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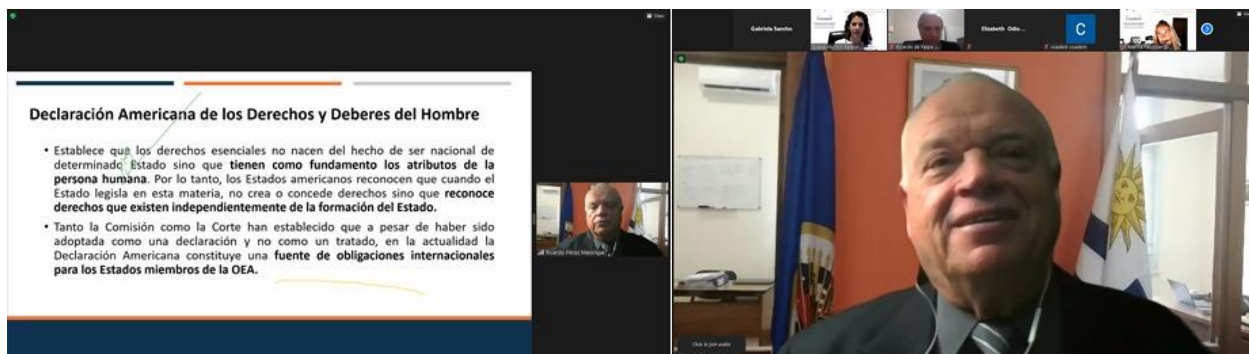
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INAUGURATION OF THE COURSE “ACCESS TO THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM AND THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS”



San José, Costa Rica, June 9, 2021. The President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR), Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, inaugurated the Course “Access to the Inter-American Human Rights System and the IACtHR,” which the San José Court organized for the Council of the *Colegios y Órdenes de Abogados del Mercosur* (COADEM), an entity composed of the lawyers’ professional associations of the MERCOSUR member countries (the *Federación Argentina de Colegios de Abogados* (FACA); the *Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil* (OAB); the *Colegio de Abogados del Paraguay* (CAP) and the *Colegio de Abogados de Uruguay* (CAU).

When inaugurating the course, the President of the IACtHR stressed the important role of training activities on the functions of the Inter-American System so that individual lawyers can have access to this information in their daily work and incorporate the Case Law of the Inter-American System into the defense of human rights at the national level.



Declaración Americana de los Derechos y Deberes del Hombre

- Establece que los derechos esenciales no nacen del hecho de ser nacional de determinado Estado sino que **tienen como fundamento los atributos de la persona humana**. Por lo tanto, los Estados americanos reconocen que cuando el Estado legisla en esta materia, no crea o concede derechos sino que **reconoce derechos que existen independientemente de la formación del Estado**.
- Tanto la Comisión como la Corte han establecido que a pesar de haber sido adoptada como una declaración y no como un tratado, en la actualidad la Declaración Americana constituye una **fuerza de obligaciones internacionales para los Estados miembros de la OEA**.

The first session of the Course was imparted by the Judge of the IACtHR, Ricardo Pérez Manrique, who described the functioning of the Inter-American System, and the Inter-American Commission and Court.

This is a six-week program designed to provide legal professionals, members of the associations that form part of COADEM, with information on the contentious proceedings before the Commission and the Court and the regional standards. It will be imparted by professionals with extensive experience in litigations before the organs of the Inter-American System of Human Rights.

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