



IBERO-AMERICAN GENERAL SECRETARIAT

An International organization serving the 22 countries in Ibero-America

WHO WE ARE

The Ibero-American COMMUNITY

Andorra • Argentina • Bolivia • Brazil • Colombia • Costa Rica • Cuba • Chile • Dominican Republic • Ecuador • El Salvador
Spain • Guatemala • Honduras • Mexico • Nicaragua • Panama • Paraguay • Peru • Portugal • Uruguay • Venezuela

“An institution built around what unites us, and key to creating understanding in Ibero-America”

Rebeca Grynspan
Ibero-American Secretary General

We are an international organization entrusted with coordinating the Ibero-American Summits of Heads of State and Government and implementing mandates by cooperating in the fields of social cohesion, culture, education and innovation

The Ibero-American Summit is the sole official space for convergence, dialogue and joint work with the 22 countries of Ibero-America on both sides of the Atlantic.

We promote Ibero-American cooperation among the 22 Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries: 19 in Latin America and 3 in the Iberian Peninsula (Spain, Portugal and Andorra).

SEGIB was created in 2005 to strengthen the Ibero-American Community and ensure its global voice.



*“ The
Ibero-American
Community
is a space for unity
in which
22 countries
work together
among equals
”*

We are a diverse and multicultural community of nations, people who share a rich legacy of history, migrations, culture and languages, united by an inclusive identity, common principles and values on which this diverse and plural community is founded.

A Community that looks the rest of the world, promoting shared projects and a vision of a socially responsible and vibrant Ibero-America on the global stage.

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Summits of Heads of State and Government



Group photo of the 25th Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Cartagena de Indias (Colombia) on 28 and 29 October 2016.

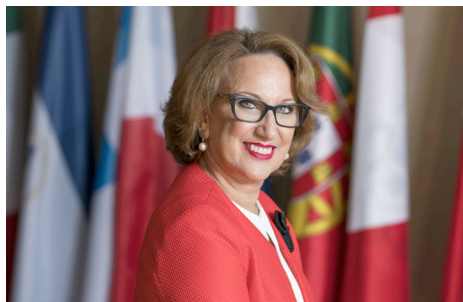
About the Summits

The first Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in 1991 in Guadalajara (Mexico), emerged as the only official space for convergence and agreements in Ibero-America.

The 22 Heads of State and Government of Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries in Europe and the Americas meet every two years at the Summits to engage in high-level political dialogue. The mandates adopted at the Ibero-American Summits are translated into Ibero-American Cooperation programs, initiatives and projects.

Since 2014, the Summit takes place

every 2 years. The 25th anniversary of the Ibero-American Summits was commemorated in 2016, which of itself reflects the importance of the initiative. Over the past twenty-five years, the Summits have emerged a significant institutional acquis and a powerful cooperation platform for the region.



The Costa Rican Rebeca Grynspan has been the Ibero-American General Secretary since 2014.

Preparing the Summits

A number of meetings, forums and gatherings are held over a two year period working on topics of interest for the region. A path that culminates with the convening of the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government.



Closing of the 25th Ibero-American Summit at Cartagena de Indias (2016). Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia, greets Jimmy Morales, President of Guatemala, the host country of the 26th Ibero-American Summit in 2018.



Meeting of Ibero-American Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

The second most important decision-making body after the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government.

Ministerial Meetings.

Ministers and senior Ibero-American policy-makers come together every two years to address sectoral issues, including education, culture and social cohesion.

Meetings of National Coordinators and Heads of Cooperation.

Periodic management meetings convened several times a year.

Forums and gatherings

of entrepreneurs, civil society, parliamentarians, local governments and types of organizations.

Ibero-American COOPERATION

Political agreements of the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government are translating into concrete actions through cooperation projects.

Owing to its broad, inclusive and regional scope and its design, flexibility and horizontality, the Ibero-American Summits have built a unique cooperation model, with high added value. A voluntary cooperation in which all countries contribute financially and participate in accordance with their national priorities.

It is a unique cooperation model that strengthens the Community of 22 nations, enables exchange and mutual learning, and contributes to economic development and reduction of inequality in the region.



SOUTH-SOUTH Cooperation



Ibero-American Cooperation portal:
www.somosiberoamerica.org

27 Programs, Initiatives and Projects

Social Cohesion

7 Affiliated **PROGRAMS** and Projects. **INCLUDING:**

- **HUMAN MILK BANKS** **310** breast milk banks in Ibero-America
1.8 million newborn beneficiaries
- **IBERO-AMERICAN LITERACY PLAN** **34 MILLION** people in the region gained access to basic education



Culture

INCLUDING: **14 PROGRAMS** and initiatives drive creativity in the region

- **IBERMEDIA** + **1,975** film projects + **500** movies premiered
- **IBERORQUESTAS JUVENILES** Social inclusion through music + **90** ongoing projects in the region



Education

INCLUDING: **4** Affiliated **PROGRAMS** and Projects that focus on education and science

- **CAMPUS IBERO-AMERICA**

Promotes the **MOBILITY** of students, researchers and workers to undertake studies, research and work placements



Cross-cutting Programs

- IbeTV - Ibero-American Television
- Ibero-American Program to Strengthen South-South Cooperation



Also:

Canal Iberoamericano TV

"A signal that unites us": The first public broadcaster in Ibero-America

- Broadcasts **63 channels**
- for **4 million** Internet users
- **59 million** viewers



South-South Cooperation

We draft the **Report on South-South Cooperation** in Ibero-America
A unique report in the world that over the last 10 years has compiled **1,475** South-South Cooperation **INITIATIVES**



Further information:
www.segib.org/en/ibero-american-cooperation



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