



IFSW Latin America and the Caribbean
"A region in motion"

Report for America Latina and Caribbean
Executive Summary

The report submitted by the Regional President Laura Acotto and the Member-at-Large Rodolfo Martinez.

The region consists of 12 countries in South and Central America and Caribbean, and brings together more than 200,000 social workers.

The Latin America and Caribbean Region FITS consists of the following national organizations Workers / Social as:

- Argentina: Argentina Federation of Professional Associations of Social Service (FAAPSS)
- Bolivia: National Association of Social Workers of Bolivia
- Brazil: Conselho Federal Social Service (CFESS)
- Chile: College Assistants / Chilean Social Workers
- Colombia: Colombian Federation of Social Workers (fects)
- Costa Rica: College of Social Workers of Costa Rica (CTS)
- Cuba: Cuban Society of Health Social Workers (SOCUTRAS)
- Nicaragua: Nicaraguan Association of Social Workers Abauza Mildred (ANTS)
- Peru: Association of Social Workers of Peru
- Puerto Rico: College of Social Work Professionals of Puerto Rico (CPTSPR)
- Dominican Republic: Dominican Association of Professional Social Work (ADOPTRASOC)
- Uruguay: Association of Social Workers of Uruguay (ADASU)

The major challenges that we have assumed are

- 1) deepening the discussion on the Global Definition of Social Work
- 2) generate a working alliance with the Latin American Research and Training in Social Work (ALAIETS)
- 3) conduct a study on Latin American and Caribbean working conditions of social workers
- 4) promote the work of the World Global Agenda through an Observatory on Human Rights
- 5) increase the participation of the countries of Central America and the Caribbean, the Andean region and the Caribbean, English and French speaking.
- 6) increasing the number of members of FITS.

Main activities

Year 2012

July

- Participation in FITS World Assembly (Stockholm, Sweden)
- Participation in Annual Meeting of the World Executive Committee FITS (Stockholm, Sweden)

September

- Participation and inauguration in the XXVI National Congress of Social Work in Argentina, organized by FAAPSS (Tucumán, Argentina)
- Participation in the XXVIII Meeting of the MERCOSUR Committee Organisations in Social Work,
- Participation in the Exhibition and Seminar XX Latin American School of Social Work, organized by ALAIETS

October

- Conducted Workshop for teachers and exposure in the meeting organized by the Global Agenda Autonomous University of Aguascalientes. Mexico
- Presence in the Charter Firm Commitment to the development of the Global Agenda for Social Work, from the National University of Aguascalientes, Mexico; Secretary of Social Development of the Delegation of the Federal Government of Mexico; Secretary of Social Welfare and Development of the State Government and the Municipality of Aguascalientes Aguascalientes.
- Meeting with national driving ATSMAC Mexican Association of Social Workers AC. Developed in the Federal District in Mexico.
- Participation and Exhibition at the V Congress of South Andean Social Work. Organized by Catholic University of Temuco (Chile), Silvia Henriquez Catholic University, Universidad Andrés Bello. (Chile) Central University (Chile). University of Rosario (Argentina). University of Puno (Peru).

Year 2013

March

- Participation in International Social Work Day UN (New York, NY)
- Participation in Annual Meeting of the World Executive Committee FITS (New York, NY)



May

- Third Meeting of the Latin America and Caribbean Region FITS and FITS ADASU organized by Latin America and Caribbean Region (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Participation in the XXIX Meeting of the MERCOSUR Committee Organisations in Social Work (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Participation in the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee Organisations in Social Work (Montevideo, Uruguay)



- Constitution workgroup FITS - ALAIETS for the Definition of Social Work (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Participation in the design of the Survey on Working Conditions of the Latin American and Caribbean social workers, to be held in 2014, for Puerto Rico

July

- Participation and Exhibition at the 11th Biennial Conference of Caribbean and International Social Work Educators (Curacao). Organized by the Association of Social Work Educators Caribbean (ACSWE).
- Meeting of National Associations of rapprochement with the Dutch Caribbean Region, Anglo and Francophone Curacao, Jamaica and Barbados.

August

- Via skype Meeting Working Group on Defining Social Work

September

- Participation and Exhibitions at the IX National Congress of Social Work and VI International Costa Rica (San José, Costa Rica) Organized by College of Social Workers of Costa Rica, University of Costa Rica, University and University Ulicori America.
- FITS Meeting in Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Uruguay and Argentina (San José, Costa Rica)
- Via skype Meeting Working Group on Defining Social Work

November

- FITS via Skype meeting with Puerto Rico and Costa Rica
- Involvement of the encounter of social work students. VII National Congress of Students of Social Work and the V International Congress of Social Work Students. Developed in Lima, Peru. Organized by Universidad Nacional Federico Villarreal and CONAETS (National Council of Social Work students)

December

- Participation and Exhibition at the 1st International Conference of Social Work in El Salvador, organized by the University Andrés Bello (San Salvador, El Salvador)
- Meeting with Association of Social Workers of El Salvador

Year 2014

January

- Meeting with Chile skype pathway for preparation of 1st. Latin American Seminar "Scenarios of the contemporary debate in social work and its regional projections. Trends and Challenges "to be held in Chile in April.
- Exhibition at meeting organized by the Dominican Association of Social Workers.

February

- Meeting with the leaders of the Dominican Association of Social Workers in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- View colleagues in local institutions, meeting with local universities to promote articulation agreements for the development of training and support to the study of working conditions (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)
- Launch Survey on Working Conditions of Occupational Social Work in Latin America and Caribbean.

May

- Preliminary Results Report Survey on Working Conditions by the team in charge of Puerto Rico.
- Materialized with the application for incorporation as members of associations FITS Grenada Professional Association of Social Workers and Social Workers Association Mexicanos AC.
- The first Congress and the constitution of the COLACATS (Latin American and Caribbean Committee Organisations in Social Work), naming his authorities are concrete, leaving space in the Coordination CFESS Brazil and the Secretary of the Puerto Rico College.

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