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## **Inter-American Court closes in Guatemala the update course on jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights**

San José, Costa Rica, August 23, 2019.- The Inter-American Court held from August 7 to August 9 in Guatemala City, Guatemala, the closure of the "Update Course on Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights" in the framework of the project "Strengthening the Protection of Human Rights and the Rule of Law through jurisprudential dialogue, capacity optimization and compliance with the Judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras" developed with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (COSUDE).



Among the activities held by the Court, on Wednesday, August 7, a public forum called "Justice, Human Rights and Inclusion" was carried out with the participation of Patricio Pazmiño Freire, Judge of the Inter-American Court; Bonerge Mejía Orellana, President of the Constitutional Court

of Guatemala; Fabián Salvioli, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; Silvia Edith Martínez, Inter-American Public Defender; and Hilda Morales, expert on the Monitoring Mechanism of the Belem do Pará Convention. More than 300 people attended the event; among those were judges of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala, high-level national authorities, diplomatic representatives accredited in Guatemala, civil society members and the academic community in general.

On the other hand, on August 8 and 9, the third on-site stage and closure of the "*Update Course on Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*" took place with the participation of Patricio Pazmiño Freire, Judge of the Inter-American Court; Bonerge Mejía Orellana, President of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala; Fabián Salvioli, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; Professor Claudio Nash; and Inter-American Public Defender, Silvia Edith Martínez. The event took place at the Courtroom of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala, with the participation of more than 120 officials of the Judicial Branch, the Government Procurator's Office, the Public Criminal Defense, the Office of the Human Rights Procurator, among other key institutions for the protection of human rights in the country. During the third on-site stage of the course, the speakers discussed the rights to procedural guarantees and judicial protection recognized in Articles 8 and 25 of the American Convention, in the framework of the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court.



The Court reiterates its gratitude to Magistrate Dina Josefina Ochoa Escribá, former President of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala for providing the necessary support at the beginning of the project and allowing to carry out the implementation of the Update Course. Also, the Court appreciates the commitment of the President of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala, Magistrate Bonerge Mejía Orellana and acknowledges the work of the Institute of Constitutional Justice team, who were always supportive.

This Program is part of the project "*Strengthening the Protection of Human Rights and the Rule of Law through jurisprudential dialogue, capacity optimization and compliance with the Judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras*" which is being developed by the Court in San José with the support of the Swiss

Agency for Development and Cooperation (COSUDE).

The Program was a pioneering initiative of the Inter-American Court that is aimed at strengthening the capabilities of the administration of justice of the three countries in the use of international human rights law.

You can see the photographs of the activities [here](#).

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