**Second International Seminar: Human Rights, Public Budgets, and Judicial Control**

**Presentation**

Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia (ACIJ), Fundar Centro de Análisis e Investigación, the Legal Research Institute of the Mexican National Autonomous University and the International Budget Partnership, convene the *Second International Seminar: Human Rights, Public Budgets and Judicial Control* which seeks to analyze the relationship between: human rights, resources and public policies, judicial decisions and implementation of legislative reforms.

In this Seminar we will analyze the requisites of politics and financing from a human rights perspective and we will discuss the implications of integrating obligations, principles and elements from the human rights’ international framework in public policies and the day-to-day work of government officials.

**Justification**

In light of the constitutional reforms that protect human rights and recognize the obligatory nature of international treaties ratified by several countries, it is necessary to study the links between politics and public finances and the decisions of the judiciary that comply with the protection of human rights.

It is clear that for states to comply with their obligations, the policies and public budgets should integrate elements and principles of human rights since their inception until their implementation, control and evaluation. Moreover, the Judiciary should protect and guarantee that this happens. Because of this, the relationship between the tools of public administration and judicial control and the compliance with human rights obligations are ubiquitous in academic debates, parliamentary and judicial discussions and civil society strategies that demand compliance with the protection of these rights.

The obligations to use the greatest number of resources available to advance progressively to achieve full protection of human rights and to do so without discrimination and taking into account citizen participation, transparency and accountability are included in international instruments that have been ratified by several countries.

**Program and Speakers**

Tuesday August 14

**9:00 to 10:50 Panel 1. Public Policies Focused on Human Rights Compliance**

Sergio Chaparro, Dejusticia, Colombia

Laura Pautassi, Institute for Public Policies in Human Rights (Mercosur)

Luis Daniel Vázquez, FLACSO, México

**10:50 a 11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00 to 12:00 Keynote Address**

Dr. Horacio Corti, Judge City of Buenos Aires

**12:00 to 12:10 Coffee Break**

**12:10 to 14:00 Panel 2. Budgets with a Human Rights Perspective**

Helena Hofbauer, International Budget Partnership

Diego de la Mora, Fundar, México

Elizabeth Missokia, Haki Elimu, Tanzania

Wednesday August 15

**9:00 to 11:00 Panel 3. The Judiciary, Budgets and Human Rights**

Magdalena Cervantes, Mexican Supreme Court, México

Jay Kruuse, Centre for Social Accountability, Sudáfrica

Diego Morales, CELS, Argentina

**11:00 to 11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30 to 13:30 Panel 4. The Price of Judicial Decisions**

Rodrigo Gutiérrez, Institute for Legal Research, UNAM, México

Mario Patrón, Human Rights Commission of Mexico City, México

Martín Sigal, ACIJ, Argentina