



SOCIAL ACTORS' PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS PROCESS

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Pre-Registration for Civil Society and Social Actors to Participate in the Activities of the Ninth Summit of the Americas

The United States, in its capacity as the host country of the Ninth Summit of the Americas, and in collaboration with the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, will offer forums for civil society organizations, youth, the private sector to meet in the days prior to the Ninth Summit, and participate in the Civil Society Forum and the Dialogue between Civil Society, Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives. The following in-person activities are envisaged in the framework of the Ninth Summit:

- **The Civil Society Forum** will provide a space for civil society and social actors to dialogue among themselves and to prepare their interventions for the Dialogue with High-Level Government Representatives.
 - The *Working Group Meetings* will advance the ongoing work of the subregional thematic working groups focused on Summit priorities (Health and Resilience, Green Future, Clean Energy, Digital Transformation, Democratic Governance). Full participation in working group meetings will be limited to established working group members¹.

The Forum would include thematic workshops and a potential initiative fair.

- The *Thematic Workshops* intend to increase awareness of civil society and social actors on Ninth Summit themes and other topics of interest.
- The *Initiative Fair (Tentative)* will provide a space for civil society representatives and social actors to present their projects on the Ninth Summit priorities and related topics. It aims at highlighting their work and promoting the exchange of good practices among themselves. The Fair will serve as a platform to support social entrepreneurship, regional programming, and to identify gaps in said programming.

¹ Thematic-sub-regional working group is understood as a group composed of civil society representatives and social actors from the different sub-regions of our Hemisphere and whose work is focused on the Ninth Summit thematic pillars (*Health and Resilience, Green Future, Accelerating Clean Energy Transition, Digital Transformation, Democratic Governance*). The main objective of the working groups is to promote a constructive dialogue among civil society and social actors aimed at formulating and presenting recommendations on the Summit thematic pillars for the consideration of the participating states of the Summits Process. More information: http://summit-americas.org/Methodology_ENGrev.1.pdf

- **Dialogue between Civil Society, Social Actors, and High-Level Government Representatives**, which will allow the spokespersons of the established thematic working groups, and a youth spokesperson, to exchange ideas, as well propose initiatives and common actions on the Summit thematic pillars to high-level representatives of the participating countries of the Summits Process.

Bearing in mind the importance of establishing a clear and transparent process for selecting representatives of civil society and social actors to participate in Forum activities, candidates will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Priority will be given to *members of thematic subregional working groups*, without excluding those who are interested in participating in the thematic workshops of the Hemispheric Forum and Dialogue between Civil Society and Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives as *General Participants*².
2. Active participation in the preparatory phase of the Ninth Summit of the Americas (PrepTalks, National Dialogues, Summit Labs, Summit 101 Information Sessions), or in Summit priority issues (democratic governance, clean energy, climate change, digital transformation, health, and migration).
3. Efforts will be undertaken to assure diverse and inclusive participation (geographic, thematic, and gender balance).
4. Applications will be considered only from civil society organizations and social actors who correctly provided all the information requested on the pre-registration form.
5. Accept and comply with the *Terms and Conditions of the Principles for Participation of Civil Society Organizations and Social Actors*.

Pre-registration process

Civil society representatives and social actors interested in participating in the activities in the days prior to the Ninth Summit must submit their application **from April 1st through April 17, 2022**. To complete the pre-registration form, please go to the following link:

[Please access the Pre-Registration Form here](#)

The application to participate will be subject to review by the host country and the Summits Secretariat. All approved applications will receive an official confirmation with detailed information on finalizing the registration and accreditation process.

The submission of an application does not guarantee approval to participate in the Civil Society Forum and associated activities that will take place during the Ninth Summit. The Government of the United States reserves the right to refuse admission.

Representatives of civil society organizations and social actors interested in participating are responsible for travel, visa, stay, medical/travel insurance, and COVID-19-related expenses/arrangement during the activities conducted in the days prior to the Ninth Summit.

² General Participants: civil society representatives and social actors that are not part of the thematic sub-regional working groups

Participants will also need to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or negative COVID-19 test results as a participation requirement.

For U.S. entry requirements, please refer to Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines: [Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 | CDC](#)

Pre-Registration Form for Civil Society Organizations:

Each organization will be responsible for completing one (1) application form with the information of one (1) individual who would represent^{1/} the organization. The application for civil society organizations will request the following information:

- a. Information on civil society organizations:
 - General information (name, e-mail, web page, and social media);
 - Organization's mission;
 - Scope of the organization (local, national, or regional);
 - Reasons why your organization is interested in participating in the Hemispheric Forum and Dialogue between Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives and the contributions your organization plans to bring to these spaces;
 - Identification of participation as a *Thematic-Subregional Working Group Member* or *General Participant*;
 - Organization's by-laws or a description of the organization's role (the application will request that this information be attached);
 - Official letter from the organization indicating who will attend in the representation of the same (1 representative per organization). The application will request that this information be attached). **The individual named in the official letter attached may not be changed.**

- b. Information about the organization's representative:
 - General information of the representative (name, gender, nationality, country of residence, DOB, personal and/or professional social media);
 - Passport for Non-U.S. citizens or U.S. driver's license or other form of identification for U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents (upload photo of passport, license/ID in .jpg, .png, or .pdf format) of the representative, as the case may be - diplomatic passport will not be accepted);
 - Visa status of the representative, if applicable.

NOTE: This information must match the information provided in the organization's official letter.

Pre-Registration Form for Social Actors:

For purposes of the Summits Process, social actors are understood to be members of academia, labor unions, youth, indigenous peoples, afro-descendants, intercultural, or interethnic communities.

Social actors must submit the following information on their pre-registration form:

- General information (name, gender, nationality, country of residence, DOB, personal and/or professional social media);
- Brief description of their field or work as a social actor;
- Reasons why you are interested in participating in the Hemispheric Forum and Dialogue between Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives and the contributions you plan to bring to these spaces;
- Passport for Non-U.S. citizens or U.S. driver's license or other form of identification for U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents (upload photo of passport, license/ID in .jpg, .png, or .pdf format) of the representative, as the case may be (diplomatic passport will not be accepted);
- Identification of participation as a *Thematic-Subregional Working Group Member* or *General Participant*;
- Visa status, if applicable.

In order to be able to finalize the pre-registration form to participate in activities in the framework of the Ninth Summit, civil society organizations and social actors must read and accept the ***Terms and Conditions of the Principles of Participation***, which are included in the pre-registration form.

Terms and Conditions of the Principles of Participation for Civil Society Organizations and Social Actors

A large number of representatives from civil society and other social actors will participate in activities in preparation for the Ninth Summit of the Americas, which will provide this sector an open forum for dialogue and exchange of views with the countries participating in the Summits Process on Summit's central theme.

The Summit organizers want this to be a safe and productive forum for all participants. To this end, this document sets forth the rules of conduct expected from each one of the participants at these events.

- We are committed to having diverse points of view represented, as well as rich and constructive discussions based on plurality and respect. Thus, participants must commit to making these working forums welcoming and respectful places for all participants, regardless of their national origin, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, or physical appearance.

- No harassment of any kind toward event participants or organizers will be tolerated. Examples of harassment include offensive comments, verbal threats, intimidation, stalking, harassment through photographs or recording, disruptive behavior at sessions or events, and unwanted physical contact or sexual overtures.
- Participants must follow these rules of participation at all times. If participants are requested to desist from any inappropriate behavior, they are to immediately comply with such request.
- In the event a participant violated these principles, the organizers of the Ninth Summit reserve the right to bar participants involved from remaining, inviting them to leave without a right to continue to participate, as well as to consider adopting the measures they deem appropriate to safeguard the principles of pluralism and respect. Individual sanctions, where applicable, will be determined at the organizers' discretion.

By accepting these terms and conditions, you are giving your consent and granting the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, without the need for additional authorization or consent, permission to use the data submitted through the form for the Ninth Summit pre-registration process of civil society representatives and social actors and to share this with host country authorities exclusively for that purpose. This information will be kept until the selection process is completed. The email(s) provided will also be used to contact selected participants. By accepting the submission of the form to the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, you declare that this information is true and accurate, as well as provided under the responsibility and with the consent of the organization and/or natural person whose information is included in this form.