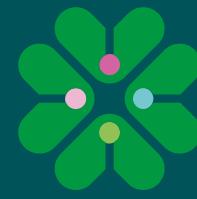


The horizons of abortion rights



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OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

► DAY 1: OCTOBER 31

Advocacy initiatives and implementation strategies

Implementation strategies for access and provision of abortion services

This panel brings together experiences in the provision of legal abortion services through various channels, from an intersectional, sustainable perspective with an emphasis on shared responsibilities.

Coordination: Fòs Feminista

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/BtcBd7mrS7>

Room: Cauca

Presentations:

- **From law to reality: legal abortion in Hidalgo with Di RAMONA**
Yosselin Islas Flores, Roxana Mancilla Hernández
Organization: Di RAMONA – Mexico
- **Sustainable abortion ecosystem: how to turn theory into practice to expand access to safe abortion in Latin America and the Caribbean**
Karen Padilla, Mara Zaragoza, Diana García, Lesbia Gutiérrez y Ana Martha Sánchez
Organization: Ipas LAC -México
- **Nursing to safeguard rights : a participatory strategy to strengthen its role in abortion care in Argentina**
Sonia Ariza Navarrete, Sandra Formia, Milena Orayen, Dana Repka – Argentine Network for Access to Safe Abortion (REDAAS) – Argentina
- **Strengthening the role of nursing in abortion provision in Colombia**
Yajadira Lozano – Profamilia – Colombia
- **Midwives' Network for Free Choice : Experiences and challenges in Mexico**
Christian Martínez Tovar – Association of Professional Midwives – Mexico
- **Implementation experience of FUSA AC's telemedicine abortion model**
Victoria Simón – FUSA – Argentina

- **Experience of the Autonomous Fund, a collaborative and feminist fund created by Red Compañera (LAC) and the MAMA Network (Africa), to finance accompaniment networks in restrictive contexts**

Verónica Vera Sánchez, Ruth Zurbiggen, Carolina Cisternas, and Sofía Garduño – Red Compañera – Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Network of Abortion Accompaniers and MAMA Network – Mobilizing Activists Around Medication Abortion

Criminalization

Abortion criminalization turns hospitals into places of suspicion and courtrooms into spaces of punishment, violating rights, deepening inequalities, and reinforcing stereotypes. This panel brings together research and voices from across the region to shed light on the path of criminalization and its effects on women, girls, and healthcare professionals. It is a transnational dialogue space to build alliances and demand legal frameworks based on care rather than punishment.

Coordination: Health Without Fear y Ríos

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/F58gyEPyzy>

Room: Grand Ball 1

Presentations:

- **Cruelty as routine: Abortion criminalization in Peru**

Brenda Álvarez

Organization: Proyecta Igualdad – Peru

- **Research on professional secrecy in Brazil**

Mafe Perico

Organization: Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) - regional

- **Support for licensed midwives in contexts of criminalization**

Florencia Alderisi

Organization: Líbera – Argentina

- **Criminalization of women facing obstetric emergencies**

Ruth Abigail Cortez Navarro

Organization: Citizen Group for the Decriminalization of Abortion – El Salvador

- **The “bad pregnant woman” stereotype in argentine jurisprudence**

Natalia Saralegui – Argentina

- **Research on abortion criminalization in Chile (2012–2022)**

Javiera Canales

Organization: Corporación Miles – Chile

- **Abortion criminalization in Brazil: A study on penal and punitive pathways (2012–2022)**

Anis – Bioethics Institute – Brazil

Abortion provision and healthcare teams experiences

This panel presents training experiences and skill-building efforts involving a wide range of health professionals for the provision of safe abortion services and networking across the Latin American region; as well as the quality of care, including services for people with disabilities.

Coordination: Ipas LAC

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/5WJzn8Y78K>

Room: Grand Ball 3

Presentations:

- **Experience of collaborative construction in Argentina 2023–2025. Social work in comprehensive abortion care at the first and second levels**

Susana Arminchiardi, Alejandra Zorzoli, María Verónica Lorea, Facundo Zamarreño

Organizations: REDAAS – College of Social Work Professionals of the Second District of Santa Fe – Argentina

- **Comprehensive approaches in sexual and reproductive health for people with disabilities: inclusive tools and practices**

Yanina Miragaya

Organization: REDAAS – Argentina

- **Training in safe abortion for OB-GYN physicians in Peru**

Enrique Guevara Ríos

Organizations: National Maternal and Perinatal Institute – Peruvian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology – Peru

- **Documentary: "Estoy acá (I Am here). Access to sexual and reproductive health for people with disabilities"**

Lihue Mendoza, Agustina Ramón Michel, Sonia Ariza Navarrete

Organizations: Argentine Network for Access to Safe Abortion (REDAAS), Center for the Study of State and Society (CEDES), Latin American Consortium Against Unsafe Abortion (CLACAI) – Argentina

- **Experience of the Network of Women Doctors for the Right to Decide**

Karla Fabiola Mercado González

Organization: Network of Women Doctors for the Right to Decide – Mexico

- **The role of nursing in safeguarding the right to abortion: ensuring safety in the use of the MVA technique**

Marilin Gómez

Organization: REDAAS – Argentina

Litigation

This session addresses the challenges and opportunities of strategic litigation to defend sexual and reproductive rights, and reflects on how to advance them. Key cases from countries in the region are analyzed, exploring regional and global advocacy strategies. It also discusses how litigation can be used in our own countries. The session aims to strengthen legal tools, advocacy tactics, and commitment to reproductive justice.

Coordination: CLACAI Legal Network

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/VdPcP2CM28>

Room: Grand Ball 2

Presentations:

- **Amparo litigation in the development of Case Law on Abortion in Mexico (doctoral dissertation)**

Alex Alí Méndez Díaz

Organization: AbortistasMX – Mexico

- **Strategic litigation to defend our sexual and reproductive rights**

Lucia de la Vega

Organization: Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS) – Argentina

- **Between regressive constitutionalism and the erosion of conventionality control: the case of emergency contraception in Costa Rica**

Larissa Arroyo Navarrete

Organization: ASDEDH (CEDAW Agenda Working Group and IEM-UNA) – Costa Rica

- **Regional and universal advocacy strategies to decriminalize abortion**

Martín Vidaurre Vaca

Organization: Ipas Bolivia – Bolivia

- **Litigation and monitoring experiences in regressive contexts: cases reflecting the threats faced by women and girls in Argentina in accessing their sexual and (non) reproductive rights**

Patricia Sotile and Julieta Izcurdia

Organization: ELA – Latin American Team for Justice and Gender – Argentina

- **Reproductive justice: analysis of the role of State Public Defenders in Legal abortion cases in Brazil**

Angela Freitas, Beatriz Galli, Bruna Pfiffer, Damaris Mendonça, Julia de Lucio, Júlia Piazza, Laura Molinari, and Letícia Vella

Organizations: Nem Presa Nem Morta Campaign; Feminist Collective on Sexuality and Health; Ipas – Partners for Reproductive Justice – Brazil

- **Legal precedent of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the Manuela case on professional secrecy and emergency obstetric care: challenges in implementation**

Anabel Recinos Alvarenga

Organization: Citizen Group for the Decriminalization of Abortion – El Salvador

- **Beatriz: Litigation, solidarity, and mobilization for the decriminalization of abortion**

Morena Herrera

Organization: Citizen Group for the Decriminalization of Abortion - El Salvador

Situation of reproductive justice Defenders

Testimonies from women healthcare providers and community leaders who have faced various types of reprisals, restrictions, and barriers in their work for reproductive justice. Based on real stories, the session will reflect on the urgency of recognizing the defense of sexual and reproductive health as a task protected by international standards, which entails concrete obligations from States in the region.

Coordination: Amnesty International

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/hhYwSYgfU5>

Room: Caldas

Presentations:

- **Professional secrecy as a tool to guarantee sexual and reproductive rights and prevent the criminalization of historically marginalized populations**

July Catherine Gaitán Ramírez

Organization: Gender and Rights - Colombia

- Marimilia Ipuana - Delegate of Mujeres del Desierto - Colombia

- Marianela Sierralta - OB-GYN physician - Argentina

- Marta Rondón - OB-GYN physician - Peru

- Delegate of Reproductive Justice RD - Dominican Republic

- Fernanda Doz Costa - Director of the Racial, Gender, and Refugee Justice Program at International Secretariat of Amnesty International

Research as a tool for action

This session highlights new research aimed at improving the provision of abortion services through strengthened evidence and monitoring. With case studies from Argentina, Colombia, Puerto Rico, and Uruguay, the session will explore strategies to improve key aspects such as manual vacuum aspiration and mental health care, discuss the impact of recent changes in U.S. policy on the region, and share innovative tools to monitor the quality and access to abortion services.

Coordination: Guttmacher Institute and Colmena Consultoras

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/LL3m6hbZVw>

Room: Valle

Presentations:

- **Abortion in Puerto Rico: setbacks, vulnerability, and the impact of U.S. colonialism**

Enid Pérez and Natalie Caraballo

Organization: Profamilias PR

- **Lessons from the MACA Survey: A tool to monitor access and quality of abortion services in Argentina**

Brianna Keefe-Oates, Mercedes Krause, Agustina Ramón Michel, Silvina Ramos, Caitlin Gerdts, Mariana Romero

Organizations: Proyecto Mirar, CEDES, Ibis Reproductive Health

- **Manual vacuum aspiration for abortion and post-abortion care at the primary care level: scoping literature review**

Gabriela Luchetti, Santiago Hasdeu, Mariana Romero

Organizations: REDAAS, CEDES, Ministry of Health of Neuquén – Argentina

- **Mental health and abortion: The contribution of evidence to improve voluntary termination of pregnancy services in Uruguay**

Alejandra López and Manuela Costa

Organization: University of the Republic, Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Health Program – Uruguay

- **Sustainability in municipal implementation of abortion: ecosystem diagnostics in 7 territories of Colombia**

Fernanda Herrera

Organization: Profamilia – Colombia

 **DAY 2: NOVEMBER 1**

Girls and adolescents

This session brings together researchers, activists, and young leaders from the region to reflect on the challenges and progress in recognizing the sexual and reproductive rights of girls and adolescents. Drawing from diverse experiences and studies, it will explore rights violations, responses from social movements, and advocacy opportunities. The space aims to foster intergenerational dialogue that promotes strategies for collective action in defense of these rights.

Coordination: Center for Reproductive Rights

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/CF0FgFXsxZ>

Room: Grand Ball 2

Presentations:

- **Adolescent autonomy matters: Lessons from the Argentine model to guarantee adolescents' right to decide in Latin America**

Dana Repka

Organization: International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Program at University of Toronto – Argentina

- **The Niñas No Madres Movement and the fight to eradicate forced motherhood among girls in Latin America**

Milagro Valverde Jiménez

Organization: Center for Reproductive Rights – Colombia

- **Violation of sexual and reproductive rights of girls and adolescents in situations of child, early, and forced marriages and unions**

Martín Vidaurre Vaca and Yovanka Oliden Tapia

Organization: Ipas Bolivia – Bolivia

- **Youth perspectives on abortion restrictions: differentiated impact of criminalization**

Representative from the Youth Network for the Right to Abortion in LAC

Organization: Youth Network for the Right to Abortion in LAC – Regional

- **Abortion in girls younger than 15: the role of health teams in decision-making regarding early pregnancy**

Alejandra López Gómez

Organization: University of the Republic, Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Health Program – Uruguay

- **Barriers to access therapeutic abortion for Indigenous girls in Peru**

Elga Prado Vásquez

Organization: Movimiento Manuela Ramos – Peru

- **Unintended pregnancy in adolescence in Latin America and the Caribbean. Reproductive Health is Vital 2024**

Sonia Ariza Navarrete, Carla Zapata, Silvina Molina

Organization: CLACAI – Argentina / Region

- **ENIA Plan: Life opportunities for adolescents in Argentina**

Silvina Ramos, Valeria Isla, Federico Tobar, Natalia Gualdoni, and Tamar Finzi Warszawski

Organization: CEDES – Center for the Study of State and Society – Argentina

- **Situation of girls and adolescents in rural municipalities regarding access to abortion**

Alexia Escobar Vásquez

Organization: SIESAR – Bolivia

- **Recent setbacks in minors' decision-making at the national level: Lessons learned from the U.S. for Latin America**

Rebecca Reingold

Organization: O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law – United States

Accompany without criminalizing, strengthen alliances

Dialogues toward building comprehensive strategies of care and collaboration in response to the criminalization of feminist abortion accompaniers.

This workshop opens a space for dialogue among feminist abortion accompaniers, healthcare personnel, and human rights defenders to highlight the importance of intersectoral collaboration in restrictive contexts. Through diverse voices and collective construction, strategies for care and protection will be identified to strengthen real access to safe abortion and promote environments free from stigma and criminalization.

Coordination: IPPF and Red Compañera

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Wu13g2XhBP>

Room: Nariño

Presentations:

- **Guardians of legal abortion: how volunteer networks ensure compliance with the law**

Mariana Iglesias and Silvina Molina

Organization: CLACAI Journalist Network – Argentina

- **We need each other! Dialogues between accompaniment networks and abortion service providers in Colombia**

Manuela Oviedo

Organization: Las Parceras – Feminist abortion accompaniment network – Colombia

- **Demedicalization of abortion with pills – the case of Women on Web**

Verónica Fernández, Suzanne Veldhuis, Hazal Atay, Jennifer Fishman

Organization: Women on Web – Canada

- **Demedicalization of abortion, Micom strategy and My Youth Support**

Gabriela Rivera

Organization: CEMOPLAF – Ecuador

- **Provision of abortion services in the context of forced migration. The case of the Colombian**

Darién region

Martha Toloza and Carolina Melo Arévalo

Organization: Médecins du Monde France – Colombia Mission

- **Speaking proudly about abortions after 12 weeks: feminist accompaniment in the face of stigma**

Cristina Pozos and Brenda Gutiérrez

Organization: Fondo MARIA / Balance AC – Mexico

Abortion after 20 weeks

We will share experiences related to abortion care from 20 weeks of pregnancy onward. The challenges faced in restrictive settings, the knowledge accumulated by accompaniment networks, and the guidelines developed in Latin America will be discussed with a focus on expanding comprehensive and quality access for people who need to terminate a pregnancy after 20 weeks.

Coordination: Ipas LAC and CLACAI

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/wrNawZ7zVK>

Room: Grand Ball 1

Presentations:

- **“When there are no options”: a review of cases of people who were unable to access safe abortion after 20 weeks of gestation**

Daniela Andreassi, Suzanne Veldhuis, Hazal Atay, Jennifer Fishman

Organization: Women on Web International Foundation – Global

- **Abortions in advanced gestational stages: Regional Collaborative Guide for Humanized Abortion Care**

Guillermo Ortiz, Mara Zaragoza, Marcela Masabanda

Organization: Ipas LAC – Mexico

- **Accompanying abortions at 20 or more weeks of gestation: horizons and pedagogies of the Red Compañera**

Ruth Zurbriggen and Stephanie Altamirano

Organization: Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Network of Abortion Accompaniers – Red Compañera – N/A

- **Exploration of abortion provision using the asystole technique in various Latin American and Caribbean countries for pregnancies over 20 weeks**

Carolina Cisternas, Ana Vera

Organization: Red Compañera – Ecuador

- **IAF and the promotion of good practices in advanced gestational stages**

Gisela Stablun, Carlota Ramírez

Organization: Sexual and Reproductive Health Directorate, Ministry of Health of the Province of Buenos Aires - Argentina

- **Voluntary Termination of Pregnancy in the second trimester in Bolivia: A critical review of the legal framework, access barriers, and current challenges**

Dr. Ruddy Eucebio Soliz Soliz PhD, Dr. Omar Félix Campohermoso Rodríguez PhD

Organization: Virgen de Guadalupe Maternal-Fetal Medical Center - Bolivia

- **Presence and care in advanced abortions: doulage within the health system**

Yosselin Islas Flores, Daniela Téllez Del Valle

Organization: Di RAMONA - Mexico

- **"Guide to support access to safe abortion for people with the capacity to gestate in situations of high vulnerability"**

Rossina Guerrero and Andrea Berra

Organization: CLACAI - Regional

Reproductive health monitoring

From monitoring to advocacy

This session will bring together social organizations, researchers, and activists from the region to discuss the value of citizen monitoring in defending the right to abortion. The space will combine presentations of experiences from Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, and the regional level, with a participatory workshop exploring advocacy strategies and uses of evidence to strengthen access to safe abortion in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Coordination: Reproductive Health is Vital - CLACAI

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/jEFVpY8mtt>

Room: Valle

Presentations:

- **From claiming our freedoms to legislative setbacks: 19 years of struggle for sexual and reproductive rights in Colombia (2006–2025)**

Catherine Gaitán Ramírez, Noa Cortés Montoya, Laura Camila Neira Ruiz

Organization: Gender & Rights - Colombia

- **Citizen Monitoring – Reproductive Health is Vital 2024**

Sonia Ariza Navarrete and others

Organizations: CLACAI - Argentina / Region

- **ObservAS.mx: strategic indicators in public policy on safe abortion in Mexico**

Karla Berdichevsky Feldman, Bianca Fernanda Vargas Escamilla, Graciela Beatriz Muñoz García, Karla Flores

Organization: Colmena Consultoras - Mexico

- **Proyecto Mirar: a monitoring experience of the abortion law in Argentina**
Agustina Ramón Michel, Silvina Ramos, Mariana Romero, Celeste Benetti Catarineu
Organization: Center for the Study of State and Society - CEDES - Argentina
- **Geographic Mobility in Access to Abortion – Cross-Border Route for Legal Abortion**
Organization: Fundación Oriéntame - Colombia

Opposition groups and narratives

This session brings together individuals working in opposition to reflect on the challenges posed by the advances of anti-rights groups in the field of sexual and reproductive rights, within increasingly adverse political, social, and cultural contexts. In this space for analysis and dialogue, the aim is to understand how these advances impact hard-won rights, restrict freedoms, and reinforce exclusionary or regressive narratives. At the same time, the session will explore the strategies, tactics, and forms of resistance that pro-rights groups have been deploying to defend their causes, sustain their struggles, and continue moving forward despite the difficulties. Special emphasis will be placed on creative, collective, and innovative practices that emerge in response to new configurations of power, with the goal of generating learning, sharing experiences, strengthening networks, and providing responses.

Coordinated by: O'Neill Institute

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/kCzBFgkv63>

Room: Grand Ball 3

Presentations:

- **Threats and advances in fetal rights ownership. Studies on Latin America and the USA**
Rebecca Reingold, Francesca Nardi, Gloria Orrego Hoyos, Guillermina Pappier, María Belén Saavedra
Organization: O'Neill Institute - United States
- **Dismantling Rights: State-led strategies in Costa Rica to restrict sexual education, reproductive autonomy, and inclusion**
Larissa Arroyo Navarrete
Organization: ASDEDH (Additionally, CEDAW Agenda Working Group and IEM-UNA) - Costa Rica
- **“Latido Común” (Collective Heartbeat)**
Elvira Constantina Pablo Antonio
Organization: Amnesty International Americas - Mexico

Advocacy initiatives and implementation strategies

Advocacy strategies for the right to abortion and access to quality services

This panel brings together experiences from five countries on various advocacy strategies aimed at achieving legal reforms to expand the right to abortion, as well as lessons learned from the implementation and monitoring of public policies and community actions.

Coordination: Fòs Feminista

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/pGCe7a2KzZ>

Room: Cauca

Presentations

- **Activism strategies for the legalization of abortion in Chile from 2019 to the present**
Romina Suárez Madariaga, Siomara Molina Saéz, Valentina Moyano Toledo
Organization: Chilean Network of Professionals for the Right to Decide - Chile
- **Recovering 15 years of struggle in El Salvador for the decriminalization of abortion and reproductive rights**
Alberto Romero de Urbiztondo
Organization: Citizens' Group for the Decriminalization of Abortion - El Salvador
- **Self-care for human rights defenders**
Cristiana Luis Francisco
Organization: Dominican-Haitian Women's Movement (MUDHA) - Dominican Republic
- **They take our bodies: Experiences of disabled women facing obstetric and gynecological violence**
Elizabeth Patricia Pérez Santiz
Organization: Amor Sin Fronteras A.C - Mexico
- **Empalme Verde**
Florencia Sabaté and Soledad Deza
Organization: Fundación Mujeres x Mujeres
Country: Argentina
- **Activism and public policy management: tensions and opportunities**
Fabian Portnoy / Viviana Mazur
Organization: Metropolitan Association of Health Teams (AMES), member of the Argentine Federation of General Medicine (FAMG) - Argentina

Platforms and new technologies for self-care and professional training

This event showcases how digital platforms, telemedicine, and artificial intelligence are closing information and access gaps in sexual and reproductive health. Through nine presentations, experiences, lessons learned, and challenges are shared on safe abortion, feminist accompaniment, and online training. Technological innovation and digital spaces are highlighted as allies in care, harm reduction, and reproductive justice.

Coordination: Women First Digital

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/zVJY2n4jFr>

Room: Caldas

Presentations

- **Online medical abortion training for healthcare providers in Latin America**

Foram Mehta, Maite Karstanje, Lina Lopez

Organization: Women First Digital – Global

- **Catalyzing cultural transformation for reproductive justice through abortion data information**

Lina López, Ana Ibarra

Organization: AbortionData – Brazil / Colombia

- **Experiences, challenges, and lessons from the digital platform “Tengo un Retraso” (I’m late), strengthening access to self-managed and demedicalized abortion in Mexico**

Bárbara Pérez Roldán / Técnicas Rudas

Organization: Fundación MSI México – Mexico

- **Words as accompaniment: feminist digital platforms and narratives of autonomy in self-managed abortion**

Paula Correa Agurto

Organization: CLACAI Journalists Network / Gender Commission of the Journalists’ Association / Network of Feminist Journalists and Communicators – Chile

- **MIA, Self-managed abortion strategy in the digital era: Innovation and access through telemedicine**

Aura María Gutiérrez, Ingrid Martínez

Organization: Profamilia – Colombia

- **Algorithmic obstacles: The struggle for abortion access in digital spaces**

Lara Mauch, Daniela Andreassi, Maïte Karstanje, Michell Mor, Jane Eklund

Organization: Women on Web / Women First Digital – Canada

- **Reception, care, and harm reduction in abortion and post-abortion: Training with AMPARA and primary care experience in Brazil**

Vanessa Silva, Lara Mauch, Patricia Silveira Rodrigues, Julia Vaz, Janaina Penalva

Organization: Bloco A – Brazil

- **Technology to strengthen access to safe abortion**

Ana Martha Sánchez

Organization: Ipas LAC – Mexico

- **Digital tools for abortion access: Use of chatbots and artificial intelligence**

Maite Karstanje, Lina Lopez

Organization: Women First Digital – Global