

What is the Network of Legislators?

The Hemispheric Network of Legislators and Former Legislators is a hemispheric movement of legislators from the countries of the Americas who, with the support from the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Bernard van Leer Foundation, seek to promote advocacy awareness and discussion centered on quality comprehensive care for Early Childhood rights. The Network's commitment is to establish agreements with international and national institutions from governmental, legislative, business and civil society to link efforts that enrich public policies and laws in their respective countries, to assign adequate budgets that bring together a joint commitment for the comprehensive care of children in the Americas, especially those most excluded.

Specific Objectives

- Promote the debate about the importance that represents Early Childhood in order to build a free, democratic country with equity.
- Make visible the international guidelines established around comprehensive care for Early Childhood.
- Establish, in the agendas of national and international legislators, the issue of comprehensive care for Early Childhood, as a priority.
- Define commitments and establish concrete actions for Early Childhood.
- Promote the exchange of good legislative practices about Early Childhood.
- Link and support the civil sector, government, and private sector which develop actions for Early Childhood.
- To disseminate an Early Childhood bibliography of resources and specialized information regarding political, scientific, methodological experiences

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The Network of Legislators Links their actions with other organizations:

- Organization of the American States (OAS) as part of the Civil Society institutions.
- PARLACEN, a resolution to work with Parliament of six Central American countries.
- Inter American Children's Institute IIN/OSA (Agreement of Cooperation)
- The Pan-American Health Organization OPS/OMS, in progress.

The Network of Legislators counts with a Statute of XV Chapters 65 Articles, approved on 25 October 2011, in Puebla, Mexico.

The Network of Legislators has a Plan of Action 2014 – 2015 which was approved on 25 October 2013, in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. It was approved by legislators from: Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Vietnam. A Plan of Action 2016-2017 was already approved in Brazil, on July 2, 2015. (See Annex).