

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



We are an independent non-profit think and do tank*. We design and implement public innovations that strengthen democracies by fostering better institutions, inclusion, gender equality, and participation. Our activities take place in 19 countries in Latin America and the Global South, where we work with civil society organizations, universities, movements, activists, governments and multilateral organizations.

*equivalent to U.S. public charity with NGOSource certification.

Our 2022 in numbers:

Actions in **15 countries** in Latin America and the Caribbean; USA, Spain and Poland.

+15 new collaboration agreements.

+800 leaders trained in our Public Innovation Academy programs.

+2300 government agents trained in project design

+430 public innovation projects prototyped

65 workshops and collective intelligence spaces with the participation of **+2700 people.**



Gathering revolution

The pandemic's consequences are still with us. Latin America is poorer, more unequal, more violent and less democratic than it was a decade ago. Worst of all, we seem to be caught in a perfect storm: an unprecedented crisis of institutional legitimacy; an economic system that creates the super-rich while at the same time pushes people out of the system; and social networks and media that encourage individualism and confrontation.

We need a revolution. A revolution where we resist the impulse to divide and rebuild bridges to work, debate, share and play together again. Reunification will allow us to design common horizons once more, forging meaning for all the people of the region.

This is the main mission we have proposed for ourselves at Asuntos del Sur. Today our efforts are focused on the reconstruction of the democracy social network, especially in two areas: we work at the intersection where governments and citizens gather, crafting strategies for collaboration; and we seek the protection and inclusion of vulnerable communities and segments of the population. Through our advocacy projects we specifically aim to contribute to collaborative governance mechanisms; to work with governments and institutions to implement methodologies and technologies of collective intelligence; to create consortiums to share experiences of democratic practices; and to create networks and alliances.

I want to point out that we use similar strategies within our organization. This year we developed a new internal work protocol - in accordance with ILO directives to continue having healthy, respectful and inclusive working environments within the team - and we deepened our strategies to care for the organization's employees and strengthen gender parity and diversity. At the same time, we have been setting up our "Casa Sur," a work and meeting space to be launched at the beginning of next year.

2022 has been a year of great growth for the issues we cover, our team and networks, and the territorial impact of Asuntos del Sur. Without a doubt, none of this would have been possible without: the enormous effort and commitment of our staff; the support and guidance of our Executive Board and our Strategic Board; and, especially, the trust of the institutions, governments, and collectives that convoke, collaborate and support us.

I thank every one of you for giving us this vision in Asuntos del Sur, and I invite you to come even closer this coming year, as we continue our efforts to dream and design strategies to build democracies that guarantee rights for all.



 **Matías Federico Bianchi**
Director of Asuntos del Sur

Our Projects and Initiatives



Associated programmatic lines:

New leaders and citizenship

A project that aims to promote the active participation and effective advocacy of youth in Central America and Mexico, bringing together organizations, activist and networks to strengthen their capacities and the positioning of their demands in the increasingly crowded civic space in the region.

Main products

- ★ Event and campaign "AltaVoz en Acción: 100 days for advocacy" in Guatemala: 28 young leaders participating.
- ★ Face-to-face meeting of emerging leaders in Guatemala: 8 countries, 20 young leaders



Associated programmatic lines:

New leaders and citizenship

Democratic, open and digital governance

Inclusion, gender and parity

Environmental democracy and sustainable cities



In this project we focus on the connection between governments and citizens with the objective of promoting collective intelligence as a mechanism for the participation of those who are on the margin of traditional institutions, conceiving the subnational arena as a priority scenario for political innovation.

Main products

- ★ InLab AMVA in Colombia: Design and facilitation of public intra-innovation program. 3 months long, 9 meetings with officials from different city governments.
- ★ Institutional Strengthening of Local Governments in Argentina: preliminary results of the digital survey of local governments together with CAF and the Secretaría de Innovación Pública de la Nación.
- ★ Cycle of dialogues "Al Encuentro Con Minerva" 7 sessions on public innovation and collective intelligence with +300 participants from 18 countries.

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We lead this Consortium of four Latin American civil society organizations that promotes knowledge management and advocacy for the strengthening of innovative governance and collective action in cities of the Global South.

Main products

- ★ "Conexión CILA" event in Colombia: 19 countries, 31 cities and 80 participants.
- ★ "Ciudades Sin Miedo" participation in Argentina: +50 cities.



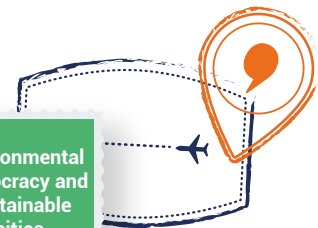
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Democracia Viva 2022 gathered more than 30 civil society organizations, educational institutions, activists and governments from Latin America in order to promote and disseminate strategies to keep our democracies alive in a context of closing civic space.

Main products

- ★ Dialogue space "Grito Centroamericano" of the Community of Innovation Agents of Asuntos del Sur.
- ★ Dialogue space "El Centro, del Sur" **promoted by the AltaVoz project, with the purpose of learning about the diverse experiences of resistance in Central America.**
- ★ Face-to-face meeting of emerging leaderships in Guatemala: with participants from Argentina, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama. In alliance with civil society organizations, the Protocol for public manifestations in Central America was developed collaboratively.
- ★ Twitter Space: "Civic Space Guardian: stability of democracies and individual liberties in Central America" in alliance with Directorio Legislativo.

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Asuntos del Sur leads an Implementation Council whose primary objective is to research and generate recommendations on collaborative governance models in the public policies and social initiatives that are implemented to respond to complex problems in the region, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and its social consequences, inequality in the distribution and access to vaccines, and the political participation of populations in situations of vulnerability

Main products

- ★ Collaborative governance data compilation workshops in 6 countries.
- ★ Colabora.lat Regional Meeting in Argentina: 6 countries, 16 speakers, 80 participants.

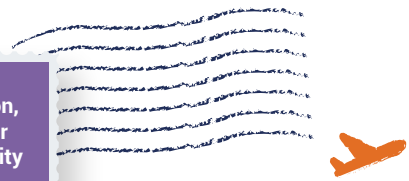


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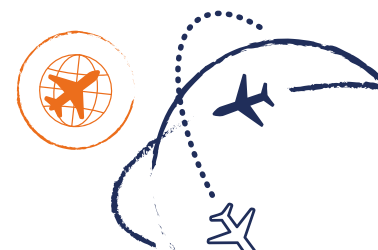
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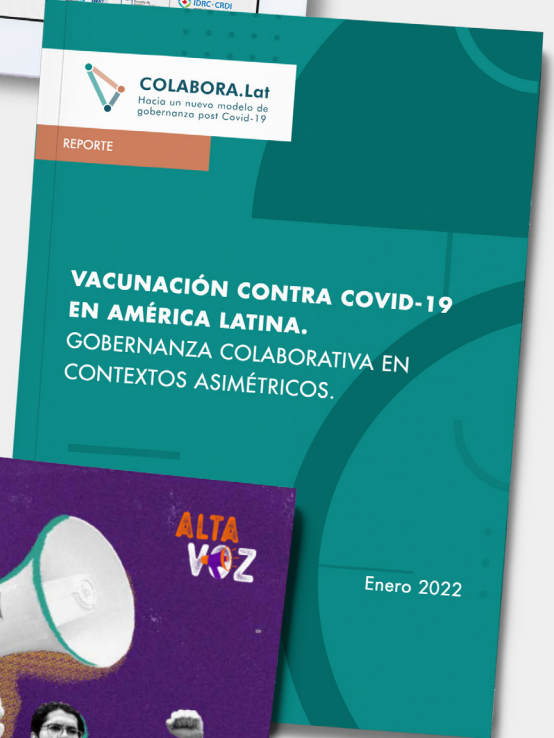
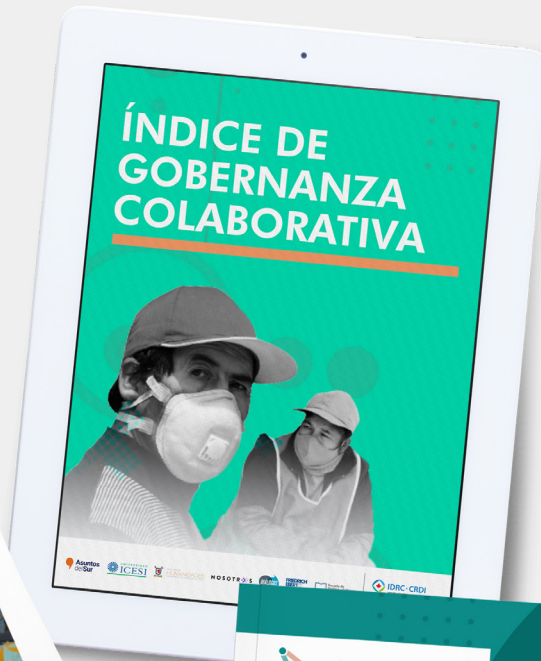
The AIP is the training platform of Asuntos del Sur whose objective is to generate experiences of co-construction for political innovations through collective intelligence. +More than 12,000 leaders have been trained at AIP

Productos destacados

- ★ Training program "**Collective Intelligence in Action**": 315 participants from 18 countries.
- ★ Colabora.lat Training Program: "**Collaborative Governance post pandemic. Strategies and lessons learned for the Global South**": 245 participants from 14 countries in Latin and Central America.
- ★ Diploma in Feminist Political Innovation +90 participants.
- ★ Training Programs for NIMD.



Outstanding publications and toolkits



Who We Are

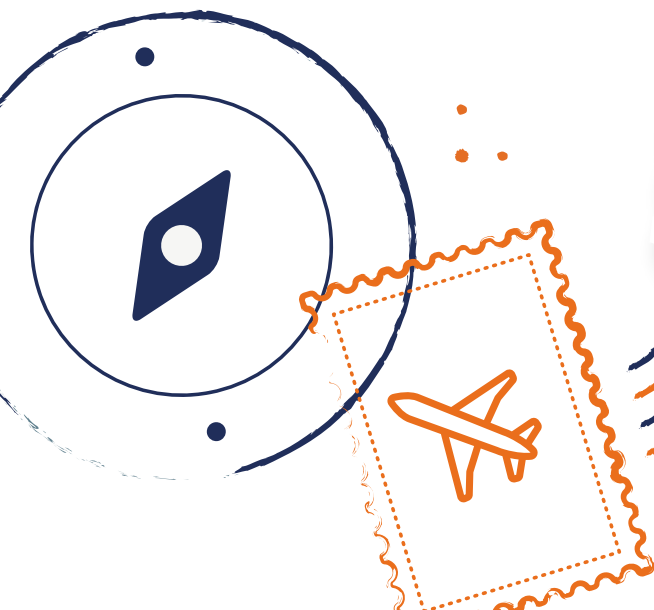
Asuntos del Sur is defined by the people who comprise it, which is why in 2022 we continued to strengthen our team through our policy of academic, geographic and identity diversity. We note the change of authorities in our Directive Board, and also point to an increase in young and diverse talent thanks to our agreements with the Universidad Nacional de San Martín and the Universidad Siglo 21, from which more than 20 students joined our team. Likewise, we continued our agreement with Contratá Trans.



- ★ ★ **Geraldine Wasser** - President
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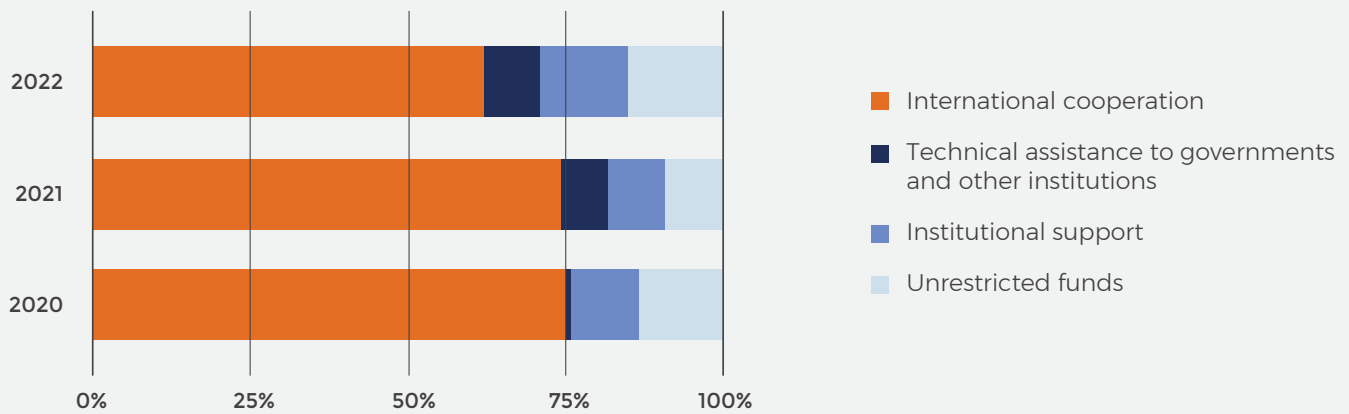


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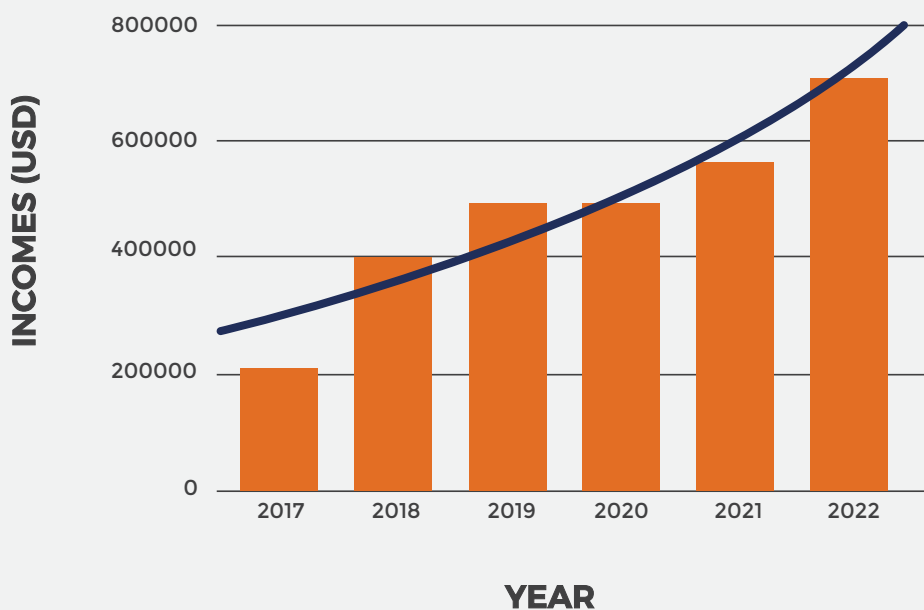


Financial Sustainability

We diversified our sources of income, increasing our freely available funds, which allowed us to be more responsive to uncertain contexts as well as to the challenges of achieving our organizational mission



We increased our budget by 30% compared to 2021, with new projects, activity expansion and institutional alliances.



Institutions that collaborated with us



International Development Research Centre
Centre de recherches pour le développement international



FORD FOUNDATION



BANCO DE DESARROLLO DE AMÉRICA LATINA

Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy



CONSEJO FEDERAL DE INVERSIONES



Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros Argentina

Secretaría de Innovación Pública



Legislatura Córdoba



THE PEOPLE'S VACCINE



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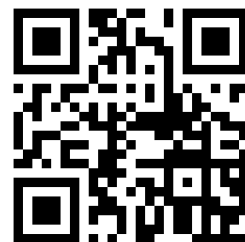
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