

MESECVI Calls for Global AI Governance to Integrate a Gender Perspective to Eradicate Digital Violence Against Women and Girls

Washington, D.C., July X, 2026. – Following its participation in the United Nations Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance, held in Geneva, the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI) of the Organization of American States (OAS) reaffirms that artificial intelligence (AI) governance must be translated into concrete measures grounded in human rights, gender equality, and accountability.

In this context, MESECVI highlights the Inter-American Model Law on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Digital Violence against Women as a contribution from the Inter-American system to global discussions on AI governance. The Model Law recognizes digital violence against women as a manifestation of gender-based violence and establishes a framework for States to adopt measures for prevention, protection, support, investigation, punishment, and reparations, based on a human rights, gender, and intersectional approach.

In line with the Belém do Pará Convention, MESECVI recalls that States have an obligation to act with due diligence to prevent, investigate, punish, and provide reparations for violence against women, including forms of violence that occur or are exacerbated through the use of digital technologies.

MESECVI warns that AI systems are developed within social contexts that are not neutral and may reproduce or deepen gender-based inequalities and discrimination. Therefore, AI governance must incorporate safeguards, transparency, accountability mechanisms, and a gender perspective throughout the design, development, and deployment of these systems.

In this regard, the Mechanism underscores the importance of ensuring that AI governance frameworks:

- Are grounded in international human rights standards and in women's right to live a life free from violence.
- Integrate a gender and intersectional perspective from the design stage of AI systems.
- Define clear responsibilities for States and for actors operating in digital environments, including the private sector, digital platforms, and internet intermediaries, in accordance with the principles of due diligence and accountability.
- Promote international cooperation, interoperability among regulatory frameworks, and the meaningful participation of women in all their diversity, as well as girls, adolescents, and young women, in AI governance processes.

MESECVI considers that the Global Dialogue represents an opportunity to strengthen coherence between regional and international frameworks and to advance toward AI governance that guarantees the protection of the human rights of women and girls.



Finally, MESECVI calls on States, international organizations, the private sector, digital platforms, the technical community, and civil society to promote AI governance with a gender perspective, based on the standards of the Belém do Pará Convention and the developments advanced by the Mechanism, in order to help prevent, address, investigate, punish, and provide reparations for gender-based violence against women in digital environments.