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1a. Brief description of the project:

REDLAD is awarded a grant to support the development of a Summit of the Americas civil society coordination mechanism to ensure that the civil society organization (CSO) community in the region has a meaningful and institutionalized role in the Summit process. This by facilitating systematic consultations with a representative group of civil society and providing technical assistance to CSOs needing to build capacity and better engagement that allow them to monitor the Summit process.

1b. Collaboration and partnerships: For this period of time the Team has strengthen the contact with each stakeholder required for the success of the project:

Collaboration and Partnerships by the Consortium:

On April 20th, a Consortium meeting online was held to update all members on the conclusions of the first meeting of the Citizen Forum of the Americas (held in Washington D.C. in March) and discuss the new role for Consortium organizations as they become technical secretariats (annex 1). On April 24th, during an event organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Mexico, an informal PASCA meeting took place with PASCA member organizations who coincided in the event (annex 2). This meeting was attended by representatives from twelve organizations and countries: Alianza ONG (Dominican Republic), ASONOG (Honduras), CCONG (Colombia), CECADE (El Salvador), CONGCOOP (Guatemala), DESCO (Peru), El Abrojo (Uruguay), Equipo Pueblo (México), Grupo Propuesta Ciudadana (Peru), INGES (Nicaragua), Red Unitas (Bolivia), Sinergia (Venezuela). Participants discussed recent news and strengthened bonds.

In May, the Caribbean group held an event in Barbados to kickstart the PASCA process in the region. The event is described further ahead in this report, in the section relating to the Caribbean.

As the General Assembly in Mexico drew closer, work started to pick up in Peru in preparation for the 2018 Summit of the Americas, which has presented opportunities for DESCO, the consortium leader for the Andean Region which is located in Peru. Meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were held on May 3rd and June 13th to understand the government's perspective on Civil Society issues - the Peruvian government expressed concern over the possibility of conflict erupting during the event, as it happened in the 2015 Summit and General Assemblies in recent years. Difficulties in the registration process were the first topics of discussion, as well as the logistics for the preparatory

presential and virtual forums in the months ahead. Another meeting was held on June 21st in Mexico, after the OAS - Civil Society dialogue in the General Assembly, where the civil society representatives expressed concern over the lack of participation from governments during the dialogue with Civil Society, while the government representatives discussed how the coalition-building methodology might have given better results than the methodology applied in previous Assemblies.

Central America and Mexico - CECADE:

Contact with the **Belizean** focal point has been reestablished. The base team has proposed regrouping Belize into the Caribbean subregion (instead of the Central America and Mexico subregion), since the country seems to share deeper cultural and economic commonalities with the english-speaking Caribbean than with its spanish-speaking Central American neighbors. The base team is currently discussing this with the coordinators of both subregions.

In **Costa Rica**, the first meeting of the National Civil Society Council took place on **April** 21st on the Legislative Assembly, with participation from 55 CS representatives. Ten worktables were formed (one for every Summit theme) and schedule of bi-weekly meetings was established from August to November, when they expect to have completed the report. The team had a few questions regarding indicators that aren't tracked in official sources, which were answered. In **June**, the worktables met again to appoint representatives and begin the process of gathering information for the monitoring report. A meeting has been called for the week of July 24th to review advances in the research process.

In **El Salvador**, the second meeting of the National Council took place on **April** 21st, to continue the monitoring exercise on the topics that have been prioritized: education, environment, health, migration and security. On April 25th an event was organized by FUSADE, a think tank in El Salvador, to study successes and failures in multilateral stages which was attended by the focal point organization. The National Council decided to incorporate population's perspective in the monitoring report. On **May** 11th an informal meeting was held at the Foreign Office where officials admitted to being overly focused on the 2030 agenda and lacking up-to-date official information on other topics. They suggested adding Social and Food Security to the national report, and invited the National Council to participate in building this agenda at the national level. On May 25th the National Council participated in an Empowerment Forum organized by OXFAM and the World Bank, where it strengthened links with the Latin American Youth Network for Democracy. During **June**, the National Council did a first review of the state of information and it identified missing information especially on topics such as health and education. Regarding contact with the OAS office in El Salvador, the National Council has agreed to participate in a consultation process over the Summit mandates, which should take place in the coming weeks. Two representatives from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Guatemala**, the focal point has managed to build a strong alliance with the OAS (through its representative in Guatemala, Mrs. Milagro Martínez) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (through Carlos Hugo Ávila, Director of Human Rights). Thanks to this alliance, most of the events for promotion of the project have taken place at the OAS offices in Guatemala City. **During April**, the focal point established contact with the Latin American chapter of the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (*Alianza de OSCs para la Eficacia del Desarrollo*, AOED), the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and with the *Grupo Guatemalteco de Mujeres* (Guatemalan Group of Women, GGM). **During May**, the focal point approached a few LGBTI

groups, who expressed doubts about the capacity of the OAS to safeguard their rights. Contact with the CEDAW continued during the month with meetings on the 8th and 19th. The highly political actions of the OAS in recent months have gathered criticism from many guatemalan CSOs, which in turn complicates the promotion of the project. The focal point has partnered with the DEMOS Institute to monitor mandates on Youth, Human Rights and Education, with the Semiáridos Platform for information on Climate Change and with Libertad de Prensa for information on the Enabling Environment. A draft for the Guatemalan Civil Society Agenda is expected to be discussed on August 14th. In **June**, efforts focused on sharing information with local partners regarding the logistics of the General Assembly, and starting the process of linking the monitoring exercise with the construction of the Civil Society agenda.

In **Honduras**, relations with the Foreign Office continue to be tense as the enabling environment in the country has deteriorated notoriously for Human Rights defenders. During **April**, contacts with Afrodescendants, Youth and Women organizations progressed. For the monitoring exercise, the national council prioritized the topics of Enabling environment, Democratic Governance, Citizen Participation, Health, Education, Migration. To gather the data, the national council formed working groups among its members and with other recommended organizations. Most meetings were conducted through virtual means to save on costs, and the organization incorporated three volunteers to help during the process. During **May**, the National Council met on the 5th to advance the monitoring exercise. There's a general feeling that the enabling environment is worsening in the country, and the Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH for its initials in spanish) hasn't been able to meet expectations since its mandate requires it to seek authorization from the Government to pursue corruption cases - this situation discourages cooperation from some CSOs, especially those with little experience who quickly get impatient. During **June** the focal point organization met with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where it was made clear that the Ministry still hasn't defined a clear agenda for its participation in the 2018 Summit. The focal point held meetings with organizations of afrodescendants, indigenous peoples and LGBTI collectives, which they expect to incorporate into the National Council in a meeting being planned for August.

In **Mexico**, during **April** the third meeting of the National Council took place on the 20th with participation from 8 organizations. The meeting concentrated in relating the conclusions of Washington meeting, as well as preparing the monitoring exercise. However the main point of discussions were the preparations for the General Assembly to be held in June. Participants agreed to promote the registration process at the OAS, so as to assure participation from as many organizations as possible. From April 26th to 28th, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) held a meeting on the 2030 agenda in Mexico City, which was attended by several of PASCA's focal point organizations and which prompted an informal PASCA meeting involving organizations from Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Unfortunately, restrictive logistics during the ECLAC event generated animosities among CSOs and several organizations forcibly entered spaces they weren't allowed in, which prompted the Mexican Government to re-locate the OAS meeting to Cancun, to discourage CSO participation and to reduce the risk of such situations repeating themselves. This relocation was announced during **May**, and several agreements between the focal point organization and the Mexican Foreign Office were cancelled due to the change of venues and security measures - which affected several of the Civil Society activities that were being planned. Activities during the month concentrated on advancing the Monitoring of Mandates and keeping constant contact with the Foreign Office to plan the PASCA group's participation at the General Assembly in Cancun, an activity that continued during **June** and has helped legitimizing the process in Mexico. Representatives from

the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st. Laura Becerra, Executive Director of Equipo Pueblo (one of the Mexican focal point organizations), was chosen to give the PASCA coalition's statement at the OAS - Civil Society event on the 19th. The focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in Early-June, with information and analysis on all ten mandates (education, health, energy, environment, migration, security, democratic governance, citizen participation, hemispheric cooperation and enabling environment).

In **Nicaragua**, the national council organized itself in **April** to carry out the monitoring exercise, for which they are currently studying the preparation materials sent to them by the base team. They expect to gather information from all mandates (instead of prioritizing some of them for this first exercise). During **May**, contact was established with Mrs. Dalila Barrios, the OAS representative in Nicaragua, and the Project's plan and 2016 report of activities was shared with her. For the monitoring exercise, the focal point hired two interns to help in the information gathering activities, and contacted access-to-information offices to receive information which hasn't been available in public sources. During **June**, the National Council had to exercise legal resources to request information from several government entities of which they only received a response from one. The monitoring exercise has made clear the limitations of the official mechanisms for accessing information when a Government is determined to obfuscate data, as well as the limited CSO capabilities for data analysis. The focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in Early-June, with information on all ten mandates (education, health, energy, environment, migration, security, democratic governance, citizen participation, hemispheric cooperation and enabling environment). A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Panamá**, during **April** the scarcity of available data has driven the focal point organization to personally contact those responsible at the agencies in charge of health, education, security and criminal statistics. Also, there isn't a long tradition of CSO collaboration in the country, so articulation has presented its own set of challenges. However, the organization managed to overcome these obstacles. During **May**, roundtables were held to better define plans for completing the monitoring exercise and a meeting was tentatively set for September to define the Panamanian Civil Society agenda. During **June**, the Panamanian CSO environment has been stirred by revelations produced by the international investigation of Brazilian construction company Odebrecht and its corruption activities in the country. The focal point organization has detected a lack of expertise among CSOs to handle information regarding energy, health and education issues, and a proclivity to focus on issues relating to governance, citizen participation and migration. The focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in Early-June, with information on eight mandates (education, health, energy, migration, security, democratic governance, citizen participation and enabling environment).

Southern Cone and Brazil - Semillas para la Democracia:

In **Argentina**, in **April** the focal point presented the project to the RACI (the Argentinian Network for International Cooperation - *Red Argentina para la Cooperación Internacional*), an encounter that helped define which organization could handle the process of monitoring the topic of education and to promote the OAS as a space for effective civil society participation. The organization focused on the monitoring exercise with support from other organizations. During **May**, the focal point organization conducted a survey among CSOs to gather information on their topics of interest and their perception

of multilateral spaces such as the OAS. They also promoted the virtual forum which the OAS opened from Mid-May to Mid-June in preparation for the General Assembly, and participated in an open government event where contact with several new different organizations was established. During **June** several virtual meetings were held to advance the monitoring exercise. The organization is reestablishing contact with the spokesperson from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which was contacted in 2016, in order to better coordinate for the 2018 Summit. The highly politicized climate has made it difficult for the focal point organization to find reliable partners to work on subjects such as education, migration or health. The focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in Early-June, with information and analysis on three mandates (environment, democratic governance and citizen participation). A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Brazil**, during **April** the Focal Point decided to prioritize the areas of Health, Education, Science & Technology and Agriculture for the first part of the monitoring exercise. While researching these topics, the organization contacted the National Health Council of Brazil, the Socio-Environmental Institute the TV Council, which has yet to respond. The organization is planning a national meeting for October 2017 so that contacted organizations can meet and better articulate actions for the 2018 Summit. A budget proposal has been approved by the base team and preparations will begin shortly. During **May**, a list of 15 organizations was compiled to be invited to the October event, and the focal point organization started articulating efforts with other organizations monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to channel those efforts into complying with the monitoring exercise. Contact was established with the office of Paulo Abrao, Executive Secretary of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to set up a meeting, which was held on June 20th during the General Assembly in Cancun. During **June**, ANDI (the focal point organization) was appointed to preside a national network of NGOs dedicated to protecting children's rights. Contacts have advanced with FLACSO and the Abrinq Foundation, organizations with expertise in several topics that can contribute to the monitoring report. A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Chile**, during **April** three work meetings were held to review the monitoring methodology. The National Council decided to focus on the topics of Education, Citizen Participation and Gender Identity. The Base team will complement that list with topics that coincide with other countries in the subregion so as to have a comparison point. The National Council kept promoting the project through social media to attract other organizations to the process. The focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in **Early-June**, with information and analysis on one mandate (citizen participation) - the other two mandates are still being analyzed and we expect to receive them within the month. A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Paraguay**, during **April** the Focal Point met with Claudia Aguilera, Director of Regional Fora of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to present the project. They also met with the OAS representative in Paraguay, who expressed interest in meeting with the Government's Social Cabinet and representatives from the National Forum to build a common position for the General Assembly in Mexico. The Focal Point is joining forces with indigenous people's organizations to monitor Education and Health from an indigenous people's perspective. A regional meeting was held in the East region of the country, where organizations agreed to focus on the topics of Democratic Governance, Citizen Participation, Environment, Health, Education and Enabling Environment. During **May** two meetings were held at the foreign office with the officials in charge of Summits and Human Rights, and

coalitions of the focal point organization were extended to include organizations dealing with children and teenager issues, as well as women's rights issues. This extended work made it clear that, while statistics maintenance has improved, a lot of official information is still missing. During **June**, the focal point organization met with a national Human Rights NGO (CODEHUPY or Coordinadora de Derechos Humanos de Paraguay) to gather support for the project, and kept organizing meetings with local partners to conduct the monitoring exercise. The process of finalizing the report has taken longer than expected due to difficulties in finding experts who can validate the findings in some of the topics, however they expect to deliver the final report during July, along with a few observations and suggestions to improve on the methodology. A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Uruguay**, after several expressions of concern made by the Base Team regarding the lack of progress in the country, the El Abrojo organization decided to withdraw from the process. We contacted the Uruguayan chapter of Amnesty International to evaluate the possibility of them assuming focal point duties, and after consultations on their part it was announced to . We will report progress on this front as it is achieved.

Andean Region - DESCO:

In **Bolivia**, in **April** the National Council was formed on the 21st with participation from 22 organizations, among them 10 national networks. The event was attended by Enrique Reina, the OAS representative in Bolivia, who participated actively to explain details and answer questions that were presented. During **May** and **June**, the National Council focused on producing the monitoring report, coordinating sector meetings to review indicators. In general, the focal point perceives that public information on many of the indicators is hard to come by and the constraining environment for civil society in Bolivia adds to the difficulties. Despite these obstacles, the focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in Early-June, with information and analysis on five mandates (education, health, democratic governance, citizen participation and enabling environment). A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Colombia**, during **April** the following topics were prioritized for the monitoring exercise: Citizen Participation, Education, Health, Democratic Governance and Enabling Environment. In **May**, the second meeting of the National Council was held on the 16th, where topics were examined to track if national policies had been reformed in response to the OAS mandates, if CSO participation had been encouraged, and if public institutions were responsible for the entire cycle of public policy. Participants in this exercise have seen this process as an exercise of autonomous, collective and transparent action. In **June**, the national team focused on sorting through the great amount of data and getting the monitoring report ready, which it delivered in Early-June, with information on three mandates (education, citizen participation and enabling environment).

In **Ecuador**, activities in **April** were dedicated to finalizing the workplan in preparation for the first meeting of the National Council. The Focal Point organization prioritized issues of Democratic Governance, Access to Information and Security for the monitoring exercise. The Focal Point Director remarked that countries like Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela share concerns about the relationship between the State and Civil Society, since governments don't distinguish between the party and the State, with very strong control laws. In **May**, a meeting was held with the OAS representative in Ecuador to know of some key facts about the OAS, present the monitoring exercise and discuss

agendas for collaboration between Ecuadorian CS and the OAS representation, such as scholarships. The first national meeting was held on May 25th in Quito, with 28 participants from 20 organizations and platforms - among them labor unions, indigenous peoples, afrodescendants, entrepreneurs and youth organizations. Some organizations inquired if the funding from the DoS imposed conditions on the issues that the project manages, which were dispelled by the organizing team. In **June**, work with the organizations and platforms continued with the aim of joining forces with organizations working with people with disabilities and seniors. Further meetings have been set for August and September to educate organizations in other territories on the OAS and its meetings (General Assemblies and Summits) and the Inter American system and its institutions. The focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in Early-June, with information and analysis on education. A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

In **Peru**, in **April** the first meeting of the National Council was held on the 25th with participation from the 8 sectorial working groups plus a interim representation from the environmental and natural resources groups. The battery of indicators was presented and discussed, and each organization committed to studying how to articulate the exercise with their daily activities. During **May**, a meeting with the Foreign Office was held on the 3rd to gather information on the state of preparations for the 2018 Summit - the meeting was hosted by Mrs. Carmen Arias, Deputy Director for the OAS and Hemispheric Affairs and participants were informed that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was consulting with different national institutions and foreign partners to decide on the main topic for the 2018 Summit, which was publicly announced in Late-June to be "Democratic Governance and the Fight Against Corruption". The National coordination commission met on the 8th to continue the monitoring of mandates and it decided to focus on the issues of Education, Health, Security and Enabling Environment. Meetings with organizations representing people with disabilities were also held, to keep gathering support for the 2018 Summit. In **June** before the General Assembly, the National Council met to evaluate advances in topics such as Human Rights, indigenous peoples and people with disabilities. A meeting was set for July 11th and 12th with the CONADES (*Conferencia Nacional sobre Desarrollo Social*, or National Conference on Social Development) to present the project and work on issues of corruption and institution strengthening. A representative from the National Council participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st, and managed to meet with the Peruvian Ambassador to the OAS on the 21st.

In **Venezuela**, during the entire **April-May-June** period the political climate of escalating violence has slowed down the frequency of meetings but the National Council has taken advantage of teleworking to advance on the monitoring exercise. On May 25th a meeting was held at the Universidad Central de Venezuela to present the project to students and teachers. The focal point decided to organize a national meeting at a later date to present the results of the monitoring exercise. Due to the lack of official information (withholding information has become state policy for the past several years on issues such as health, education and security, among others), national and independent sources were consulted to get the most accurate picture possible of the state of (non)compliance to the mandates. The focal point organization managed to deliver its mandate-monitoring report in Early-June, with information and analysis on all ten mandates (education, health, energy, environment, migration, security, democratic governance, citizen participation, hemispheric cooperation and enabling environment), and also participated in the OAS General Assembly and the PASCA meetings in Cancun, Mexico, on June 18th-21st.

Caribbean - Fondation Espoir (FE):

Work during **April** concentrated on organizing the regional meeting which took place in Late-May in Barbados. Plane tickets, hotel reservations and meeting agendas were prepared in advance by the consortium organization with input from the base team. The meeting took place on **May 30th** and **31st** and was attended by 15 people from 10 countries (annex 3). Participants discussed the importance of a unified caribbean civil society, listed issues and challenges for civil society in the region, agreed on the conformation of a Caribbean Citizens Forum, discussed its role in increasing civil society impact and defined roles and priorities for the Caribbean Citizens Forum in the following areas:

- Awareness, advocacy, motivation;
- Change of perspective;
- Knowledge / Education;
- Dialogue and diversity of actors;
- Leadership;
- Communication;
- Projects and issues.

During the planning phase of the event, a number of miscommunication issues surfaced between the base team, the organizing team at Fondation Espoir and the Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC) as the host organization in Barbados. During the event, the CPDC only participated with a brief 30 minutes presentation and didn't exercise its role as regional coordinator. On June 7th, the base team received a letter from Gordon Bispham, CPDC's Executive Director, exposing several concerns regarding the logistics of the meeting. This letter was answered in the following days and contact with the CPDC has slowed down. For the OAS General Assembly on June 19th-21st, tickets were bought for one representative from the CPDC, who cancelled close to the date.

Collaboration and Partnerships by the Team Project with OAS:

Throughout the April-May-June period, the base team kept in constant touch with the OAS to understand the organization process for the General Assembly and relay relevant information to all national partners. The Mexican government made changes to the dynamics of participation almost on a weekly basis up until June, which required constant communication to keep other organizations informed. In Late-April it was decided to move the location of the meeting from Mexico City to Cancun, following an event by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean which was met with protests from CSOs and other groups, and which set alarms on the safety measures necessary for these meetings. This decision was publicly announced in Early-May and meant that many organizations who had prepared to participate could no longer afford it, as Cancun is much more expensive than Mexico City - indeed, the base team had already purchased several plane tickets and thus had to incur in extra costs to change them.

From June 17th to 21st, Redlad organized or participated in the following activities:

On **June 17th** a meeting of indigenous people organizations took place, where 15 representatives met to prepare the statement of the indigenous peoples coalition to be read at the June 19th event.

On **June 18th** a Civil Society Encounter was held all day with 78 people in attendance from 61 CSO. During the morning, the following simultaneous roundtables were held:

1. Protective measures for Human Rights defenders, activists and journalists.

2. Multidimensional security.
3. Enabling environment for citizen participation and social mobilization.
4. Differential approaches in public policy.
5. Exploring new partnerships: the private sector.

During the afternoon, attendants participated in two panels:

1. Civil Society Action in restrictive environments.
2. Challenges to democracy.

On **June 19th** was the Dialogue between Civil Society and the OAS, where Redlad and PASCA formed two coalitions to deliver its message to governments, with 5 minutes of presentation for each coalition. PASCA's position is gathered in Annex 6, and Redlad's position is gathered in Annex 18.

On **June 20th**, while the General Assembly took place, the PASCA group met to reflect on the events of the previous days, to review the results of a survey conducted by the Mexican focal point and to review the first results of the exercise of monitoring of mandates from the 2015 Summit of the Americas. Regarding the June 19th dialogue, attendants were pleased with the amount of respect and lack of violent conflict between organizations, but were disappointed by the scarce presence of government representatives at the event. The Mexican survey gathered great interest and the base team was instructed to review other surveys that have been applied in different countries and build a battery of questions that can be applied throughout the region, to have an evidence-based impression of how Civil Society perceives the OAS and the Inter American system. Regarding the monitoring of mandates, the PASCA Project Officer pointed out a few general trends that emerge out of the initial document review.

On **June 21st**, the Peruvian focal point met with the Peruvian delegation at the OAS to obtain newer information regarding the plan for the 2018 Summit of the Americas and how to better involve Civil Society in the process.

Collaboration and Partnerships by the Team Project with other stakeholders:

Population groups

- Support for the preparation of a text called "Religion, politics and secular state" (annex 4), written by Nicolás Panotto such as input for LGBTI group discussion. This is a document developed by Redlad in other project, that was distributed during the PASCA activities in Mexico.
- REDLAD's indigenous populations group met on June 17th in the context of the OAS General Assembly activities to finalize details of the participation of the indigenous peoples coalition at the June 19th event and plan activities for the coming months with a focus on the 2018 Summit of the Americas. A follow-up meeting was set for October or November.
- REDLAD's Afro-descendants group met on June 20th during the OAS General Assembly to restructure its agenda in accordance with REDLAD's new structure, and to draft an action plan for the 2018 Summit of the Americas. On these topics, the group agreed to create a Direction of Afro-descendants in REDLAD; to draft a participation strategy for the Caribbean; to prioritize an action strategy at the IACHR to celebrate the Decade Dedicated to People of African Descent; and to promote the celebration of an Afro-Descendant Forum of the Americas as part of the 2018 Summit in Lima.

- REDLAD's LGBTI group conducted several meetings from June 17th to 21st. This included meetings on June 17th to coordinate support for the OAS resolution on non-discrimination due to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; participation on several roundtables on June 18th; attendance of the June 19th dialogue between the OAS and Civil Society; participation at the REDLAD Assembly and the LGBTI group meeting on June 20th; and other related activities on June 21st.

Communications:

Facebook is still the social network with the fastest growing during the last months, in terms of followers and reach of publications. However, on Twitter the number of followers (profiles in our interest groups) has grown considerably.

On the other hand, we have to point out the growth in the number of visits in the project website, almost 50%. Partly explains because of the growth in social networks, the last events and reunions with other CSO and governmental authorities and the distribution of publications and PASCA brochures in many countries.

Finally, the website www.hacialacumbre2018.info still has a considerable number of visits, although it has not significantly increased nor it has declined. Over the next few months, we will have to increase its diffusion because of the upcoming Summit in Peru.

- Management of the PASCA microsite www.hacialacumbre2018.info, through the project's social media accounts and those of its allies (annex 5).
- Content management for the PASCA website: www.proyectopasca.org and for the project's social network accounts. Facebook: [/proyectopasca](https://www.facebook.com/proyectopasca) and Twitter: [@proyectopasca](https://twitter.com/proyectopasca).
- Content management and distribution of the project's monthly virtual bulletin "[Entre Regiones](#)".
- Monitoring and reporting of news and events in the region.
- Management and co-creation of a proposal for a web page and information system for the Citizen Forum of the Americas.
- Media monitoring for the project.
- Content management for the virtual forum "Manifiesto de la Sociedad Civil ante la OEA", on WordPress (<https://manifiestosociedadcivil.wordpress.com>), which main objective was to collect inputs to take to the OAS General Assembly in Cancun, Mexico.
- Distribution of relevant information to the PASCA and Citizen Forum of the Americas members about the 47th. OAS General Assembly in Cancun, Mexico.
- Technical and logistic support in the activities of the June 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th., in the framework of the OAS General Assembly.
- Monitoring and reporting of the official OAS agenda, especially that of the Permanent Council.
- Monitoring and reporting of the 47th. OAS General Assembly.

Relevant data of digital communications:

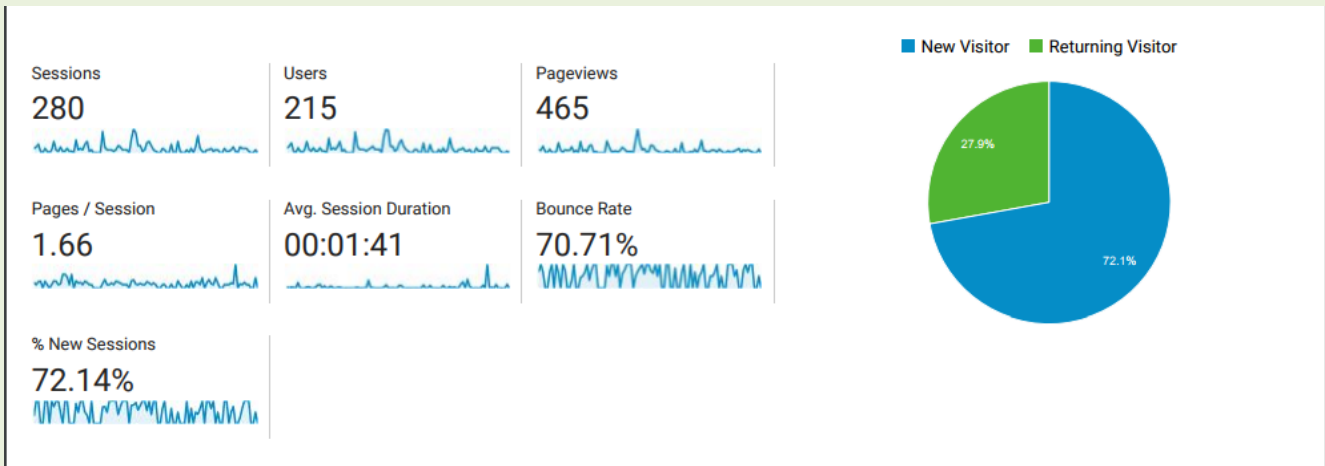
Sitio web www.proyectopasca.org			
Number of views per month	April	567	Difference in numbers
	May	923	356
	June	855	-68
	July (until 11th.)	247	-608
	Total	2592	

@ProyectoPasca				
Level of reach per month				
April	Tweets: 8	Tweet impressions: 2173	Profile visits: 78	Mentions: 19
May	Tweets: 26	Tweet impressions: 3726	Profile visits: 187	Mentions: 14
June	Tweets: 9	Tweet impressions: 4090	Profile visits: 97	Mentions: 9

<u>Digital bulletin Entre Regiones</u>			
Number of receivers per bulletin	Bulletin No. 14 - April 2017	1331	Difference in numbers
	Bulletin No. 15 - May 2017	1293	-38
	Bulletin No. 16 - June 2017	1281	-12
The variation of the number of receivers is because of the constant debugging and updating of the database			
<u>Nivel de alcance de la difusión de los boletines</u>			
Total Open rate %	Bulletin No. 14 - April 2017		14.6%
	Bulletin No. 15 - May 2017		22.6%
	Bulletin No. 16 - June 2017		14.2%
Total Click rate %	Bulletin No. 14 - April 2017		2.5%
	Bulletin No. 15 - May 2017		1.8%
	Bulletin No. 16 - June 2017		2.6%

Fan page de Facebook /proyectopasca			
Likes per month	April	293	Difference in numbers
	May	314	21
	June	331	17
	July (until 11th.)	334	3
Total reach per month	April	279	
	May	375	96
	June	316	-59
	July (until 11th.)	316	0
Total impressions per month	April	2409	
	May	5162	2753
	June	2087	-3075
	July (until 11th.)	2014	-73
Consumers per month	April	98	
	May	88	-10
	June	168	80
	July (until 11th.)	204	36

Microwebsite www.hacialacumbre2018.info
 Data range: 2017 April 1 to July 12



2. Executive summary: During the period of this report, the team worked in different activities:

A. Reports: In April, the team submitted the quarterly report for activities carried out in the January-March period.

B. Designing and update of internal documents:

- Declaration on the Citizens' Forum of the Americas position presented at the OAS General Assembly on June 19th. (annex 6).
- 9 Partial reports of monitoring of Panama's Summit mandates were received from:
 - Argentina (annex 7)
 - Bolivia (annex 8)
 - Chile (annex 9a Environment, annex 9b participation)
 - Colombia (annex 10)
 - Ecuador (annex 11)
 - Mexico (annex 12)
 - Nicaragua (annex 13)
 - Panama (annex 14)
 - Venezuela (annex 15)

A brief summary of the main findings and challenges related to the monitoring of mandates is in the annex 16 (Spanish).

C. **Consortium update:**

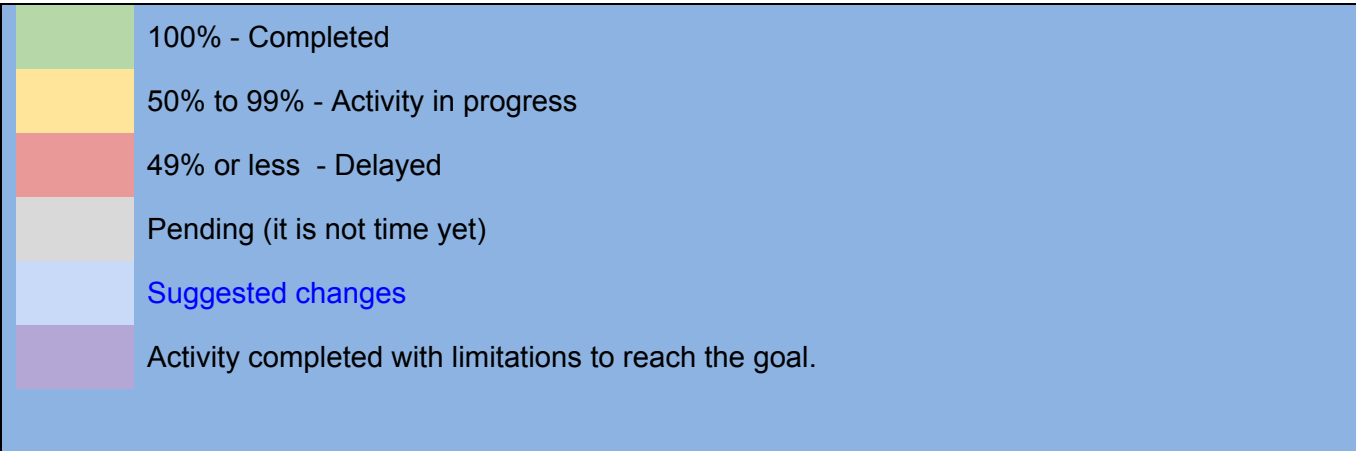
As it was mentioned in the point 1 of this report, our Consortium members for Andean Subregion, Central America and Mexico, Southern Cone and Brazil have been following their plan of activities. Activities during April focused on explaining the methodology for the monitoring exercise and solving doubts and comments that many national teams had. The second Consortium meeting for the year was held in April, to report on the execution of the project and plan actions for the OAS General Assembly, hold in México on June 19-21. A regional Caribbean meeting was on late-May to bring the region up to speed with the rest of the hemisphere and concentrate activities in preparation for the General Assembly and the 2018 Summit of the Americas.

Project Objectives:

1. To develop and implement a Civil Society Council that represents CSOs across the region in monitoring and advancing Summit priorities.
2. To increase collaboration in consultation and engagement between CSO and OAS to present recommendations for the 2018 Summit.
3. To improve CSOs' capacities to monitor the implementation and impacts of 2015 Summit commitments and to participate effectively in 2018 Summit processes.

3. Description of results achieved during the period, using indicators for activities, outputs and outcomes associated with your agreement.

Since this quarterly report we would like to use some conventions to show the progress of the indicators, according to the project's timeline performance.



100% - Completed
50% to 99% - Activity in progress
49% or less - Delayed
Pending (it is not time yet)
Suggested changes
Activity completed with limitations to reach the goal.

Activity 1: To develop and implement a Civil Society Council that represents CSOs across the region in monitoring and advancing Summit priorities.

ACTIVITY	INDICATOR	BASELINE DATA (include date/ source)	TARGET (life of the agreement)	Result this Period	CUMULATIVE DATA and % of progress completed if applicable
1.1 Conduct a project planning meeting with the partners organizations	One Project Working Plan Document	N/A	1	It was completed on January 2017.	100%
	Consortium members increase their confidence in their partners and in the process	N/A	6	Second survey of confidence was completed on March 2017 by Consortium members.	50%
1.2 Organize three focus groups of 20 CSOs each to assess opportunities for creating the Council	One report to guide the creation of the Civil Society Council	N/A	1	Completed on August 2016.	100%
	Number of CSOs demonstrating increased levels of understanding and interest in participation in Summit-related events and activities.	N/A	90% of participants increase their confidence and show interest in participating in Summit related events and activities	From the past quarterly report we suggested to change the source of this indicator to the number of organizations electing members for national civil society scenarios. At this moment, it means to switch from 91 CSO - 29% (who answered positively the questionnaire applied on 2016) to 198 CSO registered in national meetings to create their councils. The goal for this indicator is 350 CSO involved.	57%
1.3 Conduct a comparative study about similar regional oversight mechanisms and platforms	One Comparative Study of best practices and lessons in CSO consultation mechanisms	N/A	1	The final version is in Spanish (Annex 1a) and English (Annex 1b) was completed on October 2016.	100%
1.4 Develop and conduct a stakeholder mapping and engagement strategy	One stakeholders' mapping and engagement strategy	N/A	1	Data collection is being improved. Depuration of database is ongoing and there is significant progress identifying unique persons and organizations. 211 activities have been held in 26 countries and by Internet. From there are 1300 attendants which represent 425 individuals and 283 CSO.	80%
	One strategic communications plan	N/A	1	From September 2016 the general strategic plan of communications was adopted by the Base Team and it is being implemented.	100%

	Number of CSO surveyed that express interest and commitment to participate in the creation of the Council	N/A	350	We apply here the same change done at the source suggested at 1.2.2 indicator. Here we report the 198 CSO who attended national meetings to create their councils.	57%
1.5 Elaboration of draft documents for CSC establishment	Draft of the CSC proposal to be review by CSOs and other actors and partners	N/A	1	From August 2016 Consortium members and focal points received the document which explains objectives, structure, functions and ways of election of the representatives at different levels.	100%
	Percentage of CSOs' inputs taken into account in the draft document for CSC establishment	N/A	60%	During the discussion of the draft, 45% of the comments systematized were applied to the initial proposal of the mechanism of participation of civil society at the Summit of Americas. Unfortunately, CSO's response was lower than expectancies and they tend to prefer spoken comments rather than writing. In the practice each country and subregion is adapting the general proposal to their needs, culture and CSO's dynamic.	45%
1.6 Organizing five sub-regional working-coordination meetings to finalize CSO support for creation of the Council	Number of sub-regional working coordination meetings held, documented and socialized	N/A	100%	Southern Cone subregional meetings were on June and December 2016 (20%). Central America subregional meeting was held on October 15th (20%). Andean subregional meeting was held on November 30th and December 1st (20%). For the Caribbean on November and December 2016 was done a tour to 4 countries to contact 35 CSO and 53 people (10%) and the subregional meeting with 15 people from 7 countries was held on May 2017 (10%).	80%
	Number of CSOs demonstrating increased levels of participation in the creation of the council and interest in participating in other Summit scenarios	N/A	250	As it was reported at the 1.4 indicator: from 115 organizations which filled the survey, 88% (102 CSO) expressed high interest about joining a civil society council. 91% (106 CSO) expressed high interest about the construction of one agenda for the 2018 Summit.	98 CSO 84%
			90%	75% (87 CSO) expressed high interest about monitoring the mandates of Panama Summit.	

				Note: the cumulative data is result of the average of CSO and of their percentages in the three categories.	
1.7 Organizing an online vote to elect the members of the council	Number of CSO voting in sub-regional coordination meetings for the CSC creation	N/A	300	The vote is occurring in meetings rather than through an online platform. This number comes from the organizations which joined meetings to create national civil society councils in Argentina (1), Belice (7), Bolivia (22), Chile (4), Colombia (8), Cuba (15), El Salvador (10), Guatemala (3), Honduras (14), México (19), Nicaragua (17), Panamá (41), Paraguay (4), Venezuela (33).	198 CSO 66% of the goal
	Number of members of the CSC elected	N/A	Initial formulation: 20 (2 women and 2 men for each sub-region) Adjusted indicator, according to the proposal of mechanism (reported at indicator 1.5): 10 CSC members (2 for each 5 subregions, plus population groups representatives to be determined).	On March and June 2017 these representatives joined CSC meeting: 2 from Central America and México. 2 from Andean Region. 2 from Southern Cone and Brazil. 2 temporary representatives from the Caribbean. 2 temporary population representatives (1 from afrodescendants and 1 from LGBTI).	10
1.8 Organize the first meeting of Civil Society Council in Perú (2016)	One meeting held and systematized	N/A	1	Next meeting will be held in Mexico, during OAS General Assembly	100%
	Number of active members of the CSC	N/A	20 (2 women and 2 men for each sub-region) Adjusted to: 10 CSC members (2 for each 5 subregions, plus population groups representatives to be determined).	Please read the adjustment done at 1.7.2 indicator it changes to 10 subregional representatives plus population groups.	10
1.9 Redlad will help the council to	One CSCs working plan	N/A	1	The first meeting of the CSC "Citizen Forum of Americas" on March gave inputs to be	80%

establish its Secretariat and support the activities of the Secretariat				developed by the Secretariat who presented a draft on June. It is pending of comments, adjustments and approval by the Forum members (annex 17)	
1.10 Develop a financial sustainability model for approval by the Council	One financial sustainability model developed	N/A	1	It was a theme of the first meeting of the CSC. Some needs and strategic contacts were identified.	5%
	Number of Council members trained in the financial sustainability model	N/A	20	0	0
1.11 Assist the Council Secretariat in design, implementation and monitoring a strategy of communication, relationship and knowledge management to support the interaction within the CSC and with the different stakeholders	One strategy of communication, relationship, and knowledge management	N/A	1	The Secretariat developed a proposal to receive comments from Consortium and Forum members.	20%
	Percentage of CSO users of CSC's media and communicational scenarios	N/A	80%	0	0

Activity 2: To increase collaboration in consultation and engagement between CSO and OAS to present recommendations for the 2018 Summit

ACTIVITY	INDICATOR	BASELINE DATA (include date/ source)	TARGET (life of the agreement)	Result this Period	CUMULATIVE DATA and % of progress completed if applicable
2.1 Support the Council in the development of a consultation mechanism between the Council and OAS-SIRG to improve skills and awareness on the process	One consultation mechanism between the Council and OAS-SIRG developed	N/A	1	Base Team is attentive to the next SIRG meeting to show the project. Message from SIRG rejected petition to talk about PASCA at their meeting in Mexico. We are pending of SIRG meeting in Peru on October 2017 to introduce PASCA advances and recommendations.	5%
2.2 Establish a support network	One networking plan for building the 2018 Summit Agenda	N/A	80%	There is a guide to coordinate Consortium	60%

in Peru to work the 2018 Summit Agenda				members, Focal Points and Civil Society Councils at national, subregional and hemispheric level, towards the agenda 2018. Its implementation started on March. We'll receive inputs on June's first week.	
2.3 Establish an ongoing consultation process with governments	Percentage of countries reporting information	N/A	70%	15 Focal points started to collect information to prepare their shadow reports. However, on June we received 9 partial reports which represents 27% of 33 countries we would like to reach and 35% if we consider just the 26 countries which are effectively joining the project. Argentina (annex 7) Bolivia (annex 8) Chile (annex 9a) Environment, annex 9b participation) Colombia (annex 10) Ecuador (annex 11) Mexico (annex 12) Nicaragua (annex 13) Panama (annex 14) Venezuela (annex 15)	27%
2.4 Develop and Sign an agreement between the Council and SIRG	One agreement subscribed between the Council and SIRG	N/A	1	0	0
2.5 Organize 5 sub-regional consultation in coordination with OAS Summit, and one virtual online consultation	Number of regional and sub-regional consultations between the Council and representative organizations held	N/A	1 regional and 5 sub-regional consultation meetings	0	0
	Number of CSOs consulted during the development of the CSO recommendations for the 2018 SIRG	N/A	400	0	0
	One document with the Civil Society agenda for the 2018 Summit, presented to SIRG	N/A	1	0	0
2.6 Conduct 6 Council meetings, 2 each	Number of council meetings held	N/A	6	First hemispheric meeting was held on March 2017 in Washington D.C.	2

year from 2016 to 2018				Second meeting was in Cancun, Mexico on June 2017	
	Council members acquire experience and confidence in relation with CSO, OAS-SIRG and other actors	N/A	90%	On March and June, Citizen Forum members joined meetings in Washington D.C. with OAS representatives, and diplomatic missions.	0
2.7 Strengthen the participation of the Council and CSOs to the 2018 Summit	Number of meetings among Council, Secretariat, SIRG, and governments to secure CSO participation.	N/A	20	DESCO has been in touch with Peruvian Government to be up to date about 2018 Summit decisions. REDLAD and Mexican Focal point were in touch with Mexican government to coordinate activities during OAS general Assembly 2017. Members of the Citizens' Forum of the Americas were in meetings with Mexican OAS Mission in Washington DC (March) and with Peruvian government delegates in Cancun (June)	2
	Number of Western Hemisphere CSOs, targeted by the project, that express interest in participating in the Civil Society Forum at the 2018 Summit.	TBD	800	0	0
	One document with the Civil Society recommendations to the SIRG	N/A	1	0	0
	Percentage of presented CSO recommendations from the civil society council incorporated by Summit stakeholders into Summit documents or activities	N/A	40%	0	0
	Number of CSOs demonstrating increased levels of participation in Summit-related events and activities.	TBD	600	0	0
	Number of CSOs reporting increased and substantive CSO engagement in the Summit process	N/A	300	0	0

	as a result of the CSO mechanism				
	Percentage of CSOs reporting increased satisfaction with the Summit process.	TBC	60%	0	0

Activity 3: To improve CSOs' capacities to monitor the implementation and impacts of 2015 Summit commitments and to participate effectively in 2018 Summit processes

ACTIVITY	INDICATOR	BASELINE DATA (include date/ source)	TARGET (life of the agreement)	Result this Period	CUMULATIVE DATA and % of progress completed if applicable
3.1 Develop a mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation of Summit commitments to be used by the CSO community	Percentage of prioritized 2015 Summit mandates monitored by the council and relevant CSOs.	N/A	At least 40%	Themes will be prioritized rather than individual mandates. From 10 proposed themes 5 issues is the average. It means, at least 50% would be monitored.	50%
3.2 Conduct a needs assessment for technical assistance and capacity building among CSOs across the region, to improve knowledge and feedback on monitoring and evaluation mechanism /practices	Number of CSOs demonstrating increased ability to research, monitor and report on Summit commitments in their sub-regions.	N/A	44	26 Focal Points were informed about the suggested route of work. At this moment 9 countries presented monitoring reports: Argentina (annex 7) Bolivia (annex 8) Chile (annex 9a Environment, annex 9b participation) Colombia (annex 10) Ecuador (annex 11) Mexico (annex 12) Nicaragua (annex 13) Panama (annex 14) Venezuela (annex 15)	9 44%
3.3 Design and implementation of a plan of enhancement and technical assistance according to the needs identified	Number of CSO joining the enhancement in capacities for monitoring and evaluation	N/A	70%		0
3.4 Provide training and Technical Assistance to at least 100 CSOs for implementing the mechanism/Summit commitments	Five training activities held (one in each subregion) and one Technical assistance action per CSO involved in the follow up	N/A	105	0	0
3.5 Produce joint report on outcomes of the	Number of CSO participating in the joint report	N/A	50	49 CSO participated in the process to build the 9 partial reports	49

2015 Summit of the Americas				received in June. Therefore, we expect to overcome this target with the oncoming reports.	
3.6 Coordinate the adoption of the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism	Number of CSOs reporting increased and substantive CSO engagement in the Summit process as a result of the CSO mechanism	N/A	50	0	0
3.7 Monitoring and evaluate programs/projects that impacted the commitments made at the Summit	Number of reports of advance in programs/projects impacted by the commitments	N/A	22	0	0

Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators

ACTIVITY	INDICATOR	BASELINE DATA (include date/source)	TARGET (life of the agreement)	Result this Period	CUMULATIVE DATA and % of progress completed if applicable
Methodological design	One set of orientations for explicit knowledge management	N/A	1	Methodologies to monitoring Summit Commitments and building CS agenda were elaborated.	80%
Elaborate baseline of the project	One report of the baseline	N/A	1	First report sent on September 2016. It is pending the baseline related to CSO capacities and needs of technical support (indicator 3.2).	70%
Elaboration and management of databases for participation monitoring	One database system for monitoring participation of CSO in activities and discussions	N/A	1	Unified database reached 2010 contacts and 1343 organizations. Consolidated subregional reports show 211 activities in 26 countries and online. From there are 1300 attendants which represent 425 individuals and 283 CSO.	80%
Design and measure CSOs' capacities at national, sub-regional and thematic levels	One report of final state of CSO's capacities (including baseline)	N/A	1	National and subregional meetings of monitoring are offering information about weakness and CSO's needs of support.	50%
Evaluation of the process	One report of results, impact and recommendations	N/A	1	0	0

5. Challenges, lessons and best practices related to your project:

Challenges

- As it was stated at the slides 16 to 18 (annex 16 in spanish), there are four challenges derived from the monitoring of the mandates signed by the governments at the Summit in Panama:
 1. **Quality of information.** There aren't data available about all prioritized issues. Some data are unpublished or out of date. In addition, most data from official sources are not trustful and there aren't alternative sources. Methodological, linguistic or temporary variations in defining indicators make difficult (almost impossible) to compare inside each country at different moments and between countries from the same subregion.
 2. **Policies to access to information.** Even existing policies about publishing and facilitation to access to public information most countries reported obstacles to use those mechanisms and difficulties to find easily clear, updated and trustful information by their governments. Also it was pointed the lack of comparative studies to evaluate and understand available data. Even within states that have laws to access information, there are disparities in the efficiency of the information-provision services. In Guatemala, for example, the Ministry of Agriculture is much slower to respond to requests of information than other institutions such as SEGEPLAN (the Secretariat for Planning and Programming),
 3. **Availability of resources (personnel, funding, technology, time) and capabilities for information management at the CSO.** Most civil society organizations involved at the monitoring expressed they are short of personnel with the knowledge, experience and time to do the duties related to identify sources, find data, organize it and analyze. From the base team we ask to follow the 9 Panama's Summit topics plus enabling environment but at this moment not all national civil society scenarios are diverse enough to include organizations able to work on all that themes. Therefore to have at least one contact related to each topic is a challenge and to support CSO to learn from their experience.
 4. **Conceptual and methodological alignment.** Texts of the mandates not respond to a logical structure which facilitate their comprehensions and monitoring. Really few mandates refer to specific products with goals and defined actors, so our PASCA monitoring exercise did a sort of abstraction defining indicators which try to concrete the commitments but are susceptible of criticism and discussion.
- Indicators for certain mandates have proven hard to find, as well as legitimate sources for national information, especially relating to citizen participation.
- In countries with a restrictive enabling environment such as Honduras, organizations need to make sure the information-gathering methodology is robust since they can be accused of fabricating data and be subject to threats (both covert and overt) and legal prosecution.
- Our Mexican focal point has alerted us that some of the goals gathered in the 2015 Mandates are of little relevance to Civil Society, and can instead be interpreted as government projects that were already advancing in 2015 and that were codified in the mandates so as to ensure early victories.
- There is a question to be solved related to the CSO's role monitoring Summit mandates, because despite technical utility of the research, they don't feel comfortable at all looking for information about unclear and weak commitments which don't respond to crucial issues which CSO claim i.e. enabling environment and participation.
- Rotation of subregional representatives at hemispheric Citizen's Forum of the Americas was defined by CSO as an opportunity to acquire first hand experience, but it suppose some

difficulties to create leadership and appropriation about the responsibilities and duties of the Forum operation.

Lessons

- Some organizations have found that the monitoring exercise provides information useful for analysing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), so it helps with other projects, and also the diagnosis can be used to drive political discourse into technical arguments.
- From the monitoring first exercise we realize that problems of data management are common for most civil society organizations as well as for governments. It explains partially the weak reports presented by Foreign Affairs Ministries to the SIRG and we think those would be improved strengthening open data policies and mechanism of data management but also trying to change the way the mandates are written, guaranteeing at least:
 1. One action concrete to develop. It can be expressed into decisions, policies, programs, projects, budget or the creation of scenarios of discussion and collaborative work.
 2. Responsibilities. According to their competence and contribution to the achievement.
 3. Beneficiaries. They can be defined by location, adscription to specific groups of population, by gender or age.
 4. Goals. Measured, able to be followed and proved..
 5. Deadline. To establish concrete commitments which can deal into work plans.

Best practices

- For the monitoring exercise, partner organizations have relied on local experts to analyze and evaluate whether government actions have led to advances, stagnation or decay in each mandate.
- In Guatemala, the focal point has decided to include PASCA topics in its participation in other events as a tactic for reaching a wider audience, since invitations for PASCA-centric events hadn't been very effective.
- Diversity of organizations invited to join national civil society scenarios facilitate monitoring exercises because they can adopt themes related to their work and apply their knowledge, experience, contacts and sources to solve easily the correspondent questions.

6. Upcoming Events:

- In **Brazil**: the focal point will meet with a member of the Brazilian Congress on July 11th, to discuss means of accessing information on the mandates to better conduct the monitoring exercise. Also, a CSO meeting is being prepared for October 17th, to present the project and start the process of agenda building among Brazilian organizations.
- In **Peru**, A meeting is set for July 11th and 12th with the CONADES (*Conferencia Nacional sobre Desarrollo Social*, or National Conference on Social Development) to present the project and work on issues of corruption and institution strengthening.
- On **July 20th**, the OAS will hold virtual meetings in 16 countries to present the central topic of the upcoming 2018 Summit of the Americas.
- In **Mexico**, the National Civil Society Council will meet in Late-July to discuss the results from the Cancun General Assembly.
- In **Guatemala**, an LGBTI assembly will be held in Late-July, as well as a forum on women participation in democratic spaces, where the focal point organization will include the topic of women participation in the Summit of the Americas. Also, a meeting is being planned for August 14th to discuss the first draft of the Civil Society agenda for the 2018 Summit.

- In **Honduras**, the focal point will present the project at an Open Government forum on August 14th.
- In **Colombia**, the National Council will be holding thematic meetings on health, education, enabling environment and childhood & youth, to monitor advances and start building the Civil Society agenda for the 2018 Summit. Information on these topics will be gathered in September and the report should be finalized by October.
- In **Costa Rica**, the next meeting of the National Council will take place on August 21st.
- In **Ecuador**, national meetings will be held during August and September to respond to demands made by several groups about the need to educate themselves on the OAS and the Inter American System calendar of events.
- In **Panama**, a meeting has been tentatively set for september to define the Panamanian Civil Society agenda.

7. Timeline

In general, the project is advancing according to the approved timeline. However, there are some variations which we mark here. From this quarterly report we decided to use colours to mark the achievement level, according to the following conventions:

	Planned date
	Real date of execution
	Activity in process
	Pending

Please follow the numbers in front of the correspondent activities to locate this notes:

1. Fundraising was part of Citizen Forum of Americas' agenda, however specific training is pending.
2. The base team has been in touch with OAS-SIRG contact, Beatriz Piñeres, to coordinate the presentation of PASCA project at the next SIRG meeting, probably in Peru in October 2017.

	2015			2016												2017					
	oct	nov	dec	ene	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jul	ago	sep	oct	nov	dec	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun
	Q 1			Q 2			Q3			Q4			Q5			Q6			Q7		
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M14	M15	M16	M17	M18	M19	M20	M21	M22
Objective 1: To develop and implement a Civil Society Council that represents CSOs across the region in monitoring and advancing Summit priorities																					
Redlad/Consortium held planning meeting with partners' organizations																					
Redlad/Consortium design a stakeholder mapping and engagement strategy (reviewing Redlad's methodology)																					
Redlad/Consortium design and conduct																					

an on-line survey to solicit ideas on the Council's structure and processes for making joint CSO recommendations.																				
Comparative study about similar regional oversight mechanisms and platforms, their best practices and lessons																				
Redlad/Consortium develop and implement a strategic communications plan, based in survey's results (including the creation of a portal for dissemination and consultation actions)																				
Redlad/Consortium elaboration of draft documents for CSC proposal (organogram, bylaws, description of roles and responsibilities)																				
Redlad, partners and thematic advisers organize five sub-regional working-coordination meetings to finalize CSO support for creation of the Council																				
Redlad/Consortium systematization and dissemination of coordination meetings results																				
Redlad/Consortium organize the online election of the members of the CSC (votation, communication of results).																				
Redlad/Consortium and partners organize the first meeting of Civil Society Council in Perú																				
Redlad/Consortium supports the activities of the Council Secretariat, including the technical support to elaborate the working plan																				
Redlad/Consortium design a financial sustainability model for approval by the Council																				
Redlad/Consortium trains Council members on fundraising and taking advantage of opportunities to seek donor assistance																				
Redlad/Consortium assists the Council Secretariat in building an strategy of communication, relationship and knowledge management which provides information on Summit preparations and Council activities, as well as provides space for meeting, dialogue and debate for member organizations of the Council.																				
Consultation process with DOS and key stakeholders																				
Objective 2: To increase																				

collaboration in consultation and engagement between CSO and OAS to present recommendations for the 2018 Summit																												
Redlad/Consortium supports the Council in the developing of a consultation mechanism between the Council and OAS-SIRG, participation of OAS country directors											2																	
Redlad/Consortium and DESCO builds a support network in Peru to work the 2018 Summit Agenda																												
Redlad/Consortium and partners establishes an ongoing consultation process with governments																												
Redlad assists and encourages the develop and Sign of an agreement between the Council and SIRG.											2																	
Redlad develops 5 sub-regional consultations for a collective building of CSO's proposals for 2018 Summit agenda																												
Redlad/Consortium will accompany and support Council's meetings (at least two each year).																												
Objective 3: To improve CSO’s capacities to monitor the implementation and impacts of 2015 Summit commitments and to participate effectively in 2018 Summit processes.																												
Redlad/Consortium develop a mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation of Summit commitments to be used by the CSO community																												
Redlad/Consortium conducts a needs assessment for technical assistance and capacity building among CSOs across the region																												
Redlad/Consortium design and implementing a plan of enhancement and technical assistance according to the needs identified																												
Redlad/Consortium provide training and Technical Assistance to at least 100 CSOs for implementing the mechanism/ Summit commitments.																												
Redlad/Consortium collects information and develops a Joint Report on outcomes of the 2015 Summit of the Americas, which is presented at the																												

June 2017 ministerial meeting of the SIRG.																				
Redlad/Consortium coordinate the adoption of the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism																				
Program Management																				
Redlad/Consortium develop and assesses work plan																				
Redlad/Consortium held meetings with partners to get feedback and follow up the activities																				
Redlad/Consortium prepare narrative and financial quarterly reports																				
Monitoring and Evaluation																				
Redlad/Consortium general methodologies review and design (participation, systematization, information collection, etc).																				
Redlad/Consortium Review and Consult Methodologies with DOS																				
Redlad/Consortium elaborate baseline of the project																				
Redlad/Consortium elaboration and management of databases for participation monitoring																				
Redlad/Consortium design and measure CSO's capacities at national, sub-regional and thematic levels																				
Redlad/Consortium develops PMEPE																				
Redlad/Consortium collects data																				
Redlad/Consortium conducts quality control of partner activities																				

8. Budget Provide an update of the budget by budget category. Effective expenses, up to december 31st

See excel annexed.