.

■ ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DAS DEFENSORAS E DEFENSORES PÚBLICOS – ANADEP

The Brazilian National Association of Public Defenders (ANADEP), created in 1984, is a non-profit civil institution. ANADEP represents about 6,000 active and inactive public defenders from 27 units of the federation, who are and is constitutionally responsible for the judicial and extra-judicial defense of vulnerable persons. ANADEP works at the national level to strengthen the Public Defender's Office and collaborates with the three branches of the government in the improvement of the legal order by making suggestions and taking effective action on legislative projects. At the international level, ANADEP is an active and responsible participant in various forums, such as BLODPEM, AIDEF and REDPO, and always acts in defense of the autonomy of the Public Defender's Office. They continue to work for the recognition of the work of public defenders and to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences.

■ BLOQUE DE DEFENSORÍAS PÚBLICAS OFICIALES DEL MERCOSUR – BLODEPM

The Block of Official Public Defenders of Mercosur (BLODEPM) is a civil association created by the full members of Mercosur to promote the institutional strengthening of the state Public Defenders' Office, thereby establishing an inter-institutional coordination for the protection of the human rights of litigants under legal and economic vulnerability. The BLODEPM was constituted on September 11, 2004 in Asunción, Paraguay, and is made up of the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

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■ FÓRUM JUSTIÇA – FJ (JUSTICE FORUM PROJECT)

The Justice Forum Project serves as an open platform whereby social movements, civil organizations, and public servants can discuss judicial policies and popular participation, thus emphasizing the notion of justice as a public service. This forum was created to provide continuity to the 2009 seminar held in Rio de Janeiro on *Brasilia's 100 Rules for Effective Access to Justice for People in Vulnerable Conditions*. It reaffirms the National Association of Public Defenders' (ANADEP) commitment to the strengthening and development of democratic mechanisms to meet popular demands within the justice system.

■ HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA – HRREC

The Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) was created in 1981 and is one of the oldest in Canada and North America. It comprises researchers from the faculties of Law, Social Sciences, the Arts, and the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa. The Centre strives to bring together educators, researchers and students from other disciplines based on the need to approach issues regarding human rights from a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspective. The HRREC benefits from a bilingual and bi-juridical environment and grants research, teaching and outreach partnerships with academic units, federal, and civil organizations.

■ INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACIÓN Y ESTUDIOS EN CULTURA DE DERECHOS HUMANOS – CULTURA DH

CULTURADH was created on October 16, 2012 as a non-profit, non-partisan, civil organization to promote the culture of human rights. They communicate and cooperate with all people, institutions, organizations, and companies interested in transforming Mexico to a culture that associates human rights with and improvements in living conditions in vulnerable sectors. Their Academic Council is made up of specialists from all over Latin America and their trajectory is professionally solid, both nationally and internationally.

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■ INSTITUTO DE PESQUISA DIREITOS E MOVIMENTOS SOCIAIS – IPDMS

The Institute for Research, Rights and Social Movements (IPDMS) brings together professors and students from courses such as law, psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science, and social service, among others, from various Brazilian universities, and has the participation of rural and urban social movements, legal professionals, and popular advisers. The idea of creating the IPDMS was discussed at the Law, Research, and Social Movements Seminar held at the Law School of the University of São Paulo (USP) in 2011. The Institute upholds the idea that social movements are fundamental actors in the construction, strengthening, and improvement of the instruments and mechanisms of state intervention in social conflicts.

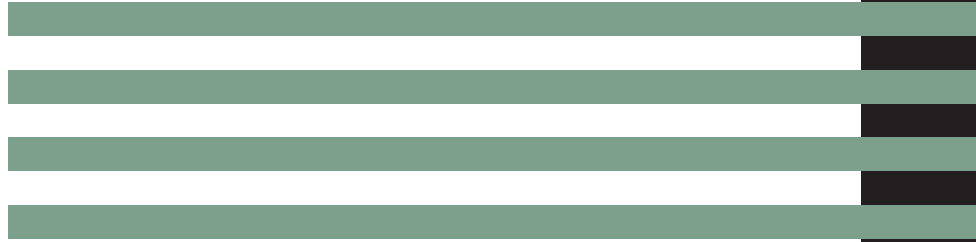
■ THE JOAQUÍN HERRERA FLORES INSTITUTE – LATIN AMERICA

The Joaquín Herrera Flores Institute – Latin America, headquartered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was founded in March 2017. It is a non-profit civil association, whose nature is aimed at the cultural, intellectual, social, community and academic development of the Human Rights agenda and transversal themes.

■ PROJET ACCÈS AU DROIT ET À LA JUSTICE – ADAJ

The ADAJ project is a large research consortium dedicated to the topic of access to law and justice. The team led by Professor Pierre Noreau of the University of Montreal brings together 42 researchers and collaborators from 9 universities and 44 justice partners. It brings together the Superior Court, the Court of Quebec, the Quebec Ministry of Justice, the Barreau du Québec, the Chambre des Notaires, SOQUIJ, and Éducaloi, as well as many neighborhood clinics. Divided into three main areas, the research program includes 20 projects centered around the access to law and justice and the development of innovative practices carried out in concert with partners. These different projects will allow the experimentation of alternative practices and the development of an open conception of law.

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