



International Federation of Social Workers Latin America and the Caribbean 2022-2024 Report to General Meeting

1. Members:

1. Sharon-Rose Gittens – President of Barbados	
2. Jorge Arturo Sáenz – President of Costa Rica	
3. Krystal L. Pérez Martínez – President of Puerto Rico	
4. Diego Martín Barla – President of Argentina	
5. Lucía Forrissi – President of Uruguay	
6. Gladys Esther Mancuello – President of Paraguay	
7. Mariela Muñoz Galaz – President of Chile	
8. Kelly Mellati – President of Brazil	
9. Kenia Batista – President of Panamá	
10. Ann Greaves – President of Grenada	
11. Norville Plet-Burleson – President of Suriname	
12. Alejandro López – President of Dominican Republic	
13. Damaris Ramos Tamayo – President of Cuba	
14. Jenny Linares – President of Perú	
15. Maria Aracely Linares Palacio – President of El Salvador	
16. Alexi Pérez Sierre – President of Colombia	
17. Gabriela Rodriguez Vásquez – President of México	
18. Jean Claude Dorsainvil - President of Haiti	

2. Board of Directors

1. Kenia Batista – Panamá - President of IFSW-LAC
2. Tânia Ramos – Brazil - Vice President of IFSW-LAC



3. Commissioners:

Iván de Jesús Rosas – Global Agenda Commissioner (Puerto Rico)

Marilinda Rivera Díaz – Education Commissioner (Puerto Rico)

Jenny Linares (Peru), Hector Chasoy Colon (Colombia), Oscila Ayarsa (Panamá) –
Indigenous Commission

Jean Claude Dorsainvil (Haiti), Elba Núñez (Paraguay), Silvana Mara de Morais (Brazil),

Gabriela Rodriguez (México) – Human Rights Commission

Alexi Perez Sierre – UN Commissioner (Colombia)

Sharon-Rose Gittens – Ethics Commissioner (Barbados)

4. Report on the Regional Delegates meeting

1. Members that will be present at the assembly: Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, México, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Chile, Panamá, Peru and Cuba.
2. Members that will be virtually at the assembly: Argentina, Suriname, República Dominicana, Barbados, Grenada.

5. Report on the Regional Conference

Gathered in Cali, Colombia, on March 1 and 2, 2023, in its first meeting after the health, political and economic crisis that we are experiencing with COVID 19, the annual regional meeting of presidents of the FITSALC region, Latin America and the Caribbean, which was attended by the president of FITSALC Kenia Batista, 8 presidents of federations/colleges, the vice president of FITSALC Tania Ramos, the coordinating representative of COLACATS, Jorge Arturo Sáenz , and 2 members of the operational team of the Colombian Federation of Social Workers “FECTS”, representing two regional associations in Colombia. Topics of vital importance for the region were addressed, including analysis and debate of the sociopolitical situation in the American countries; progress in management and project union developed to date from the FITSALC; strategic proposals were worked on to improve the relationship with regional federations and colleges, a key factor for linking and offering

cooperation and solidarity activities carried out to strengthen unions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

On the second day, reports from each of the federations/colleges were presented, emphasizing the actions carried out, difficulties and progress, from which the need to work to improve communication and interaction, strengthen the support of the FITSALC to the organizations on union issues, in addition to the support with qualified and purposeful personnel, the delivery of periodic and continuous information from the colleges and federations with the purpose of maintaining assertive, updated and continuous communication, this to strengthen regional participation, share experiences and generate common interest on the part of non-affiliated federations/colleges.

At the end of the meeting, the CALI DECLARATION, COLOMBIA, 2023 was collectively prepared, highlighting the deepening of existing inequalities and the intensification of injustices and deaths, a document that was signed by the professional organizations of Social Work/Social Service on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee of Professional Organizations of Social Work and the International Federation of Social Work - Latin America and the Caribbean Region.

6. Report on General Activities and Achievements during the period in the Region

Participation in the Global Executive meetings.

Weekly meetings with the Vice president to discuss the political performance of IFSW-LAC within the region.

Induction meeting with the members of IFSW-LAC.

Meetings in 2022, 2023 and 2024 with ALC members to discuss professional work: possibilities and challenges.

Meeting with the El Salvador Association of Social Workers.

Meeting with the President of Suriname and the Education Commissioner to discuss contributions to a continuing education agenda.

Meeting with members of the Chile Association to discuss changes in the board of directors.

Meeting with members of the Mexican Federation of Social Workers concerning membership and fees.

Meeting with the Associations of Social Workers of Costa Rica, Portugal, and Spain regarding professional training.

Meeting with the UN Global Commissioner, to better understand the regional representation.

The HR and Indigenous commissioners participated in the Latin American and Caribbean Social Service, Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights Seminar (Brazil).

Solidarity with the Social Work Program of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUC/RS), Brazil, before the announcement of its closure.

16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Statement on Human Rights Day.

Letters and videos for national social workdays.

Support and strengthening of unions in the development of social work laws in countries where they do not exist.

Support and strengthening of social work against de-professionalisation and precarious labour conditions.

Articulation between associations and academia.

Technical visit to Mexico to consolidate the Federation.

Technical visit to Cuba to strengthen the topic of bachelor's degree in social work.

Travel to Argentina to participate in its Latin American and National Congress and establish ties. In addition to the FITSALC meeting with ALAIETS, with Sonia Brito, the president and COLACATS, with Jorge Arturo, the coordinator.

Travel to Paraguay to accompany its National Congress and support its structures.

Participation in Colombia for the FITSALC Regional Conference in Cali.

7. Key Planned Activities and Events for next year

Continue meetings with members of LAC, to strengthen membership.

Carry out technical visits to discuss the profession and the challenges being faced.

Support management in terms of the legislation that regulates the profession and the code of ethics.

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