



# 23rd Pan American Congress, 4th Pan American Forum of children and adolescents and 4th Civil Society Forum.



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## **Next meeting of our States, Children and Adolescents, and civil society:**

23rd Pan American Congress of Children and Adolescents.

4th Pan American Forum of Children, and adolescents.

4th Civil Society Forum.

98th Ordinary Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS.





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# What is the Pan American Congress of Children and Adolescents?

The Pan-American Congress of Children and Adolescents is one of the three bodies that make up the IIN (along with the Directing Council and the General Directorate), and its objective is to promote the exchange of experiences and knowledge between the member states of the Inter-American System. Since 1916, the Pan-American Congresses have been instances of dialogue, reflection, and communication in which the various levels reached by American countries in the development of their policies towards children and adolescents become visible.

At the same time, they constitute a political and technical event, not only for the exchange of information, experiences, and knowledge but also for the possibility of analyzing the policies implemented by the different governments of each of the OAS Member States, as well as the progress and pending challenges of policies for children and adolescents in the Americas.

Ministers, Secretaries of State, or other high-level government authorities with powers in matters of childhood and adolescence participate in the Congresses, and they may have, as in this case, the character of Inter-American Specialized Conferences when they are held by resolution of the OAS General Assembly or the Consultation Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.





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# What is the Pan-American Congress of Children and Adolescents?

## Agenda of the previous Pan-American Congress:

- Axis 1: Towards the eradication of all forms of violence and exploitation.
- Axis 2: The challenges of children and adolescents' participation for different stakeholders. From submission to intergenerational dialogue.
- Axis 3: Strengthening national protection systems - Progress, challenges and learning.





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**CD/RES. 04 (85-R/10)**

## **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 20th PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAN-AMERICAN FORUM OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

(Approved at the fourth plenary session, held on September 24, 2010)

The First Pan-American Forum of Children and Adolescents, among its final recommendations, establishes that “Advisory Councils must be formed at the local, regional, national and Inter-American level to incorporate the words, opinions, needs, and proposals of children and adolescents. Including those who have special abilities and needs, in the construction and implementation of public policies to be executed by the highest authorities.

”That to date the States of Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay have implemented their respective Advisory Councils.





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## SOLUTIONS:

- Attach the approved Final Report of the 20th Pan-American Congress of Children and Adolescents, together with the Annual Report of the IIN to the forty-first regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States.
- Implement, within the framework of the holding of each Pan-American Congress of Children and Adolescents, the Pan-American Forum of Children and Adolescents of the Americas; as a space to promote participation and to contribute and influence the issues that concern and affect them. The recommendations issued by the Pan-American Forum of Children and Adolescents of the Americas will be brought to the attention of the Pan-American Congress and will be considered as part of the official documents issued.
- Suggest to the Member States of the Organization of American States that they establish, within the framework of current legislation and constitutional norms, the installation of Children's and Adolescents' Advisory Councils, as spaces for inclusive participation that favor the design and implementation of public policies to be executed by the authorities.
- To instruct the General Directorate of the Institute to include the follow-up of this resolution in the action plan and provide technical assistance to the States that require it.





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## **Background of the Pan American Forum of Children and Adolescents:**

**2009 - I Pan American Forum of Children and Adolescents, Lima - Peru.**

**2014 - II Pan American Forum of Children and Adolescents, Brasilia - Brazil.**

**2019 -III Pan American Forum of Children and Adolescents, Cartagena - Colombia.**







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## **Background of the Civil Society Forum:**

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**2014 - II Civil Society Forum, Brasilia - Brazil.**

**2019 - III Civil Society Forum, Cartagena - Colombia**







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## Information to consider:

Definition of headquarters – abnormal meeting in the first half of 2024.

Creation of organizing commission (host State, IIN, networks of children, and adolescents) Incidence of topics proposed by children and adolescents.

Subregional forums.

Intergenerational dialogue and articulation between the Congress and Forum of children and adolescents





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# Thank You So Much



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