

## ***Feminist Regional Network on Human Rights and Gender Justice***

The Feminist Regional Network on Human Rights and Gender Justice is an alliance of non-governmental and social organizations from countries throughout South America whose goal is to promote and defend women's human rights and gender justice.

Using an integral advocacy strategy throughout the region, our work also is aimed at facilitating the implementation of the highest international human rights and gender justice standards at the national levels in order to contribute to the recognition and fulfillment of fundamental rights.

We fulfill our vision by studying and analyzing the impact of gender inequalities in our societies, litigating emblematic cases of violations of women's human rights, monitoring the enforcement of States' legal international human rights obligations, and empowering women so that they may fully exercise their rights.

We work to raise the voice of women in decision-making processes and to achieve the incorporation of gender concerns and demands on national and regional public agendas through a political effort that constantly reinforces alliances with the human rights movement and other social movements.

### Members

- Colombia: Corporación Humanas, Andean Sub-region Office ( [www.humanas.org.co](http://www.humanas.org.co) )
- Peru: DEMUS ( [www.demus.org.p](http://www.demus.org.p) )
- Ecuador: Corporación Humanas, Ecuador Office ( <http://www.humanas-ecuador.blogspot.com> )

- Bolivia: Coordinadora Mujer ([www.coordinadoramujer.org](http://www.coordinadoramujer.org))
- Argentina: ELA ([www.ela.org.ar](http://www.ela.org.ar))
- Chile: Corporación Humanas, Southern Cone Sub-region Office ([www.humanas.cl](http://www.humanas.cl))
- Guatemala: La Cuerda ([www.geocities.com/lacuerda\\_gt/](http://www.geocities.com/lacuerda_gt/))

### Our Actions

- We present a periodic reports on the situation of women's human rights to the United Nations system and the OAS human rights system.
- We monitor and follow up the fulfillment of State's legal international obligations on human rights and gender justice at the national level.
- We denounce violations of women's human rights in the region through ethical-political tribunals and the litigation of emblematic cases in fora such as the "Regional Tribunal on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights."
- We promote women's candidacies for positions related to the promotion and defense of human rights at the regional and international levels.
- We promote discussion and the production of feminist knowledge in the region as well as the dissemination of its different voices.
- We implement national and regional surveys in order to elicit information about women's perceptions of discrimination and social and political participation.

## Publications

### **Equals in Merit, Un-Equal in Opportunities**

This regional report on women's access to justice administration systems includes analyses and descriptions of legal notions and cultural perceptions in six Latin American nations (Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru).

### **Democracy in the Country, Democracy at Home, Parity Democracy**

The authors of this regional report present women's perceptions on their situation and living conditions in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru. It is based on the actions that the Regional Feminist Network on Human Rights and Gender Justice has taken in order to promote critical reflection on women's human rights in the region through national analyses that reflect trends and challenges in this area.

### **The Route of Incidence in the Inter-American System**

This publication is inspired by the goals of expanding democracy, contributing to the exercise of citizenship, and promoting the inclusion of demands for human rights and gender justice in national and regional political agendas.

### **Video of Presentation to the IACHR**

Footage of a hearing on participation and access to political power in the Americas presented to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights during its 127th period of sessions.

### **Regional Report on Women's Human Rights and Gender Justice 2001-2004**

This document analyzes the situation of women's human rights in six South American nations as well as

the main steps that have been taken to further them and the challenges that have been encountered in this area.

### International Agreements and Conventions

Global and regional human rights systems have incorporated mechanisms for recognizing women as subjects of rights. They take sexual difference as the base upon which gender inequalities are constructed. Ongoing dissemination and oversight are required in order to preserve and enforce these mechanisms.

#### **The Rome Statute**

The main achievements of the Rome Statute, which was obtained thanks to the hard work of women's organizations around the world, are the international criminalization of sexual and gender-based violence; the incorporation of standards for procedure and evidence as well as protection as regards victims and witnesses of these violence; the incorporation of a definition of gender and the principle of non-discrimination in the statute; and women's fair representation in power positions in the ICC as well as gender legal experts.

#### **Convention of Belem do Pará**

The Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women states that violence constitutes a violation of human rights and basic freedoms and impact the recognition, enjoyment and exercise of rights and liberties for women.

### **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**

This is the most comprehensive agreement on women's human rights. The convention, which is focused on improving the situation of women around the world, was adopted by the General Assembly in December 1979 and is, in essence, the international declaration of women's rights.

### **Other International Legal Instruments for Protecting Human Rights**

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Pact of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Convention on the Rights of Migrants
- Convention Against Torture
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
- Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples