



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

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Application for Civil Society and Social Actors to Participate in the Activities of the VIII Summit of the Americas

Peru, in its capacity as the host country of the Eighth Summit, and in collaboration with the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, will offer a forum for civil society organizations, youth, the private sector, and other social actors to meet in the days prior to the Eighth Summit and participate in the Hemispheric Forum of Civil Society and Social Actors and the Dialogue between Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives. The following activities have been envisaged in the framework of the Eighth Summit:

- **Hemispheric Forum of Civil Society and Social Actors:** Forum that offers participants the opportunity to obtain specialized information and promote an exchange of views among themselves. The coalition format will be used.
- **The Dialogue between Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives** – Forum in which the spokespersons designated by each coalition interact with high-level representatives of the countries participating in the Summit Process.

Bearing in mind the importance of establishing a clear and transparent process for pre-selecting representatives of civil society and social actors who will participate in activities in the days prior to the Eighth Summit of the Americas, the preselection methodology is presented below:

1. Priority will be given to organizations or social actors that are members of a coalition (without excluding those who are interested in participating as observers in the Dialogue between Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives);
2. Priority will be given to those organizations and actors that have actively participated in the preparatory phase of the Eighth Summit (face-to-face consultations, the virtual forum, and the event “Launch of the Theme of the VIII Summit of the Americas with Civil Society and Social Actors of the Hemisphere”);
3. Efforts will be undertaken to strike a balance in terms of geography, themes, and gender.
4. Applications will be considered only from organizations and social actors who correctly provided all the information requested on the application form.

Application process

Organizations and social actors interested in participating in the activities in the days prior to the Eighth Summit must send in their application from **December 20, 2017 through January 20, 2018**. To fill out the application form, please go to the following link: <https://summitamericas.typeform.com/to/COEFQb>. The application to participate will be subject to review by the host country and the Summits Secretariat.

The submission of an application does not guarantee approval to participate in the activities that will take place in the days prior to the Eighth Summit. The Government of Peru reserves the right to refuse admission onto its territory.

Representatives of civil society organizations and social actors interested in participating are responsible for all expenses associated with their travel, visa, stay, and medical insurance during the activities conducted in the days prior to the Eighth Summit.

Application form for civil society organizations:

Each organization will be responsible for completing one (1) application form with information about one (1) or two (2) individuals 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 about the organization (name, e-mail, and web page);
 - Organization's mission and vision;
 - Coalition to which the organization belongs or indicate whether the organization wishes to attend as an observer;
 - 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 representation of the same (2 representatives per organization at the most – the application will request that this information be attached). The individuals named in the official letter attached may not be changed.

- b) Information about the organization's representative(s):
 - General information about the representative(s) (name, gender, nationality);
 - Activities prior to the Summit in which your organization has participated (face-to-face consultations, virtual forum, or the event “Launch of the Theme of the VIII Summit of the Americas with Civil Society and Social Actors of the Hemisphere”).
 - Passport or Peruvian national identity card (DNI) number of the organization's representative(s), as the case may be (diplomatic passport or government identification will not be accepted).

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

1. Representatives of organizations or social actors must be able to travel.

Application form for social actors:

For purposes of the Summit, social actors are understood to be members of academia, unions², youth³ and indigenous, afro-descendant, intercultural, or interethnic communities.¹

Social actors must submit the following information on their application form:

- General information about the social actor (name, gender, country);
- Brief description of their field or work as a social actor;
- Activities prior to the Summit in which their organization has participated (face-to-face consultations, virtual forum, or the event “Launch of the Theme of the VIII Summit of the Americas with Civil Society and Social Actors of the Hemisphere”);
- Passport or Peruvian national identity card (DNI) number of the organization’s representative(s), as the case may be (diplomatic passport or government identification will not be accepted).
- Coalition they belong to or whether they would like to attend as an observer.

In order to be able to finalize the application to participate in the Eighth Summit, all civil society organizations and social actors must read and accept the *Terms and Conditions of the Principles of Participation*, which are included in the application 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 VIII 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.

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2. Union representatives will be selected by the Trade Union Technical Advisory Council (COSATE) in keeping with the rules set forth for that purpose in resolution AG/RES. 2315 (XXXVII-O/07).
 3. Youth that will be participating in YABT events leading up to the VIII Summit of the Americas, will be pre-selected by said organization.

- 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 Eighth 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.