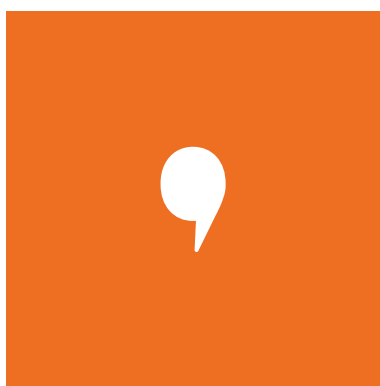


From The Global South

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We are a center of thought and action that seeks to build and implement a New Democratic Agreement in the Global South. Every day, we seek to promote institutions that are more inclusive, more participatory, and that promote gender equality through research, analysis, and content production on public policy, social development, democracy, and human rights. We work in more than 40 countries, partnering with civil society organizations, academic movements, activists, governments, and multilateral organizations.



Our work



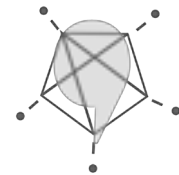
We generate knowledge, tools and agile methodologies.



We build relationships with institutions and communities through transformative processes.



We foster innovative leadership.



We promote collaborative networks of debate and advocacy.

A Southern Horizon: Our commitment to a New Democratic Agreement

2024 was a year of important decisions and lessons learned, marked by the challenges facing societies in the Global South. Democratic backsliding, the loss of citizen confidence in institutions, and persistent post-pandemic socioeconomic inequalities have converged to create a critical panorama that demands firm and coordinated action.

At Asuntos del Sur, we saw the need to renew our strategies to respond to these complexities. At the beginning of the year, we defined our strategic plan with the primary goal of advancing a New Democratic Agreement for the Global South. This process involved difficult but necessary decisions that have made us stronger as an institution and allowed us to align our actions with our mission and core values: pluralism, inclusion, diversity, human rights, and justice.

Throughout the year, we expanded our work in strengthening emerging leadership, promoting multi-stakeholder networks, and developing innovative digital tools. We were invited to participate in international advocacy spaces with key actors around the world. From Casa Sur, our office and home in Argentina, we consolidated our role as a space for innovation and democratic resistance, strengthening territorial and global alliances. Our Casa, pluralist and open, has been a place for meeting, dialogue, debate and construction for a great diversity of partner organizations in the region. We have also expanded our work on key agendas such as environmental democracy, migrant populations, and youth in Latin America. We successfully promoted a country-wide youth network in Argentina. We have worked on future scenarios for governance, expanded our digital transformation agenda, and implemented new innovation labs, while continuing to deepen our efforts on gender and diversity issues for democracy.

The Global South, more than a geographic concept, has been reaffirmed as a space where our efforts in each of these areas converged. During 2024, in addition to participating in networks such as Southern Voice and the Future Council of the Economic Forum, we hosted events in the G20/T20 and the Future Summit, and we were also recently accepted as one of the civil society organizations in the Financing for Development Summit.

We understand that the threats and new scenarios that we face are profound and structural. That is why we: propose an agenda of research to understand these phenomena; advance collective action and a global outlook because no one can actor or country respond to them in isolation; and remain committed to the most vulnerable communities, actors, and groups because no one is saved alone. These are undoubtedly the challenges of our times. It is for all these reasons that we invite you to help us build a New Democratic Agreement in which all people have a place, a voice, a future, and rights.

We thank the Asuntos del Sur team, our Strategic Council and Board of Directors, our strategic allies and the networks of organizations with whom we work together, and our funders who share our vision, for their support and commitment in this journey.

**Matías
Bianchi**

Director of
Asuntos del Sur



Our 2024 in numbers



We coordinated with

+ 110 organizations

in Latin America and the Global South.



We trained

+900 people

in our Political Innovation Academy.



We launched **+22** publications, tools,
and research documents to produce
concepts and guidelines for our partners.



We fostered collective intelligence by leading

+29 workshops and meetings with
+1200 participants

from the public sector and civil society, both
in situ and at Casa Sur.

Action and Change from the Global South



WHERE WE WORK:

Argentina, Bolivia,
Brazil, Chile,
Colombia, Costa
Rica, Cuba,
Dominican Republic,
Ecuador, El Salvador,
Guatemala, Haiti,
Honduras, Mexico,
Nicaragua, Panama,
Paraguay, Peru,
Uruguay, Venezuela,
Trinidad and Tobago,
USA, Spain, Dubai,
Berlin, Philippines,
Indonesia, Thailand,
Cambodia, Lebanon,
Jordan, Egypt,
Tunisia, Iraq,
Morocco, Jordan,
Lebanon, Liberia,
Uganda, Kenya,
Tanzania.



JANUARY



FEBRUARY

Conversation on Political Violence in Times of Democracy

MARCH

ColaboraLAT closing meeting in Mexico



Democracy Matters Podcast



MAY

TRAZAR training program for female councilors



ColaboraLAT closing meeting in Guatemala



APRIL

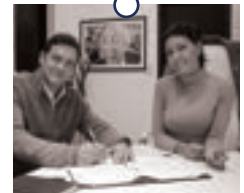
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Collaborative Conversation on Governing Mexico

JUNE

Signature of agreement with the municipality of Quilmes





JULY

SEPTEMBER

We joined the Regional Government of Cusco in the design and implementation of Qosqo.Lab, a digital innovation laboratory

First National Youth Meeting in Argentina

7th edition of Democracia Viva

Participation of Asuntos del Sur in the Summit of the Future



NOVEMBER

VI National and IX International Congress on Democracy organized by the National University of Rosario



First Meeting of the Latin American Futures Network

Asuntos del Sur participated in T20 in Rio de Janeiro

Meeting on Collaborative Governance as a tool for sustainable development in Chile with ECLAC, CAF, AECID and Laboratorio de Chile

AUGUST

Launch of the EscazúBarometer tool



OCTOBER

Think20 Side Event in Rio de Janeiro "Global Perspectives on the (Missing) Human Rights Component of a Just Climate Transition"



Participative Democracy in Latin America

XIII Public Consultation of the Social Participation Forum IPPDH



DECEMBER

December 12th: Argentine Youth Network Launch



December 13th: Regional Meeting Innovation for Democracy.



Political Innovation Academy

A space of public and political training within Asuntos del Sur.

From the learning-by-doing method, we provide tools and share knowledge acquired from internationally recognized experts, generating experiences of co-construction for political innovation through collective intelligence.

5 TRAINING COURSES:



TRAZAR, training program for female councilors in Latin America

111 participants → 71 active participants → 10 countries



Training course on Prospective Scenarios

192 registered participants → 17 countries



Portavoces

150 people enrolled → 17 countries



Public Innovation for Local Governments

219 people registered → 16 countries



Artificial Intelligence for the Public Sector

1000 people registered → 17 countries

Main products:

TRAZAR, training program for female councilors in Latin America:

This program was proposed by Asuntos del Sur to strengthen the gender perspective and political communication skills of 250 women Council women from Latin America. The training provided theoretical and practical tools so that the Council women could propose contextualized solutions with a gender perspective. It also promoted political communication tools so that their initiatives could better reach local audiences.

Artificial Intelligence for the Public Sector: This training program was aimed to introduce the use of AI in government institutions from an ethical and transparent perspective, while fostering the creation of a community where participants could share experiences, knowledge and best practices to improve the use of AI in the public sector.

**INNOVACIÓN
PÚBLICA 360°**

Innovación Pública 360°

This is a public innovation program to strengthen management through resource optimization and multi-stakeholder collaboration. IP360° proposes an open intervention model based on collective intelligence, aimed at Latin American institutions and subnational governments, to contribute to the consolidation of state innovation capabilities.



+25

ACTIVITIES

+18

COUNTRIES

+20

GOVERNMENTS

+5

PUBLICATIONS

Main products:

Regional Meeting Innovation for Democracy: With representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia, we met to exchange ideas on one of the great debates and challenges of our time. In 5 different panels, we talked about AI, the construction of public policies, collaborative governance and collective intelligence, and the state of democracy in the region and the Global South.

Qosqo.Lab: From IP360, we supported the regional government of Cusco in the design and implementation of Qosqo.Lab, a digital innovation laboratory promoted in collaboration with the Secretariat of Government and Digital Transformation of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Peru (PCM).

Collaborative Governance in Uyuni:

From Asuntos del Sur, we know that collaborative governance is key, that's why we participated in organizing and facilitating a workshop with interactive dynamics and dialogue panels, with more than 35 participants, including public officials, tourism entrepreneurs, NGOs and academics, to strengthen existing strengths and identify opportunities to improve the management of infrastructure and resources available in the region.



Democracia Viva

It is a regional event promoted by Asuntos del Sur in the context of the International Day of Democracy. The 2024 edition of Democracia Viva began with a discouraging outlook for democracies, with radicalization and hate speech on the rise. With democracies in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Global South facing growing inequality and social instability, the questions of this edition were: How do we challenge citizens and the different actors that make up society to build possible horizons and (com)promising futures that benefit the majority?

40	ACTIVITIES
13	COUNTRIES LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AND THE UNITED STATES
40	INITIATIVES RECOGNITION OF INNOVATION
+2000	PARTICIPANTS



Main products:

Second edition of the "**Democratic Innovation**" award in the context of Democracia Viva 2024, of Asuntos Del Sur we will reward innovative initiatives implemented by public administrations, organizations and movements in the field of democratic strengthening and citizen participation.

Framing the South to think democracy through art was an initiative of Asuntos del Sur with the objective that participants capture and narrate how democracy beats in our communities.





AltaVoz

We create spaces of encounter and co-construction that promote the active participation of youth in Latin America and the Global South, linking organizations, activisms and networks to strengthen their advocacy capacities and the positioning of their demands.

AltaVoz is composed of regional research, training programs and advocacy networks in different parts of the Global South.



+20	ACTIVITIES
+900	PARTICIPANTS
16	COUNTRIES



Main products:

Launch of the Youth Network in Argentina: More than 120 young leaders from organizations in Argentina, reflected from different activities on the problems that affect us, but also articulated strategies and proposals with a federal perspective to address these challenges.

On the first day of the **International Leadership and Youth Summit**, we facilitated an inclusive space on governance and social justice, on behalf of Asuntos del Sur, with the participation of approximately 120 young people. The meeting generated proposals for youth advocacy on key issues such as human rights, social justice and democracy.



Knowledge Alliance for Environmental Defenders

This community of practice, lead by Asuntos del Sur, aims to promote collaboration, exchange and focus on the challenges and opportunities for climate activists in the Global South and increase their impact by creating common communication strategies and advocacy actions.



+23

COUNTRIES

9

PROJECTS



Main products:

Asuntos del Sur led the Think20 side event "**Global Perspectives on the (Missing) Human Rights Component of a Just Climate Transition**", which brought together more than 40 representatives from Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia to discuss the importance of integrating human rights in the transition to a just climate regime.

We published the document "**Global perspectives on the (missing) human rights component of a just climate transition**", a policy brief with proposals to strengthen the recommendations of the T20 Brazil Working Group 2 from a human rights-based approach.



Replicando Conexiones

Asuntos del Sur empowered the internet community network in Soldati, located in the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, through technology and digital skills training, promoting inclusion, autonomy, and the sustainable development of community networks.

20

PARTICIPANTS

12

TRAINING
SESSIONS

3

WORKSHOPS

Main products:

Closing event to publicize the community project and the profiles of those trained.

Workshops to make the project visible and include a layer of safe use and care policies focused on women heads of households.





Colabora.LAT

From Asuntos del Sur, we promote this Implementation Council with the purpose of analyzing and proposing models of collaborative governance in public policies. We focus on the social responses implemented to complex challenges in the region, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences, inequality in access to vaccines and the political participation of historically vulnerable sectors.



+300

PARTICIPANTS

17

COUNTRIES

Main products:

More than 190 people were trained in the Future Scenarios Training Course, based on the methodological roadmap for building future scenarios developed under Colabora.LAT.

The policy brief aims to inform G20 policy makers through the Think20 (T20) Working Group on Strengthening Multilateralism and Global Governance, based on future governance scenarios for vaccine access and distribution.

Main publications

At 2024 we produce publications, tools and research documents to produce concepts, reflect and guide action on the space in which we operate.



The virtuous circle: how to recover the democratic initiative in Latin America



The far right beyond fake news



The mantra of foreign investment in Latin America: Lessons after 30 years of legal certainty



In search of representation, loss?



«Intensified Migration, Changing Democracies? Impact of Migration on Democracies in Latin America and the Caribbean»



Notes on the use of digital tools as an instrument of political mobilization



The metaphor of the line and the point. Democracy, inequality in public space, citizen participation and urban governance



In defense of democracy and human rights in Latin America: Feminism as a driving force for change in the face of current crises



The challenges of environmental democracy for a fair ecological transition



The BRICS and the challenge of a democratic energy transition



Democratic capital



«The energy transition in Latin America: more of the same, but “green”?»



Democratic Alert: Critical markers of authoritarian risk in the first year of Javier Milei's administration



The future of vaccine governance in the global south



Multi-stakeholder Social Innovation to Face the Social Challenges of Latin America and the Caribbean



Future governance scenarios: regional cooperation in Latin America



Future governance scenarios: migrant political participation



Presentiality and virtuality, a meeting point.



Data and evidence to improve public decisions



Methodologies for innovation in the public sector



Innovación Pública 360°



Global perspectives on the (missing) human rights component of a just climate transition



Collective Intelligence Standards

Donors



Networks we are part of



Institutions we work with





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