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ON THE WORK CARRIED OUT TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN
THE SUMMITS OF THE AMERICAS PROCESS

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The following report describes the main actions undertaken by the OAS Summits of the Americas Secretariat, in its capacity as the technical secretariat and institutional memory of the Summits of the Americas Process, to support and strengthen the Summits Process during the period from April 2023 (the date the previous report was presented)\textsuperscript{1} to May 2024. The report focuses on three main areas: (1) efforts to support and advise the Chair and the participating states, (2) strengthening participation and coordination among the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG), and (3) promoting the participation of civil society organizations and social actors in the Summits Process.

The period covered by this report includes a part of the follow-up and implementation phase of the Ninth Summit of the Americas, under the leadership of the Chair of the Summits Process: at first, the Government of the United States, and more recently, following the transfer of the Summits Process Chair on November 3, 2023, the Government of the Dominican Republic. The reports and results of the efforts described in the report are available on the Summits Secretariat’s web page.\textsuperscript{2}

I. Support for the Chair of the Summits Process and the participating states

In preparation for the Tenth Summit of the Americas, particularly following the transfer of the Process Chair in Washington, D.C., on November 3, the Summits Secretariat has worked to support and advise the incoming Chair, the Government of the Dominican Republic. These efforts began months before, with the preparation of the Agreement between the OAS General Secretariat and the Government of the Dominican Republic regarding the Tenth Summit of the Americas Process,\textsuperscript{3} which was finalized and signed following the Summits Secretariat’s official mission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 17 and 18, 2023. Representing the General Secretariat of the OAS, the Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs, Ambassador James Lambert, the Director of the Summits Secretariat, Mrs. María Celina Conte, and Summits Officer Ms. Jennifer Molina participated in the official mission, during which meetings were held with Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Roberto Álvarez, Deputy Minister for Foreign Multilateral Affairs and National Summits Coordinator Ambassador Rubén Silié, and their teams. The mission also dealt with aspects of the planning for the Tenth Summit.

As part of the follow-up and implementation of the Ninth Summit of the Americas, held in Los Angeles, United States, in June 2022, the Summits Secretariat continued to provide technical assistance and advice to the then Chair of the Process, the Government of the United States, and to the participating states. Thus, the Summits Secretariat assisted the Chair in determining the work method for following up on the implementation of the mandates adopted at the Ninth Summit, which led to the establishment of the Ad Hoc Technical Groups for each of the Summit’s five thematic areas.

\textsuperscript{1} The previous periodic report (July 2022 to April 2023) was published as document SG/SCA/II.18/23.
\textsuperscript{2} The web page of the Summits of the Americas Secretariat is available at https://www.summit-americas.org/sas/defaults_eng.html.
\textsuperscript{3} The Agreement is available at https://www.oas.org/es/sla/ddi/docs/acuerdos_bilaterales_01-2024.PDF.
During this period, the Summits Secretariat assisted the Chair in organizing four regular meetings of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG), one meeting of the SIRG at the ministerial level, one meeting of the SIRG Steering Committee, and 17 meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Groups.

In addition, in follow-up to the Eighth Summit of the Americas, the Summits Secretariat arranged with the Government of Peru for the transfer of the virtual platform of the Mechanism for Follow-up and Implementation of the Lima Commitment, “Democratic Governance against Corruption,” to the OAS’s servers. In addition, using information uploaded to the platform by 18 states, the Summits Secretariat prepared reports on the implementation status of the Lima Commitment’s mandates. It also prepared the report on the JSWG’s institutional contributions to the follow-up on the Ninth Summit’s mandates.

The Summits Secretariat also participated at the meetings of the OAS Permanent Council’s Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC).

1. Regular Meetings of the SIRG

   a. First Regular SIRG Meeting of 2023

      The First Regular Meeting of the SIRG in 2023 was held virtually on April 6. At the meeting, the Government of the United States, as the Chair of the SIRG at the time, reported on the status of the Ad Hoc Technical Groups, the participation of the JSWG, and the good practices presented by the delegations. The Chair also provided an update on the Cities Summit of the Americas. Finally, the Summits Secretariat reported on the activities carried out to strengthen participation by civil society and social actors in the Ninth Summit Process, particularly during the current phase of Summit follow-up and implementation.4

   b. Second Regular SIRG Meeting of 2023

      The Second Regular Meeting of the SIRG was held virtually on June 12. At the meeting, the Preliminary Draft Plan of Action on Health and Resilience in the Americas was presented for consideration by the Summits Process countries. The SIRG Chair explained that the Plan of Action addresses the weaknesses of the region’s societies that the COVID-19 pandemic had revealed and identifies measures for strengthening the capacity and resilience of the region’s health systems to address future outbreaks of infectious diseases and other health challenges. The Chair thanked the delegations for their contributions and said that the draft Plan of Action on Health and Resilience in the Americas would be presented for consideration and adoption by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs at the ministerial-level SIRG meeting on June 23, given that the Second Regular Meeting of the SIRG on June 12, 2023, had agreed on all the document’s paragraphs. He also announced that a face-to-face meeting of the Style Committee would be held to ensure the consistency of the text in the four OAS languages.5

   c. Third Regular SIRG Meeting of 2023

4. The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/O.1/doc.93/23.
5. The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/O.2/doc.61/23.
The Third Regular Meeting of the SIRG in 2023 was held in a hybrid format in Washington, D.C., United States, on October 30. The meeting examined the progress made with the implementation of the mandates adopted at the Ninth Summit of the Americas and the efforts made by the participating states, the JSWG institutions, and civil society organizations and social actors.\(^6\)

d. **First Regular SIRG Meeting of 2024**

The First Regular Meeting of the SIRG in 2024 was held virtually on April 20. That meeting, the first to be led by the Government of the Dominican Republic as the incoming Chair, addressed the progress made with the implementation of the mandates adopted at the Ninth Summit of the Americas and the efforts taken by the participating states and the entities of the JSWG.\(^7\) Additionally, the Summits Secretariat presented a report on the work it had carried out to support and strengthen the Summits of the Americas Process.\(^8\)

e. **Second Regular SIRG Meeting of 2024**

The Second Regular Meeting of the SIRG in 2024 was held in a face-to-face format on May 2, and was the first to use that format since the transfer of the Chair of the Summits Process from the United States to the Dominican Republic on November 3, 2023. In keeping with the meeting’s draft agenda,\(^9\) the JSWG institutions gave presentations on the region’s thematic priorities, and they were followed by representatives of civil society organizations and social actors, including the private sector and youth, who shared contributions on the challenges and opportunities ahead of the Tenth Summit of the Americas. In addition, the Chairs of the recent Inter-American Ministerial Meetings on Sustainable Development and Energy and Climate—The Bahamas and the Dominican Republic, respectively—shared the most important results achieved. The Chair also presented for consideration its proposed schedule and working procedure\(^10\) for the period from May 2024 to November 2025, the tentative date set for the Tenth Summit to be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

2. **SIRG Meetings at the Ministerial Level**

a. **First SIRG Ministerial Meeting of 2023**

The First SIRG Meeting at the Ministerial Level of 2023 was held on June 23 at OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., United States, on the occasion of the fifty-third regular session of the OAS General Assembly. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Antony Blinken, Secretary of State of the United States, and was attended by 31 delegations. It considered and adopted the Plan of Action on Health and Resilience in the Americas, and the Chair presented a report on the implementation status of the commitments of the Ninth Summit of the Americas and the outcomes of the First Cities Summit of the Americas.\(^11\)

\(^6\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/O.3/doc.66/23.
\(^7\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/O.1/doc.106/24.
\(^8\) The report on the work undertaken by the Summits Secretariat to support and strengthen the Summits of the Americas Process was published as document CP/CISC-1142/24.
\(^9\) The meeting’s Draft Agenda was published as document GRIC/O.1/doc.69/24.
\(^10\) The Proposed Schedule and Working Procedure for the May 2024 to November 2025 period was published as document GRIC/O.2/doc.71/24.
\(^11\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/M.1/doc.59/23.
3. Meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Groups

The Notional Proposed Calendar and Working Procedures\textsuperscript{12} adopted at the Second SIRG Ministerial Meeting of 2022 provided for the creation of five Ad Hoc Technical Groups, one for each of the thematic axes dealt within the process of the Ninth Summit: health and resilience; democratic governance; digital transformation; the clean, sustainable, renewable, and just energy transition; and our green future. The document states that the Chair is to convene meetings of Ad Hoc Technical Groups with subject matter experts from the governments of the Summit countries to advance and report on the implementation of the Ninth Summit’s mandates.

The work of the Technical Groups is intended to advance the implementation of the Ninth Summit’s mandates and to report to the SIRG on the progress made. The objective of each group depends on the nature of each mandate document adopted. The Technical Group on Health and Resilience was structured to conduct negotiations toward the Plan of Action on Health and Resilience in the Americas. The other four Technical Groups promote dialogue, exchanges of best practices, identification of challenges, policy coordination, and incentives for the implementation of national plans.

To date, the Summit’s Secretariat has provided the Chair with technical assistance and advice for the preparation, follow-up, and reporting of 17 meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Groups, as well as for coordinating the participation of representatives of JSWG institutions and civil society organizations and other social actors at each of the meetings.

The exchanges between the government experts at the Ad Hoc Technical Group meetings also benefited from the broad participation of experts from the JSWG institutions, civil society organizations, and social actors, including representatives of the private sector and youth. The JSWG institutions have been invited to all the Technical Group meetings, and key agencies belonging to the JSWG have been selected to provide technical presentations, depending on the meetings’ subject matter.

Similarly, with the exception of the negotiation sessions for the Plan of Action on Health and Resilience in the Americas, civil society representatives have participated in all the Technical Group meetings. As regards the Technical Group on Health and Resilience, the Secretariat assisted the Chair and the states in the negotiation process, including the organization of meetings and consolidating the documents arising from the negotiations.\textsuperscript{13}

The following is a list of the meetings held between April 2023 and May 2024.

- Of the Ad Hoc Technical Group on Our Sustainable and Green Future:
  - Third Meeting, focused on climate-smart agriculture (paragraph 2.b. of the Ninth Summit’s corresponding Political Commitment), held on September 12, 2023.\textsuperscript{14}

\textsuperscript{12} The Notional Proposed Calendar and Working Procedures were published as document GRIC/M.2/doc.21/22.

\textsuperscript{13} The report on the status of the Ad hoc Technical Groups was published as document GRIC/O.1/INF.36/24.

\textsuperscript{14} The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/CA-IX/GT-VER/doc.10/23.
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- Of the Ad Hoc Technical Group on Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition:
  - Second Meeting, focused on green hydrogen (mandates 7 and 14 of the Ninth Summit’s corresponding Political Commitment), held on August 8, 2023.\(^{15}\)

- Of the Ad Hoc Technical Group for the Regional Digital Transformation Program:
  - First Meeting, focused on cybersecurity (Pillar C of the Ninth Summit’s corresponding Political Commitment), held on December 13, 2023. It was co-chaired by the Dominican Republic, the United States and Uruguay.\(^{16}\)
  - Second meeting, focused on the digitization of public services, held on March 25, 2024. It was jointly chaired by the Dominican Republic and the United States.

- Of the Ad Hoc Technical Group for the Inter-American Plan of Action on Democratic Governance:
  - Second Meeting, focused on information integrity and mechanisms to counteract disinformation in electoral processes (Mandate 5 of the Ninth Summit’s corresponding Political Commitment), held on June 20, 2023, in Washington, D.C. It was co-chaired by the United States, Canada and Chile.\(^{17}\)
  - Third Meeting, focused on protecting the rights of people of African descent in the Americas (paragraph B of Mandate 9 of the Ninth Summit’s corresponding Political Commitment), held on November 14, 2023. It was co-chaired by the Dominican Republic, the United States and Brazil.\(^{18}\)
  - Fourth Meeting, focused on public procurement (Mandate 20 of the Ninth Summit’s corresponding Political Commitment), held on November 14, 2023. It was co-chaired by the Dominican Republic, the United States and Paraguay.\(^{19}\)

- Of the Ad Hoc Technical Group for the Plan of Action on Health and Resilience, focused on negotiating the Plan of Action:
  - Fourth Meeting, held on April 19, 2023.
  - Fifth Meeting, held on May 25, 2023.
  - Sixth Meeting, held on June 1, 2023.

For reporting purposes, in addition to the timely distribution of the documents arising from the meetings of the Ninth Summit’s Ad Hoc Technical Groups, the Summits Secretariat developed and made available to the delegations a web platform to facilitate access to and exchanges of the documents related to the groups’ meetings.

4. Meetings of the SIRG Steering Committee

Acting on behalf of the Chair, the Summits Secretariat convened a meeting of the SIRG Steering Committee on September 14, 2023, in preparation for the transfer of the SIRG Chair. The

\(^{15}\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/CA-IX/GT-ENE/doc.6/23.
\(^{16}\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/CA-IX/GT-DIG/doc.2/24.
\(^{17}\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/CA-IX/GT-DEM/doc.4/23.
\(^{18}\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/CA-IX/GT-DEM/doc.11/23.
\(^{19}\) The meeting’s list of documents was published as document GRIC/CA-IX/GT-DEM/doc.12/24.
SIRG Steering Committee is composed of the past, current, and future Summit hosts. Its role is to assist the Summit Chair in preparing for SIRG meetings and to support preparations for future Summits.

5. Participation at meetings of the CISC

The Summits Secretariat reported on the Summits of the Americas Process and provided support within the framework of the OAS Permanent Council’s Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC). At the meeting of March 19, 2024, Director María Celina Conte presented the work of the Summits Secretariat to bring the inter-American ministerial processes closer to the Summits of the Americas Process, as another efficient mechanism of the inter-American hemispheric architecture and whose results have allowed for greater coordination and follow-up on the mandates of both processes.

6. Transfer of the Lima Commitment Mechanism virtual platform

During the period covered by this report, the Summits Secretariat and the Government of Peru negotiated the transfer of the virtual platform of the Lima Commitment Follow-up and Implementation Mechanism, “Democratic Governance against Corruption,” to the servers of the OAS General Secretariat. This was in response to a request made by the Government of Peru to the Summits Secretariat for it to maintain the platform in its role as the institutional memory and technical secretariat of the Summits Process. To conduct the transfer, the Secretariat coordinated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru and the OAS Department of Information and Technology Services (DOITS), a process that led to the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Government of Peru and the OAS General Secretariat in November 2023.

To date, 18 states that participated at the Eighth Summit have recorded their progress on the Mechanism’s virtual platform. Additionally, the Summits Secretariat has to date prepared two reports using the information uploaded by the states. The states that attended the Eighth Summit are urged to continue to record their progress with the implementation of the Lima Commitment’s mandates on the Mechanism’s platform.

The Follow-up and Implementation Mechanism of the Eighth Summit of the Americas was adopted by the SIRG in November 2018, with the aim of: (i) recording the progress made by each state participating at the Eighth Summit and by the JSWG institutions, including the OAS, with the fulfillment of the Lima Commitment, “Democratic Governance against Corruption”; (ii) promoting the exchange of good practices, technical capacities, and measures intended to strengthen efforts to prevent and counter corruption in the Hemisphere; and (iii) identifying opportunities and resources for cooperation among states, and between states and the JSWG institutions, for the prevention and combat of corruption, and creating synergies with other international and regional mechanisms and

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20. The agreement may be found at [this link](#).
21. The report on Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Participating States of the Eighth Summit of the Americas in Implementing the Lima Commitment (2019) was published as document [GRIC/M.I/doc.43/19](#).
The report on Progress, Best Practices, Challenges, and Technical Assistance Needs of the Participating States of the Eighth Summit of the Americas (July 2019 – October 2022) was published as document [GRIC/CA-VIII/inf.12/23](#).
initiatives.\textsuperscript{22} In addition, through the Inter-American Plan of Action on Democratic Governance, the states participating at the Ninth Summit of the Americas agreed to continue participating actively in the Mechanism for Follow-up and Implementation of the Lima Commitment, as well as to use its Database of Best Practices and Regional Capacities for Preventing and Combating Corruption.\textsuperscript{23}

II. Strengthening coordination among the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG)

1. Contributions to the implementation of the mandates of the Ninth Summit of the Americas

Following the adoption of the Ninth Summit’s mandates, work has been underway to strengthen coordination among the JSWG’s member institutions in support of implementation. Those efforts led to their active participation at the 16 meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Groups and the presentation of technical and/or financial assistance offers at those meetings and at meetings of the SIRG.

The expert exchanges at the meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Groups also benefited from the broad participation of the JSWG institutions, which have been invited to all the Technical Group meetings, and key JSWG institutions have been selected to make technical presentations on the meetings’ topics.

a. Coordination with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for the Plan of Action on Health and Resilience

Since the start of the negotiations for the Preliminary Draft Plan of Action on Health and Resilience, the Summits Secretariat has worked closely with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to obtain its feedback on the contributions provided by the delegations. As part of that consultative process, PAHO made significant outreach efforts with the countries regarding the Political Commitment that was adopted and the Draft Plan of Action on Health and Resilience, involving ministries of health, foreign affairs, finance, and science and technology to ensure the effective implementation of the mandates included in the plan.

b. Preparation of the JSWG Report on the implementation of the Ninth Summit’s mandates

Based on the mandates adopted at the Ninth Summit of the Americas and the information provided by the JSWG institutions regarding their efforts, including technical and/or financial assistance, in support of the states’ Ninth Summit implementation work, the Summits Secretariat prepared the corresponding report on institutional contributions, which will be available shortly.

2. Technical meetings of the JSWG

On June 22, 2023, during the fifty-third regular session of the OAS General Assembly in Washington, D.C., United States, the JSWG held a hybrid-format meeting to share work and carry out

\textsuperscript{22} The document on the Follow-up and Implementation Mechanism of the Lima Commitment, “Democratic Governance against Corruption,” was published as document GRIC/O.6/doc.26/18.

\textsuperscript{23} Mandate 12, paragraph “m,” of the Inter-American Plan of Action on Democratic Governance.
institutional coordination on the follow-up of the Ninth Summit’s mandates and on the progress made with the initiatives arising from the Cities Summit. The meeting also enabled the sharing of ideas for strengthening the JSWG within the Summits Process, including reporting methods.

In addition, on the occasion of the official mission of the Summits Secretariat to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, an on-site meeting was held on October 19, 2023, with representatives of the JSWG in that city to present the Summits of the Americas Process to them and to discuss the role of the institutions in the process.

On April 12, 2024, a technical meeting of the JSWG was held at the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the OAS in Washington, D.C., United States. The meeting allowed for a direct exchange between the JSWG institutions and the Chair on mechanisms for participation and channels for contribution in the lead-up to the Tenth Summit.

On May 3, 2024, a technical meeting of the JSWG was held at OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., United States. Led by the Chair of the Summit Process, the meeting provided an opportunity for the participating institutions to address the region’s thematic priorities. This meeting was part of the efforts of the Chair of the Process to obtain inputs from all stakeholders in the selection of Tenth Summit’s theme.

3. Report on the institutional contributions of the JSWG to the follow-up of the Eighth Summit of the Americas

The Summits of the Americas Secretariat prepared the report, using information submitted by the institutions that belong to the JSWG. The report highlights the JSWG’s institutional efforts in implementing the mandates of the Eighth Summit of the Americas, in accordance with the areas outlined in the JSWG Plan of Action (2019-2021). The Summits Secretariat worked with the JSWG institutions in its design and drafting, and it also supported the implementation of the Action Plan on which the institutions reported. The report covers the period from June 2021 to June 2023, during which time emergency provisions were adopted to address the COVID-19 public health crisis in the region.

4. Linking the Summits of the Americas Process and the inter-American ministerial meetings

As part of the Summits Secretariat’s efforts to link the inter-American ministerial processes and the Summits of the Americas Process, it participated and collaborated with the technical secretariats of the ministerial processes of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), sectoral meetings, and General Assembly committees charged with preparing General Assembly resolutions. During this period, a special effort was made to build cooperation and synergies between the OAS’s sustainable development ministerial processes and the Latin America and Caribbean Program of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (LAC/OECD), a JSWG member, in order to not only address the follow-up and implementation of the Ninth Summit’s mandates, but also to optimize and link both ministerial agendas dealing with similar topics. The Meeting of Ministers of Sustainable Development was held on October 3 and 4, 2023, in The Bahamas, coinciding with the OECD Ministerial Meeting on Environmental Sustainability held on October 5, 2023, in Costa Rica.

24. The report on the JSWG’s institutional contributions to the follow-up of the Eighth Summit of the Americas was published as document GTCC/doc.92/23.
Similarly, the Secretariat attended the preparatory meetings for the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), held in the Dominican Republic on March 14 and 15, 2024. At that meeting, the Secretariat, acting in conjunction with the ECPA Technical Secretariat, the OAS Department of Sustainable Development, and the Government of the Dominican Republic, held a Policy Dialogue to foster a debate among relevant actors and representatives of Summits Process stakeholders—including government officials from the energy sector, JSWG institutions, representatives of civil society, and the private sector—on best practices and experiences to develop and advance just and inclusive energy transition policies and strategies, with an emphasis on considerations of social, economic, and environmental justice.

The Secretariat continues to collaborate and work closely with the technical secretariats of the inter-American ministerial meetings in order to pursue the follow-up and implementation of the Summit mandates and to better align the priorities of both processes in order to identify effective coordination and implementation mechanisms.

III. Promoting the participation of civil society organizations and social actors in the Summits Process

The following section lists the main efforts carried out by the Summits Secretariat, in coordination with the Chair of the Summits Process and with the cooperation of various Summits Process strategic partners, with the aim of strengthening the participation of civil society organizations and social actors in the Summits of the Americas Process, both in the Ninth Summit’s follow-up and implementation phase and in the initial preparations for the Tenth Summit. Those efforts included:

Follow-up and implementation phase of the Ninth Summit of the Americas

1. Training Workshops – Summit Labs

To further strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations and social actors, the Summits Secretariat offered a series of training events, including:

- **Summit Lab on Conflict Resolution and Consensus Building Training (Phase I: September 18-22, 2023; and Phase II: February 20-22, 2024):** This workshop was intended to strengthen and/or develop the capacities of civil society organizations and social actors to facilitate dialogue, communicate effectively, listen actively, and understand strategies for conflict resolution and consensus building. It was carried out with the assistance of the National Republican Institute. The training was received by representatives of 83 civil society organizations and social actors from across the Americas, ensuring geographic representation and gender balance.

- **Summit Lab on Artificial Intelligence (March 15-21, 2024):** This workshop was organized in coordination with the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), with the support of two OAS centers of excellence in the region engaged with the topic: the National Artificial Intelligence Center of Chile (CENIA) and the Center for Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and AI (AudacIA) of Colombia’s

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25. The Methodology for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations and Social Actors in the Follow-up and Implementation Phase of the Ninth Summit of the Americas was published as document ASCA/doc.34/22.
Simón Bolívar University. It had the following objectives: (i) to address the current use, opportunities, and challenges of artificial intelligence (AI) for the socioeconomic development of the Americas, (ii) to empower civil society organizations and social actors in the use of AI in outreach and mobilization campaigns by identifying key tools, trainings, projects, and initiatives available for civil society to make successful use of AI, and (iii) to involve civil society organizations in ensuring that AI is fair, accountable, and transparent.

2. **Subregional Thematic Working Groups**

a. **Presentation of contributions on the implementation of the Ninth Summit’s mandates**

The members of the Subregional Thematic Working Groups have been working and discussing the implementation and follow-up of the Ninth Summit’s mandates. As a result of these discussions, they have produced contributions that focus on the five thematic axes.

- **Health and Resilience in the Americas:**
  - Initial Contributions
  - Contributions to the Preliminary Draft Action Plan

- **Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition:**
  - Initial Contributions

- **Our Sustainable and Green Future**
  - Initial Contributions

- **Digital Transformation:**
  - Initial Contributions
  - Contributions on Cybersecurity

- **Democratic Governance**
  - Initial Contributions
  - Contributions for Ensuring the Integrity of Information and Countering Disinformation in Electoral Processes

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26. The document “Initial Contributions on Health and Resilience in the Americas” was published as ASCA/doc.39/23.
27. The document “Contributions to the Preliminary Draft Action Plan” was published as GRIC/CA-IX/GT-SAL/INF.14/23.
28. The document “Initial Contributions on Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition” was published as ASCA/doc.42/23.
29. The document “Initial Contributions on Our Sustainable and Green Future” was published as ASCA/doc.37/23.
30. The document “Initial Contributions on Digital Transformation” was published as ASCA/doc.40/23.
31. The document “Contributions on Cybersecurity” was published as GRIC/CA-IX/GT-DIG/mf3/24.
32. The document “Initial Contributions on Democratic Governance” was published as ASCA/doc.38/23.
33. The document “Contributions for Ensuring the Integrity of Information and Countering Disinformation in Electoral Processes” was published as GRIC/CA-IX/GT-DEM/INF.12/23.
The Summits Secretariat also presented guidelines for the effective management of the subregional thematic working groups to the working groups’ members through the Summits Virtual Community, and it organized a coordination meeting with working group spokespersons to explain the working methodology for the follow-up phase.\textsuperscript{36}

3. Initiatives Fair

The Summits Secretariat invited civil society organizations and social actors to participate in the Initiatives Fair for the Implementation of the Ninth Summit’s Mandates, with the aim of promoting and highlighting initiatives to contribute to the implementation of the five thematic pillars of the Summit mandates: health and resilience, digital transformation, clean energy, green future, and democratic governance. The participants in the event were members of the Subregional Thematic Working Groups from civil society organizations with experience in the issues addressed at the Ninth Summit and with a recognized track record in dialogue, advocacy, or advisory services at the local, national, or regional levels in the Americas. The virtual call for proposals was issued in the first half of 2023 and the selection criteria included thematic, gender, and regional representativeness across the Americas.

The Summits Secretariat received more than 30 applications, of which 20 were finally selected, in the following thematic areas:

- Health and Resilience: 7
- Our Green Future: 4
- Clean Energy: 1
- Digital Transformation: 3
- Democratic Governance: 9

4. Photography Contest: “Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future”

The Summits of the Americas Secretariat, in collaboration with the Art Museum of the Americas (AMA) of the OAS, invited professional and amateur photographers to participate in a photography contest on “Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future” between February 22 and March 31. A total of 226 entries were received. The aim of the contest was to artistically portray realities, challenges, and/or solutions in the Hemisphere related to the five thematic axes of the Ninth Summit of the Americas, held in Los Angeles, California, United States, in June 2022.

A group of four experts, comprising specialists in art and photography and actors involved in the Summits of the Americas Process, was responsible for selecting twenty-five photographs. Among those, the winning photographs were particularly notable: one chosen by the jury, noted for its

\textsuperscript{34} The document “Contributions on the Rights of People of African Descent” was published as GRIC/CA-IX/GT-DEM/INF.21/23.
\textsuperscript{35} The document “Initial Contributions on Public Procurement” was published as ASCA/doc.44/24.
\textsuperscript{36} The guidelines for the effective management of the subregional thematic working groups were published as document ASCA/doc.35/22.
\textsuperscript{37} The report on the results of this initiative was published as document ASCA/doc.45/24.
uniqueness and depth, and another chosen by popular vote, the thoughtfulness of which captivated the public. The Summits Secretariat prepared an album to showcase the two winning photographs and the twenty-three finalists, which reflect the realities, challenges, and solutions that define the panorama in the Hemisphere as regards the five thematic axes of the Ninth Summit of the Americas.

Preparatory phase on the road toward the Tenth Summit of the Americas

5. PrepTalks

The Government of the Dominican Republic, the host country of the Tenth Summit of the Americas, in conjunction with the Summits Secretariat, convened a series of PrepTalks: conversations with civil society organizations and social actors in the lead-up to the Tenth Summit of the Americas. These discussions were held virtually from April 16 to 18, 2024, and had the following objectives: (a) to fuel discussions and reflection among civil society organizations and social actors on the challenges and opportunities for the Tenth Summit of the Americas, and (b) to formulate specific recommendations from the participants, which were presented to the states at the Second Regular Meeting of the SIRG, held on May 2, 2024. For these discussions, the civil society organizations and social actors were grouped into four subregions: (1) Canada, the Caribbean, and the United States, (2) Mesoamerica, (3) the Andean Region, and (4) the Southern Cone. More than 500 civil society organizations and social actors from 31 countries of the Americas expressed their interest in participating in this first activity with those actors on the road to the Tenth Summit of the Americas.

To conclude:

The Summits Secretariat highlights the leadership of the Chair of the Summit Process, the Government of the Dominican Republic, as well as of the Government of the United States, as the Chair of the Ninth Summit, for the effective conduction of the efforts presented in this report, with the participation and collaboration of the states participating in the Summit Process, as well as of a broad network of strategic partners, including the international and regional institutions that make up the JSWG, and representatives of civil society and social actors. The Summits Secretariat is grateful for the trust placed in it and its team.

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38. The album of photographs is available at: https://summit-americas.org/sas/documents/album_concurso_fotografico.pdf.
39. The outcomes of the PrepTalks were published as document ASCA/doc.48/24.