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“WEAVING NETWORKS FOR JUSTICE WITH A GENDER PERSPECTIVE” SEMINAR



Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg and Deputy Secretary Romina I. Sijniensky participated in the event held in Mexico City.

San José, Costa Rica, July 12, 2022. On July 7 and 8, 2022, the “Weaving Networks for Justice with a Gender Perspective” seminar was held, organized by the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico, with the support of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention, and the Commission on Gender and Access to Justice of the Ibero-American Judicial Summit, in Mexico City. The judiciaries of various Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as the Caribbean Court of Justice, participated in the meeting.

The Inter-American Court Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg gave the event’s inaugural lecture on “The obligation to judge with a gender perspective from the standards of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights” ([available here](#)). She argued that “the gender perspective means understanding the diversity of women and girls and their life experiences, where various factors such as ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation, and social status intersect. It is necessary to take an intersectional analysis into account, in order to apply an adequate gender perspective”.

The Deputy Secretary of the Court, Romina I. Sijniensky, also participated in the Expert Panel on “Advances, challenges and perspectives of access to justice with a gender interpretation in the region”, focusing on those aspects seeking to have a structural impact on the prevention and punishment of violence against women and girls.

At the conclusion of this event, the “Inter-American Network of Gender Liaisons of the Judiciary” was formed in order to share experiences and best practice in compliance with the Inter-American Convention to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate Violence against Women, known as the Convention of Belém do Pará, and other regional human rights instruments, regarding access to justice, gender equality and the right of women and girls to a life free of violence.

During the closing remarks ([available here](#)), Judge Pérez Goldberg highlighted this valuable occasion and emphasized the need to advance parity between men and women in decision-making positions within the structure of the judiciary. She also highlighted the importance of preventing harassment in workplaces and awareness of gender stereotypes.

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