



PROGRAM

Strengthening Capacities of Women's Organizations to Effectively Follow-up the Mandates of the IX Summit of the Americas

Date: March 27 - 29, 2023
Place: Sheraton Grand Hotel, Contadora I&II Rooms,
Panama City, Panama
Audience: Women's Organizations participating in the Summits Process
Format: In-person. Interpretation services English / Spanish available
Organizer: Summits of the Americas Secretariat (SAS), OAS

Objectives:

- Contribute to strengthen the leadership and incidence of participating women's organizations.
- Provide tools to strengthen the organizational structures of women's organizations and regional networks.
- Exchange experiences of women's organizations throughout the Summits of the Americas Process.
- Receive feedback on the experience of women's organizations throughout the Project *Improving the Participation of Women's Organizations in the Summit Process*.
- Obtain inputs to develop a work plan of SAS' activities with women's organizations for the coming months, to contribute with the sustainability of the Project.

Monday, March 27

09:00 a.m. Opening Session

- María Celina Conte, Director, Summits of the Americas Secretariat, Organization of American States (OAS)
- Ambassador Kim Ursu, Ambassador of Canada in Panama
- María Inés Castillo de San Martín, President of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)
- Dra. Juana Herrera, Minister of Women of Panama

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Workshop: Women's Organizations Advocacy in National and International Policymaking

Objectives: (i) Contribute to strengthen the capacity of organizations to influence decision-making processes and public policy development, both nationally and internationally. (ii) Enhance women's organizations advocacy capabilities.

Facilitated by: Bárbara Ortiz, Regional Advisor on Normative, Intergovernmental and Civil Society Frameworks, UN Women

2:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Workshop: Strengthening the Leadership of Women's Organizations Phase II

Objectives: (i) Contribute to strengthening the leadership of participating women's and feminist organizations for greater effectiveness of their actions and better agency and incidence in processes of public policy construction from the perspective of rights and gender equality. (ii) Contribute to the institutional strengthening of participating women's organizations and regional networks by addressing successful practices. (iii) While phase I focused on strengthening the leadership of women's organizations representatives, phase II would focus on the institutional strengthening of organizations and regional networks.

Facilitated by: Flavia Tello, OAS Gender Specialist

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Workshop: Strategic Planning with a Gender Perspective

Objectives: (i) Develop participants' capacity to incorporate gender analysis throughout strategic planning processes. (ii) Raise awareness of the importance of gender as an organizational principle. (iii) Facilitate the integration of a gender approach in strategic planning to achieve equitable results for men and women.

Facilitated by: Beatriz Cueto, OAS Gender Consultant

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meeting for Evaluation and Planning

Objective: (i) Obtain feedback from participating women's organizations regarding their involvement in the framework of the *Improving the Participation of Women's Organizations in the Summit Process* project, as well as obtain proposals and ideas that can be inputs for the elaboration of a sustainability and follow-up plan of the project.

Facilitated by: Lylian Mires, SAS/OAS Consultant, Project Coordinator

Wednesday, March 29

09:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m. Visit to the Panama Canal

Objective: To know first-hand a successful leadership team of women in a decision-making position in a key organization for the development of Panama, in a male-dominated sector.

Place: Panama Canal

Keynote speaker: Miriam de Sanchez, Vice President of Human Capital, Panama Canal Authority