



**Report on activities of the Interim General Coordination of
the Latin American Policy Network / Rede Latino-americana
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The objective of this report is to describe the activities carried out by the Interim Coordination of the Latin American Network of International Public Policy Association (RELAPP), formed by José Luis Méndez Martínez as Interim General Coordinator and Dafne Villagrán Ocádiz as Interim Operational Subcoordination, from June 2019 to November 27, 2024.

1. Background

In June 2019, at the Fourth IPPA Conference (ICPP4), held in Montreal, several IPPA members first discussed creating a Latin American IPPA Network. However, due to the pandemic COVID-19, it was not until May 2022 that they restarted activities to create the network via email with IPPA members to schedule informal meetings in the Budapest Workshop, held in June of that year.

At the Third IPPA Workshop (IWPP3) Budapest, in 2022, José Luis Méndez proposed to the IPPA Executive Committee the creation of a Latin American Policy Network. In this way, the first informal meeting was held at the welcome dinner of the IWPP3, in which the first list of network members was formed.

Between July and September 2022, work began on creating the website and developing a broader list of members, with the support of Karine Lavoisier (IPPA Executive Manager at the time) and Dafne Villagrán, who, at José Luis Méndez's request, created the first content for the Latin American Policy Network's website.

2. Meetings

- First meeting. September 28, 2022. Online.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the ways and actions to start the development and organization of the Latin American IPPA Network, which was attended: José Luis Méndez, Norma Muñoz, Guillermo Cejudo, Michelle Morais, Oliver Meza, and Dafne Villagrán. (**See Annex 1**). The following were discussed and agreed upon at the meeting points:

- José Luis Méndez and Dafne Villagrán were appointed Interim General Coordinator and Interim Operational Subcoordination, respectively.
 - Develop and open the website.
 - Send emails to more people to convert them into members of the website.
 - Plan a network meeting in Toronto to inform members about the activities and discuss the next steps to organize the project.
 - Collaborate with Oliver Meza on a panel on trends and contributions from the field of politics in Latin America.
 - Develop some initial academic activities.
- Second meeting. January 17, 2023. Online.

The purpose of this meeting was to continue with the organization and activities of the Latin American IPPA Network, which was attended by José Luis Méndez, Guillaume Fontaine, Fernando Filgueiras, Norma Muñoz, Guillermo Cejudo, Oliver Meza, and Dafne Villagrán. (**See Annex 2**). The following were mentioned at the meeting points:

- Participation in the 6th International Conference on Public Policy – Toronto by the network panel and other network members.
 - Process of selecting the venue to carry out the Workshop 2024 (June-July), in which the venue in Guadalajara was the candidate.
- Third meeting. May 05, 2023. Online.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold an extraordinary “non-formal” meeting of the Latin American IPPA Network, which was attended by Ana Perez, Cesar Cruz, Diana Becerra, Everardo Chiapa, Guillaume Fontaine, Guillermo Cejudo, Jose Luis Mendez, Juan Carlos Martínez, Juan Vieira, Karla Romero, Luiz Fernando, Mauricio Alzévrec, Miguel Guajardo, Nelson Cardozo, Norma Muñoz, Rasine Ravelo, Rik Peters, Carlos Miguel Rodríguez, Cecilia Osorio, Moises Iraheta, Sebastián Saavedra,

Diego Cuellar, Esther Perez, Alejandro Estevez, Oliver Meza, and Dafne Villagran. The following points were discussed and agreed upon at the meeting:

- Participate in the 6th International Conference on Public Policy, which a social gathering will be held at ICPP.
- Renewal and nomination of members of the Latin American Network belong to the IPPA Executive Committee.
- Carry out more activities (webinars, seminars and others), in addition to monthly meetings, to start with common work and reconfigure the network.

2.1. Annual meeting (General Assemblies)

- First annual meeting of the Latin American IPPA Network. June 28, 2023. At ICPP6 Toronto and online.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion of the organization, structure, and activities of the network, for which a proposal for a possible structure of the network was presented and explained. This proposal was sent to all members of the network before the meeting in Toronto. (**See Annex 3**). At the meeting, the following agreements were made:

- A Committee was elected to discuss the organizational structure of the network, made up of Juan Guillermo Vieira, Nelson Cardozo, Jeraldine del Cid, Eduardo Grin, Guiselle Romero, Vanessa Oliveira, Álvaro Artigas, Leonardo Secchi, and Jose Luis Méndez.
- It was agreed to present the new proposal for the organizational structure, as well as the activities to be carried out online as soon as possible.

- Second annual meeting of the Latin American IPPA Network. June 25, 2024. At IWPP4 Guadalajara and online.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve the Statutes of the Latin American IPPA Network (RELAPP). (**See Annex 4**). The following agreements were made at the meeting:

- The RELAPP Statutes were approved by 27 votes of the 28 members present at the General Assembly of the RELAPP.
- Form a new RELAPP Management Committee following the next steps:
 - Hold a meeting with the Organization/Statutes Committee on July 29 to detail the next steps and form the Electoral Committee, whose objective is to develop the election process.
 - In July and August, convene the members of the RELAPP to form the Electoral Committee.
- It was proposed to carry out and develop summer or winter schools in Latin America with differentiated financing schemes, with the purpose of extending the reach of the network and deepening the public policy studies in the region.

2.2. Meeting Organization/Statutes Committee of the Latin American Network

Following the agreements made at the first annual meeting of the Latin American IPPA Network, held on June 28, 2023, at the ICPP Toronto, on September 14, 2023, conversations were resumed with the members of the Organization/Statutes Committee via email to convene the first meeting of the Network Organizing Committee, made up of the following members: Juan Guillermo Vieira, Nelson Cardozo, Jeraldine del Cid, Eduardo Grin, Guiselle Romero, Vanessa Oliveira, Álvaro Artigas, and José Luis Méndez.

- First meeting. October 09, 2023. Online. (See Annex 5).

The following points were agreed:

- Submit a new version of the proposal for the organization of the Latin American IPPA Network with the following criteria:
 - Minimum requirements for applying for management positions in the network.
 - Selection process for positions.
 - Representation in positions by country and gender.
 - Propose the alternation and rotation of positions.
 - Requirements for the application of thematic axes.
 - Creation of an electoral nomination commission.
 - Duties of the positions, mainly the preparation of work plans and reports on activities of the General Coordination and the thematic axes.
 - Create a mechanism for network members to accept the new organization of the network.
 - Call a second meeting of the Organization/Statutes Committee to discuss the new proposal.
- Second meeting. October 30, 2023. Online. (See Annex 6).

The following points were agreed:

- José Luis Méndez and Guillermo Vieira will prepare a new version of the proposal with the following points to be established:
 - Maintain the name of the Latin American IPPA Network, to follow the IPPA statutes.
 - Maintain the names of the Coordinator and Vice Coordinator.
 - Maintain the network under IPPA regulations.
 - Generate annual network assemblies, whether in person or virtual.
 - Seek financing from the network itself but under schemes of support from IPPA.
 - Keep network membership open no matter what place where members work, provided they are affiliated with IPPA.

- Organize network events, different from those of IPPA organizes.
 - Raise the possibility of network autonomy, but adjust to IPPA standards.
 - Propose possible incentives for job rotation, mainly in gender aspects.
 - Establish the mechanisms for electing positions and the electoral procedure.
 - Raise the possibility of creating exchange schemes for students and relationships with careers from various countries.
 - Establish an Ethics Committee to monitor acts of harassment, discrimination, or plagiarism.
 - Establish a schedule of activities until June 2024, the date of the Workshop event in Guadalajara.
- The new version would be sent to Jeraldine del Cid for rewriting in terms of inclusive language and then sent to all members of the Organization/Statutes Committee.
- Third meeting. February 19, 2024. Online.

The meeting discussed the new version prepared by José Luis Méndez, Juan Guillermo Vieira and Jeraldine del Cid, which was sent on January 30, 2024, to the members of the Committee for their observation. At this meeting, various modifications were made to the articles of the proposed statutes. (**See Annex 7**). In the end, it was agreed to call a new meeting to continue the discussion of the missing articles.

- Fourth meeting. March 18, 2024. Online.

At this meeting, the discussion and modification of the remaining articles of the version prepared by José Luis Méndez, Juan Guillermo Vieira and Jeraldine del Cid continued. (**See Annex 8**). In addition, it was approved that the Latin American

Policy Network meeting would be held on June 25, 2024, within the framework of the IPPA Workshop in Guadalajara.

- Fifth meeting. May 13, 2024. Online. (See Annex 9).

At this meeting, the discussion and modification of the version prepared by José Luis Méndez, Juan Guillermo Vieira, and Jeraldine del Cid was continued and concluded. In addition, the following agreements were made:

- Initially, the network will be made up of individual members and in the future propose the addition of institutional members for the benefit of the students of those institutions.
- **The statute document was approved by six votes.**
- The mechanisms for approving the statutes were discussed by all members of the Latin American Network.
- It was agreed that Dafne Villagrán would send an email to all members of the network with the statutes approved by the Organization/Statutes Committee so that the members of the network could read them and send comments on them. To this end, the following schedule was agreed upon:
 - Send an email with the statutes: **May 15.**
 - Network members will have 10 days to submit comments, so comments on the statutes will be received by **May 28.**
 - Send an email to the Organization/Statutes Committee to call a new meeting on approximately **June 6 or 7**, if applicable.
 - Collect all comments and send them to the Commission before of the meeting, on **June 3 or 4.**
 - Have a new version of the statutes approximately **June 13**, if applicable.
 - Submit the new version of the statutes before **June 25.**
- It was agreed that the approval of the statutes would be by a majority in the Assembly.

- Sixth meeting. July 29, 2024. Online. (See Annex 10).

The following agreements were made:

- For the formation of the Electoral Committee, the following steps were agreed upon to select the three members:
 - Jeraldine will consult and confirm the participation of Everardo Chiapa from Mexico.
 - Juan Guillermo will consult with Norma Muñoz from Chile.
 - Eduardo will consult Catarina Segatto from Brazil.
 - Without the participation of Norma Muñoz or Catarina Segatto, both Juan Guillermo and Eduardo commit to looking for another candidate to form the Electoral Committee, before August 5.
 - Send a group email to the members of the Organization/Statutes Committee in which they mention the acceptance of the appointments. In that same email, the members of the Commission must accept or reject the appointments within one week.
 - After August 5th, a collective email will be sent informing the members who will make up the Electoral Committee.
- Send an email to all RELAPP members to request the update of your details on the IPPA page.

3. Election to the positions of the Latin American IPPA Network (RELAPP)

On August 14, 2024, the Organization/Statutes Committee, based on Article 60 of the Statutes, agreed to appoint Norma Muñoz, Everardo Chiapa, and Catarina Segatto as members of the Electoral Committee, whose objective was to convene and develop the election of a General Coordinator, a Vice-coordinator, and the Ethics Committee, on October.

- Call for the election of General Coordinator, Vice-coordinator, and Ethics and Statutes Committee.

On October 4, 2024, the Call for the election of the General Coordinator, Vice-coordinator, and Ethics and Statutes Committee was published on the network's website and sent by mail to the members of the network. (**See Annex 11**). The last day for receiving applications was Friday, October 18, 2024, at 23:59 hours (GMT-6).

- Registered applications to fill RELAPP positions.

On October 24, 2024, the Electoral Committee, through the RELAPP Interim Operational Subcoordination, announced and published the registered candidacies to fill the positions of General Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, and Ethics and Statutes Committee of RELAPP, after reviewing the applications submitted by the members of the network.

The only registered candidacy to occupy the Coordination and Vice-coordination positions was made up of: Álvaro Artigas Pereira for the position of General Coordinator, and Jeraldine del Cid Castro for the position of Vice-coordinator. In the case of the Ethics and Statutes Committee, the applications received were: José Luis Méndez Martínez, Israel Felipe Solorio Sandoval, and Giovanna Rodríguez García. To consult the work project of the candidates, **see Annex 12**.

- Results of the 2024 electoral process – Latin American Network of Public Policies of the International Public Policy Association (See Annex 13)

On Monday, October 28, the first vote was held to elect the positions of Coordinator, Vice-coordinator, and the Ethics and Statutes Committee of the Latin American Network of Public Policies (REALPP) of the International Public Policy Association, resulting in the election of the following members with 44 valid votes:

- **General Coordinator:** Álvaro Artigas Pereira
- **Vice-coordinator:** Jeraldine del Cid Castro
- **Ethic and Statutes Committee:**

- José Luis Méndez Martínez
- Giovanna Rodríguez García
- Israel Felipe Solorio Sandoval

By Transitory Article 60 of the Statutes, the Electoral Committee defined the start date of the functions of the first Management Committee and the first Ethics and Statutes Committee (period 2024-2026) for **December 1 of the current year**, from which the two-year (24-month) period of management of said bodies will be counted. At the appropriate time, the General Coordinator will appoint the person in charge of the Executive Secretariat of the network.

4. Activities

- Network website, enabled since September 28, 2022. [<https://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/network/latin-american-policy-network/10>]. With the following content:
 - Home Network
 - List of members
 - Organizational structure
 - 6th *International Conference on Public Policy* – Toronto
 - History of public policy in Latin America
 - Public policy events in Latin America
- First initial activity of the Latin American Policy Network. On November 15, 2022, Panel T16P03 Public Policy Studies in Latin America: unveiling the region's contribution to the field was accepted at the 6th International Conference on Public Policy – Toronto.
- Second initial activity of the Latin American Policy Network. On January 23, 2023, International Seminar on Public Policy; Actors and Conflicts in the National and Global Arenas, on-site at El Colegio de México with online streaming. The event was attended by Philippe Zittoun, professor at the University of Lyon and Executive Secretary of IPPA; Leslie Pal, Founding Dean of the College of Public Policy Hamad Bin Khalifa University and

Treasurer of IPPA; and José Luis Méndez, professor-researcher at Colmex and Vice President of IPPA.

- Statutes of the Latin American IPPA Network. (See Annex 14). The Statutes of the Network were drafted and approved for discussion in plenary by the Organization/Statutes Commission of the Latin American Network. The process of drafting, discussing, and approving the statutes involved a great coordination effort by the members of the Commission from September 2023 to May 2024. These Statutes were approved by the General Assembly of the Latin American IPPA Network on June 25, 2024.
- RELAPP Functions Transition Event. This event will be held on November 27, 2024, online, at 12:00 hrs. (Mexico City time). To inform the members of the network of the transfer of functions to the people who will occupy the new positions in RELAPP. (See Annex 15)

5. Members of the Latin American IPPA Network (RELAPP)

As of November 27, 2024, the Latin American Policy Network has **168 members**.

(See on the website [<https://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/network/latin-american-policy-network/10/list-of-members>] or **Annex 16**).

6. Next actions of the Latin American IPPA Network (RELAPP)

- Hold the first meeting of the Management Committee.
 - Appoint the Executive Secretariat.
- Hold the first meeting of the Ethics and Statutes Committee.
- Write the RELAPP Statutes in Portuguese and English.
- To form and approve the proposal of the Study Group regarding the topic of Policy Dismantling, proposed by Guillermo Cejudo. This proposal must be approved by the Management Committee and the Ethics and Statutes Committee.
- Publish a call to form Study Groups and National Links.
 - Integrate the Advisory Committee and Study Groups.

- Invite to participate and present papers at ICPP 7 Chiang-Mai, 2025.
 - Planning the third General Assembly of RELAPP.