



# **Background Information on Study Tour Meetings and Field Visits**

### **Civil Society Organisations that will be visited**

#### ❖ *Fundar, Centro de Análisis e Investigación*

Fundar (Fundar, Centre of Analysis and Research) is a plural, horizontal and independent institution, which seeks progress towards real democracy. Fundar is dedicated to influencing and monitoring policies and public institutions through applied research, constructive criticism, experimentation, and by forming links with actors from both civil society and government.

Fundar's aims and strategies include: widening and strengthening citizen participation; demanding transparency and accountability; advancing the rule of law; promoting equality; and guaranteeing humans rights.

Fundar's work is built on the concept of basic human rights and on the explicit recognition of the need to incorporate and promote the perspective of gender, citizen participation, social justice and environment's protection.

<http://www.fundar.org.mx/>

#### ❖ *Centro Profesional Indígena de Asesoría, Defensa y Traducción (CEPIADET)*

CEPIADET (Professional Indigenous Consultancy, Defense and Translation Centre) is a civil society organisation that seeks to defend and realize indigenous rights. Its main objective is the protection of Oaxaca's indigenous peoples and communities' linguistic rights, promoting their identity and their cultures and advocating for the construction of a pluricultural State. CEPIADET is formed by young bilingual lawyers that come from different indigenous communities.

<http://www.cdi.gob.mx/cepiadet/index2.html>

#### ❖ *Comité de Usuarios con VIH/SIDA de los Servicios de Salud del INER (USINER)*

USINER (Committee of INER Health Services Users living with HIV/AIDS) seeks to protect the rights to healthcare of persons living with HIV/AIDS. USINER gathers women and men living with HIV/AIDS and who are attended by the National Institute of Respiratory Diseases (INER), which is the center that attends the highest number of patients living with VIH/AIDS in the country. The Committee carries out advocacy activities to ensure that

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<sup>1</sup> In this section, participants will find information on some of the organisations they will be visited during the Study Tour.

sufficient budget is allocated to scientific research on HIV/AIDS and to the care of patients living with HIV. It also seeks to enhance INER budget accountability and monitoring. USINER's objective is to ensure that the 1,300 patients living with HIV/AIDS that are currently attended in the INER receive proper attention and healthcare.

[Uniser.blogspot.com](http://Uniser.blogspot.com)

❖ *Observatorio de las Justicias*

The Observatory of Justices Systems gathers five civil society organisations: Cepiadet, Fundar, Pariter, *Código DH* and *Luna del Sur*. It contributes to the enforcement of human rights, from a gender and judicial pluralism perspective. It therefore monitors the enforcement of Indigenous Peoples and Women's rights, through the analysis of public policies, budget and legal frameworks.

<http://observatoriojusticias.org/>

**Visited Public Institutions**

❖ *Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Distrito Federal*

Mexico City Human Rights Commission contributes to the protection and guarantee of Human Rights, as it is the institution in charge of attending the complaints on human rights violations that have been perpetuated by any administration authority or any public servant of the Federal District (Mexico City) or in the justice organs of the local jurisdictions.

<http://www.cdhdh.org.mx/>

❖ *Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación*

The National Supreme Court of Justice is the highest Constitutional Court of the country and the highest judicial authority of the Federation. Its mandates are to ensure the respect of the Constitution, to ensure the equilibrium between the different powers of the nation and to rule on cases that are significant for the society. Thanks to its mandates, the Supreme Court of Justice plays a significant role in the protection and guarantee of Human Rights in Mexico.

<http://www.scjn.gob.mx>