



RED CROSS
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CONFERENCE 23

Journey

Our route to the XXII
Inter-American Conference of the Red Cross

Preliminary agenda for Conference

In this issue, we share with you the preliminary agenda for the conference, highlighting the thematic areas, the topics to be covered and the Red Cross societies leading each session





PAST

NOW

FUTURE

To ensure quality time for discussions about our present and our future.

Create a common thread that connects topics as diverse as volunteer development and the auxiliary role of Red Cross societies.

Incorporate the analysis of our context, anticipate the challenges of the coming years and generate spaces for reflection and self-criticism.

Put the communities we serve, our Fundamental Principles, standards, and commitment to integrity at the heart of the Conference.

Design methodologies that help us move from words to action and bring out the best of our collective intelligence.

These are just some of the challenges to build our agenda not only for four days of work, but for four years of service in every corner of the Americas. We trust we have succeeded.

An agenda for four days... and four years

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Our daily programme

4 June

Arrival of youth event participants



14:00 h. Opening of the **youth event**



16:00 h. Caribbean, Central and South America Youth Meetings

Arrival of delegations participating in the the Conference

5 June



08:30 h. Youth development and analysis in the Americas



09:30 h. Young people in decision-making



11:00 h. Commitments and opportunities for young people



12:00 h. Humanitarian challenges for youth



14:00 h. Open space methodology



16:00 h. Closure and recommendations

Arrival of delegations participating in the Conference

Opening reception of IAC 2023 at 18:00 h.

6 June



08:30 h. Opening. Proceedings. Speeches.



09:30 h. Strategy 2030: Results of the evaluation of the Buenos Aires Commitment



11:00 h. Plenary 1: Leadership and Sustainability: Local Solutions to Global Challenges



12:00 h. Plenary 2: Inspiration to mobilise volunteering and youth



14:00 - 15:30 h.
Workshops
Movement Matters



14:00 - 15:30 h.
Workshops
Revision of statutes

Optional: Evening activity hosted by Bahamas Red Cross at the newly opened Nassau Cruise Port. Transportation provided

7 June



08:30 h. Plenary 3: Climate and Environmental Crises



09:30 h. Plenary 4: Migration and Identity



11:00 h. Plenary 5: Legal standards applicable in the event of disasters, with an impact on humanitarian work



12:00 h. Plenary 6: Leadership and Sustainability: Local Solutions to Global Challenges | Focus on Financial Sustainability



14:00 - 17:30 h. Workshops



14:00 - 15:30 h. Sub-Region 1 Meeting



14:00 - 15:30 h. Sub-Region 2 Meeting









14:00 - 15:30 h. Sub-Region 3 Meeting



16:15 - 17:30 h. CORI elections

Gala Dinner at 18:00 h.

8 June

-  08:30 h. Plenary 7: Growing gaps in health and well-being
-  09:30 h. Plenary 8: Strengthening our auxiliary role to the public authorities
-  11:00 h. Plenary 9: Integrity, trust and accountability
-  12:00 h. Plenary 10: Leadership and Sustainability: Local Solutions to Global Challenges | Localisation Approach
-  14:00 - 14:30 h. Approval of the Nassau Commitment
-  14:30 - 15:00 h. Closure

Return of delegations to their countries of origin

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Plenary Sessions

Youth

This plenary is coordinated by the Argentine Red Cross. Its focus is on strengthening the network, participation in IAC 2023 and youth-created content. Thirty-four youth representatives, one from each Red Cross society, are participating and are expected to be part of the delegations participating in the conference.

P1 | Global challenges

This session will address how migration, climate change, violence, epidemics and pandemics, disasters and crises affect the Americas and what governments and the Red Cross need to do. Also, how vulnerability and inequality in the region affect response capacity and what we can do to remedy this.

P2 | Inspiring youth and volunteering

This plenary will build on the trends and analysis to date, including the results of the Buenos Aires Commitment evaluation and the analysis of volunteering and youth in the Americas. As this is a key issue for Red Cross societies, this session - led by the Argentine Red Cross - seeks to answer in more detail how to strengthen the leadership of volunteers (including youth) to address global challenges.

P3 | Climate and environmental crises

A discussion led by Jamaica Red Cross, aimed at identifying how we - states and Red Cross - can respond to what is probably the greatest challenge of our time.

P4 | Migration and identity

The Red Cross societies of Panama and Mexico are coordinating this space that will address how to influence policies to favour respect for the rights of migrants and their access to basic services. It will also address the challenges of providing assistance in complex contexts, best practices of states, the most effective Red Cross partnerships and ways to promote dialogue and international solidarity.

P5 | Disaster law and humanitarian advocacy

In this session, the Honduran Red Cross will help us navigate key developments in regional and national disaster response policy frameworks that could change the rules of the game for humanitarian access in the Americas and the Caribbean.

P6 | Financial sustainability

A discussion led by the Salvadorian Red Cross on how States can contribute to the financial sustainability of the Red Cross in the Americas.

P7 | Growing gaps in health and well-being

How to strengthen the work of the Red Cross in its auxiliary role in the humanitarian field, promoting coordinated and joint work with state agencies in health? In this session, the Colombian and Ecuadorian Red Cross will help us find answers.

P8 | Strengthening our role as auxiliaries to the public authorities

This session will present the key findings of the 2022 legal mappings that provided Red Cross societies with a clearer overview of their strengths and weaknesses. It will be led by the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society.

P9 | Integrity, trust and accountability

This plenary will promote the exchange of ideas and views, with outstanding inspiration from credible external actors involved in integrity issues. Its objective? To enhance the understanding of integrity, trust and accountability as a strategic priority for the relevance and sustainability of Red Cross societies. It will be led by the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society.

P10 | Localisation

How can governments take advantage of the Red Cross presence in communities, partnerships with local governments and closeness to communities, to reduce risk and vulnerability and promote resilience and development? What should or can the Red Cross do and what can or should states do? In this plenary session, the Canadian Red Cross will help us find answers.



Total to be collected in cash to finance the Conference **\$297,000 USD**

In-kind and cash contributions

AMERICAN RED CROSS*	62,000 USD
SPANISH RED CROSS	32,137 USD
CANADIAN RED CROSS	21,750 USD
SWEDISH RED CROSS	20,000USD
NETHERLANDS RED CROSS	10,900USD
KUWAIT RED CRESCENT	10,700 USD
TURKISH RED CRESCENT	10,000USD
ICRC	10,000USD
NORWEIGAN RED CROSS	10,000USD
GOVERNMENT OF BAHAMAS*	50,000 USD
OTHERS	2,500 USD
TOTAL MONETARY AND NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS	239,987 USD

** Of the total donated by the American Red Cross, USD 32,000 is in kind. The donation from the Government of the Bahamas is in kind for the payment of a gala dinner.*

Meet our donors: The Spanish Red Cross

1. What does the Inter-American Conference mean for the Spanish Red Cross?

For the Spanish Red Cross, it is key to strengthen ties with sister American National Societies, with whom we have been cooperating for decades in different areas such as technical cooperation and peer support, contributing to the strengthening of local action under the leadership of American National Societies.

It is key for us to be able to participate in this platform, where key commitments will be reached to promote our mutual cooperation and the collaboration networks and alliances between National Societies. It is important for us to be able to contribute, share our experience, learn and participate in the work of defining the roadmap for the next four years to address humanitarian challenges and define joint priorities in the region, positioning the auxiliary role of the American National Societies and strengthening our cooperation ties.

2. Why is it important for the SRC to contribute to this process?

Being able to participate in this Inter-American Conference is, for the Spanish Red Cross, an opportunity to discuss, share priorities, promote cooperation with National Societies in the region and exchange experiences in addressing common and global humanitarian challenges. On the other hand, the dialogue and exchange with the National Societies of the region in relation to the positioning and added value of the Red Cross network in its auxiliary role, provides us with strategic and operational approaches that enrich us as a National Society that is part of the Red Cross network.



"The Inter-American Conference gives us the opportunity to participate in the dialogue and exchange of knowledge to advance in terms of humanitarian assistance and respond to the needs, protect the rights of people in vulnerable situations, in compliance with our humanitarian mandate"

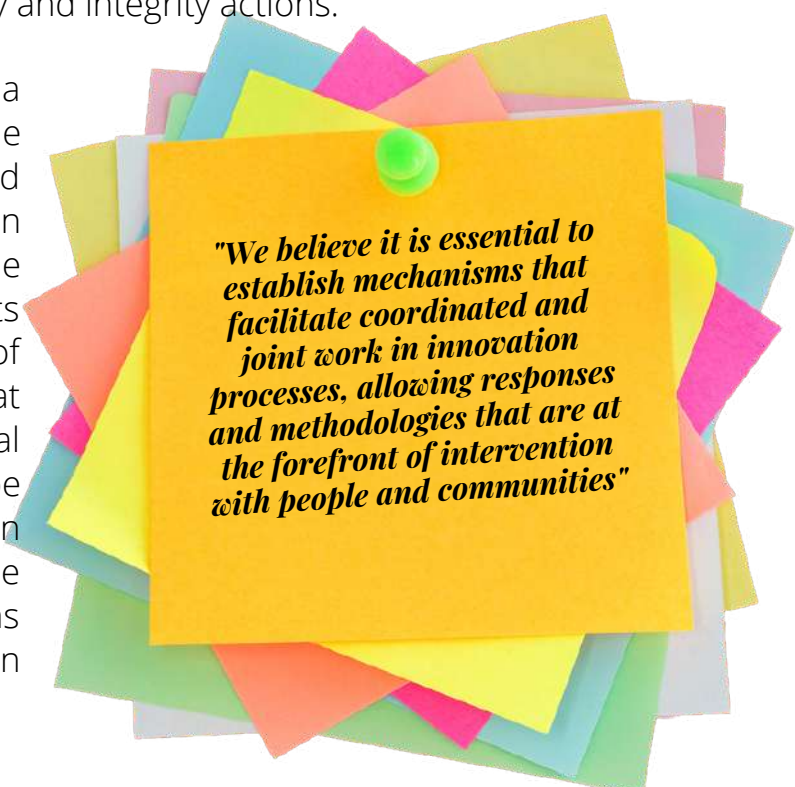
3. What challenges do you see as essential for us as the Red Cross in the Americas to address in the next four years?

In the current complex and changing context of the region, in which factors such as the reduction of humanitarian space, social and political crises, migration, natural disasters and violence continue to cause major humanitarian challenges, the SRC believes that joint and coordinated work within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is essential in order to face these challenges in the coming years. Thus, coordination towards a joint approach that offers comprehensive responses to people in vulnerable situations, from a human and community development perspective, is a strategic aspect that we believe is essential to address jointly in the region.

In this context marked by multiple factors, the reinforcement of the auxiliary role of the NS of the Americas and their positioning as key local actors in the region, must be, in our consideration, central aspects of this Inter-American Conference, so that we can improve the scope, quality and impact of our joint actions. Strengthening the network of NS volunteers in the region, as well as access to volunteer management resources, is also a key aspect that has an impact on the effectiveness, efficiency and local reach.

With the relentless advance of digital transformation, we also face the challenge of promoting and consolidating the use of technology for humanitarian purposes in the region, in favor of better quality of services to people in vulnerable situations and as a determining factor in our accountability and integrity actions.

Likewise, we consider it essential and a priority to renew the commitment of the NS to respond to the challenges and threats that climate change generates in people, communities and the environment. Faced with these impacts and with an unprecedented number of people affected by them, it is key that NS advance in disaster law and regional assistance mechanisms, in order to be better prepared and adapted to an active and preventive response to the negative impacts of climate change, as well as disasters and humanitarian crises.



"We believe it is essential to establish mechanisms that facilitate coordinated and joint work in innovation processes, allowing responses and methodologies that are at the forefront of intervention with people and communities"

Thank you for reading

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For more information on the conference, visit the website: cuzroja.org/iac-2023

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