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THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT INAUGURATES THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE “SEMILLERO LATINOAMERICANO: MAKING THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACCESSIBLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE”

San José, Costa Rica, May 30, 2025. On May 24 this year, the Fourth Edition of the “Semillero Latinoamericano (Latin American Youth Incubator Course): Making the Inter-American Court of Human Rights accessible to young people” was inaugurated. The Semillero LATAM is a joint regional initiative of the Human Rights Center of the Law School at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, the Rule of Law Program for Latin America of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and the Training Center of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

The goal of Semillero LATAM is to open up training and interaction opportunities in order to develop a network for collaboration among young university students who are committed to the defense of human rights in the Americas. By providing information on the functioning of the IACtHR and disseminating its legal standards, the intention is to strengthen the active participation of the new generations in the promotion and protection of the fundamental rights in the region.

The program takes place from May 24 to August 16, 2025, and is implemented by virtual meetings. During this period, participants have access to a series of academic sessions offered by experts in the work of the inter-American system, discussion workshops, and diverse training materials. In addition, the students will be accompanied by tutors, who will organize different activities and assist them in the preparation of a final project. Furthermore, the network will allow students from different parts of the region to remain in contact once they begin their professional activities linked to the promotion and defense of human rights.

In response to the invitation to participate in the course, 163 applications were received from university students at an advanced stage of their legal studies who wished to learn more about the inter-American system of human rights. Following a competitive selection process, 21 students were chosen from different universities of Latin America. The selection process took into account criteria such as geographical distribution, nationality, and gender.

The Semillero was inaugurated with the participation of the Director of the Rule of Law Program for Latin America of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Hartmut Rank; the Director of the Human Rights Center of the Law School at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Leonardo Filippini, and the Director of International Cooperation and Training Programs of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Javier Mariezcurrena. The first session was then offered by the expert, Romina Sijniensky, former Deputy Registrar of the IACtHR who gave a presentation on the institutional structure of the inter-American system of human rights, and the functions and competencies of its principal organs.

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