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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COURT OPENS "FOCUSING ON RIGHTS" PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

San José, Costa Rica, September 6, 2024. – As part of the 45th anniversary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and with the aim of creating more participation spaces with new groups regarding human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Court's Secretariat has launched the photography contest "Focusing Rights: A Photographic Journey with the IACHR". This is an opportunity to recognize, through images and culture, the impact that the Court's decisions have had in its duty to protect rights over the past four decades.

The Inter-American Court has accompanied historic moments of democracies in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its establishment occurred when the region was experiencing adverse conditions, responding to severe violations committed by dictatorships and military coups. Over the years, the catalog of rights protection has expanded and evolved in jurisprudential lines covering impacts on vulnerable groups and cases of economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights. More recently, it has addressed emblematic cases related to state concerns such as the environment and climate emergency.

The photographic documentation of these processes throughout history, images of the impact of the Court's decisions on the continent, and snapshots of the realities regarding human rights seeking inter-American justice have a space in this call.

The contest awards three categories. 1) Focus on Rights: Photographs of iconic moments in the history of Latin America and the Caribbean with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. These images may relate to official visits or social contexts where the Court had some impact. 2) Humans in the Lens: Artistic images representing the current work of the IACHR and the impact of its decisions on people in the region. 3) Portrait of a Continent: Unpublished photographs showcasing milestones, realities, and challenges regarding human rights in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Participation in the contest is free and open to all nationals of Latin American and Caribbean countries without age restrictions. Civil society organizations, journalists, and media are invited to participate. Images from both professional and amateur photographers are accepted. Awarded works will be exhibited at the IACHR headquarters in San José, Costa Rica, accompanied by a commemorative plaque with the details of the awarded individuals. Additionally, a certificate of award will be provided.

Registration dates will be from September 3, 2024, to November 30, 2024. Proposals will not be accepted after the stipulated dates. More details regarding the award, final composition of the jury, and progress of the call will be announced soon.



Registration will be conducted through the following form:
<https://forms.gle/iazpU1sVnSfe1e4k7>

Consult the complete bases of the call at this link:
<https://www.corteidh.or.cr/tablas/45-aniversario/Concurso-Fotografia-CorteIDH.pdf>

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