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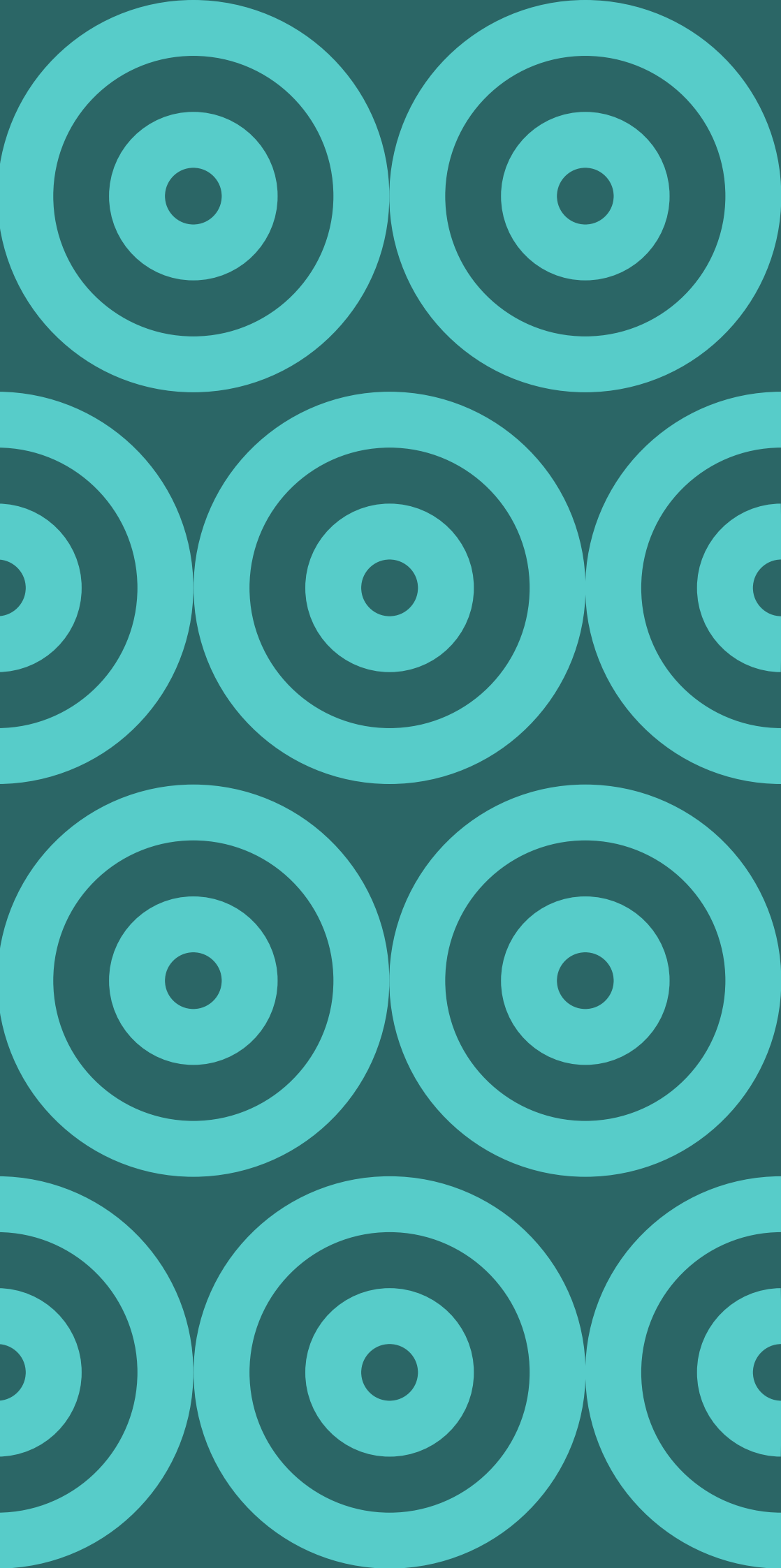


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1.1 About Derechos Digitales

Derechos Digitales is an independent, non-profit organization with a Latin American scope, founded in 2005. Its main objective is developing, defending, and promoting human rights in digital environments. Our vision is to contribute to a more just, inclusive, and equitable Latin American society in which Derechos Digitales participates, directly and in coordination with other organizations, in defense of human rights in the digital sphere so that technologies are at the service of the comprehensive development of people. Our mission is to defend, promote, and develop human rights in the digital environment in Latin America through research, information dissemination, and advocacy in public policies and private practices to foster social change around the respect and dignity of individuals.

1.2 Remarks from our Co-Executive Directors

In 2024, it became clear that the defense of human rights in digital spaces in Latin America is becoming increasingly urgent. Faced with the accelerated advance of technologies such as artificial intelligence, the deterioration of working conditions in digital platforms, and the progressive closure of civic space, our region faces new challenges that require firm, collective responses focused on rights protection.

These processes, far from unfolding in contexts of inclusion and democratic dialogue, have been marked by concentrated power, state and corporate surveillance, and the exclusion of historically marginalized communities. In this scenario, Derechos Digitales develops strategies for research, advocacy, and regional collaboration to face these risks.

Throughout the year, we addressed key issues such as digital security, the impact of automation on the world of work, the expansion of surveillance, and the need for a rights-based technological governance. Research such as [In Focus: Security and Main Digital Threats in Latin America](#) — which documented over 400 cases of digital violence, censorship, and espionage — highlights the urgent need to strengthen protection and resilience across the region. At the same time, [Latin America in a Glimpse: Reflections for a Community-Based, Feminist AI](#) brings together experiences that challenge extractivist artificial intelligence models. Meanwhile, [Connectivity in the Amazon](#) provides concrete recommendations to ensure internet access as a fundamental enabling right.

Our participation in spaces such as the Global Digital Justice Forum, the [Global Digital Compact](#), the [CSW68](#), the [UN Convention on Cybercrime](#), the [OAS Cybersecurity Symposium](#), and the [LACIGF](#), as well as in regional and global advocacy networks, reaffirmed our commitment to contributing to more democratic governance of technology. Confronted with a deeply unequal digital environment, we believe sustained and equitable transformations can be driven only through collective action and multi-stakeholder cooperation.

Throughout 2024, we strengthened regional coordination by building strategic partnerships, sharing knowledge, and supporting community-led processes. Through our presence in various international forums and our daily commitment to local organizations, we aim to influence decisions that directly impact the exercise of fundamental rights in digital environments.

At the same time, we observe with concern the growing use of surveillance technologies such as social media profiling and cyber patrolling, which are increasingly deployed as mechanisms of state control. We also warn that some regulatory frameworks, far from expanding protections, may legitimize censorship practices, protest criminalization, or structural discrimination.

In this context, we insist that the defense of human rights must be the guiding principle in the development, use, and regulation of digital technologies. It is not just a matter of managing their risks but of ensuring that technologies are at the service of people and not the other way around.

J. Carlos Lara & Jamila Venturini.
Co-Executive directors.

 1.3 Derechos Digitales Board of Directors

Flavio Tapia President	Roberto Cerda Treasurer	Claudio Ruiz Secretary
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 1.4 Derechos Digitales 2024 Team

Jamila Venturini y J. Carlos Lara co-executive Directors	Catalina Balla Director of Communications <i>(from April 2024)</i>
Camila Lobato Operations Director	Miguel Flores Director of Technologies
Paloma Lara Castro Public Policy Director <i>(from August 2024)</i>	Rafael Bonifaz Leader of the Latin American Program for Digital Security and Resilience
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Paula Jaramillo

Projects and Legal Affairs Coordinator

Francisca Balbontín

Communications Officer

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Laura Mantilla León

Public Policy Analyst

(from October 2024)

Nicole Solano Chavarría

Communications Officer

(from November 2024)

Michel Roberto de Souza

Public Policy Director

(until August 2024)

Ileana Silva

Communications Officer

(until July 2024)

Pía Garavaglia

Research Coordinator

(from August 2024)

Gastón Wahnish

Communications Officer

(from November 2024)

María Encalada

Technology Analyst

Belén Roca

Communications Officer

(until July 2024)

Víctor Romero

Operations Manager

(until July 2024)

LAREDD Program Fellows

Cristina Ruano

Digital Security and Resilience Fellow

(from September 2024)

Kate Tejada

Digital Security and Resilience Fellow

(until May 2024)

Luis Fernando Arias

Digital Security and Resilience Fellow

(until May 2024)

Ximena Cuzcano Chávez

Digital Security and Resilience Fellow

(from September 2024)

1.5 Networks and Alliances

Derechos Digitales is an active member of regional and international collaborative networks, working on various aspects related to the promotion of human rights in the digital environment and internet governance.

- Advisory Group of the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse
- Agenda Digital para América Latina y el Caribe (eLAC) ↗
- Al Sur ↗
- Alianza A+ y Red f<A+I>r ↗
- Alianza de la sociedad civil latinoamericana para el acceso justo al conocimiento ↗
- Alianza por el cifrado en Latinoamérica y Caribe, AC-LAC ↗

- Asociación para el Progreso de las Comunicaciones (APC) ↗
- Civil Society Information Society Advisory Council (CSISAC) ↗
- Coalition Against Online Violence ↗
- Colectivo EPU América del Sur
- Data for Development Network (D4D.net) ↗
- Forum on Information & Democracy ↗
- Global Digital Justice Forum ↗
- Global Encryption Coalition ↗
- Global Network for Social Justice and Digital Resilience ↗
- Global Network Initiative (GNI) ↗
- Global Network of Internet and Society Research Centers ↗
- Global South Alliance
- IFEX ↗
- Movement for a Better Internet ↗
- Observatorio Latinoamericano de Amenazas Digitales (OLAD)
- Privacy International ↗
- Red de asesoramiento de la Freedom Online Coalition (FOC) ↗
- The Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse



1.6 Our platforms and websites



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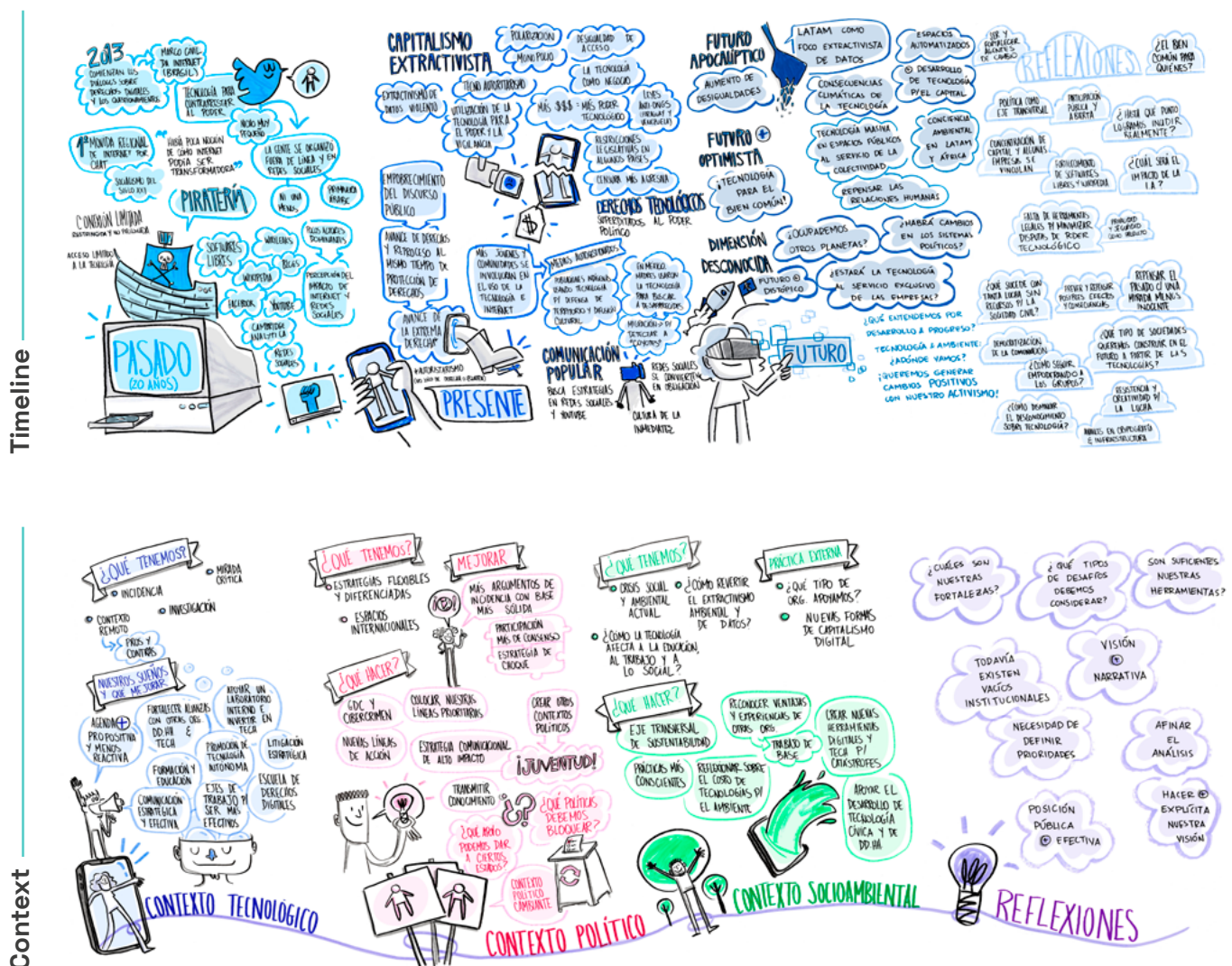
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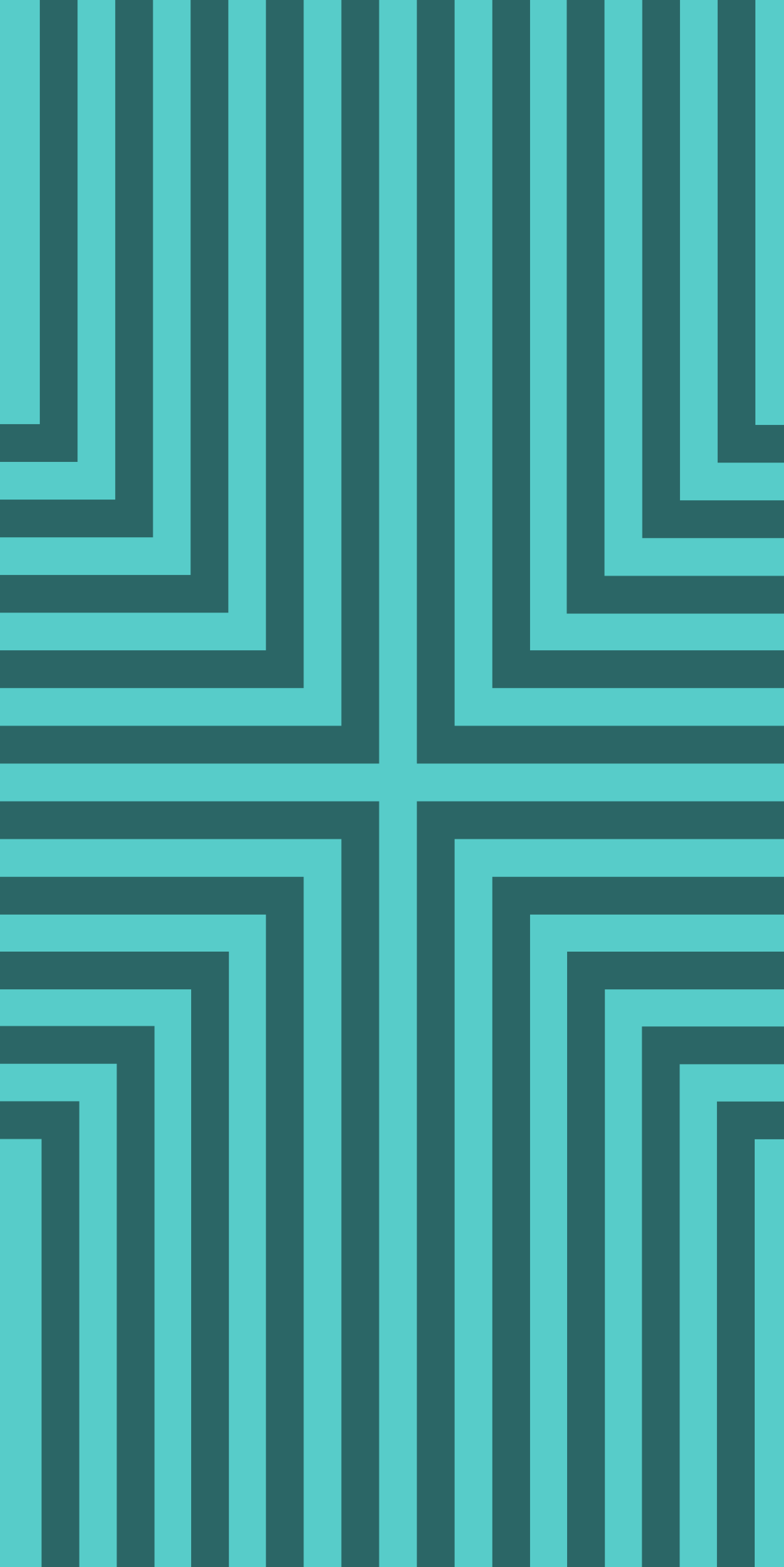


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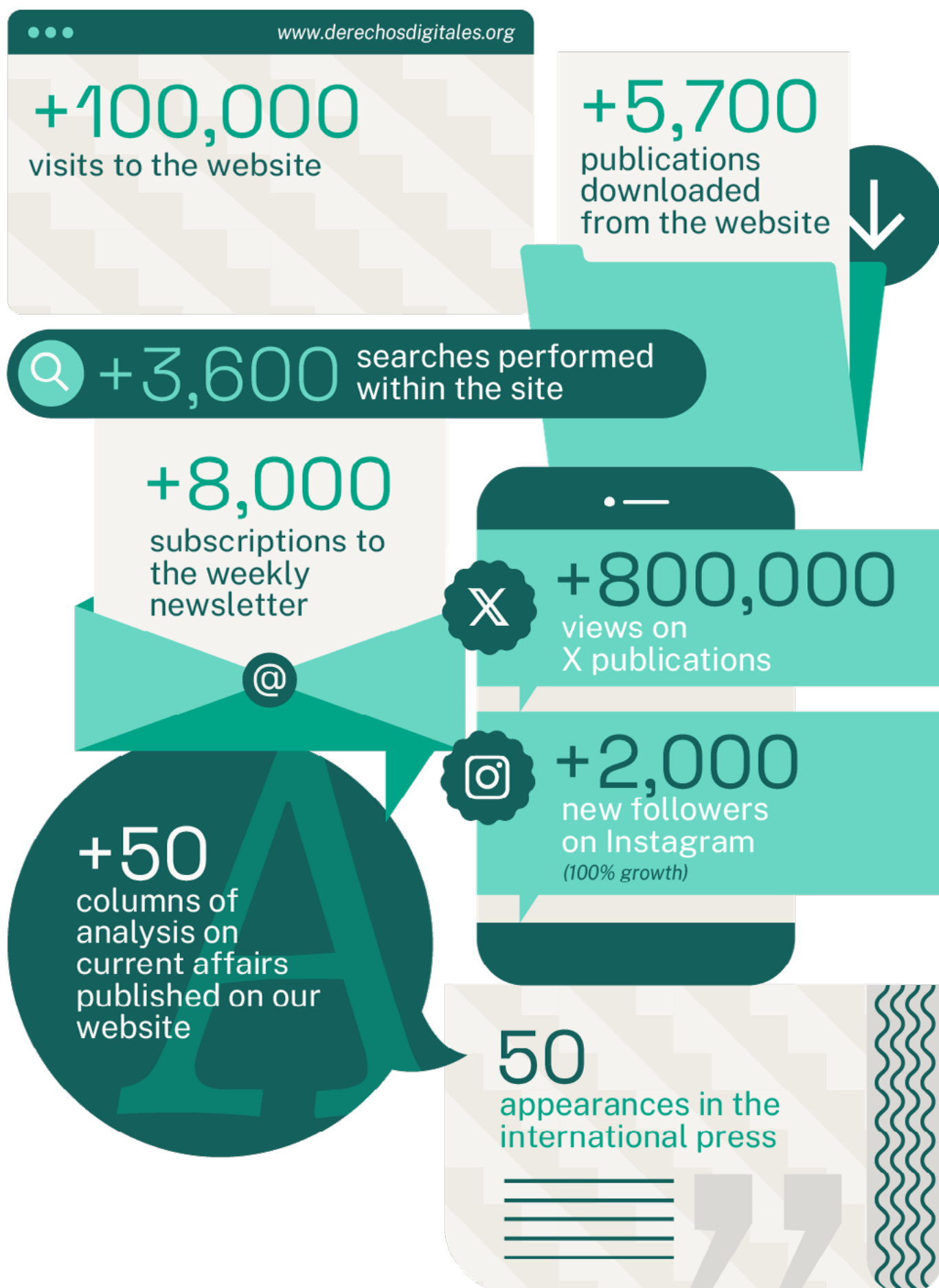
1.7 2024 Institutional Retreat

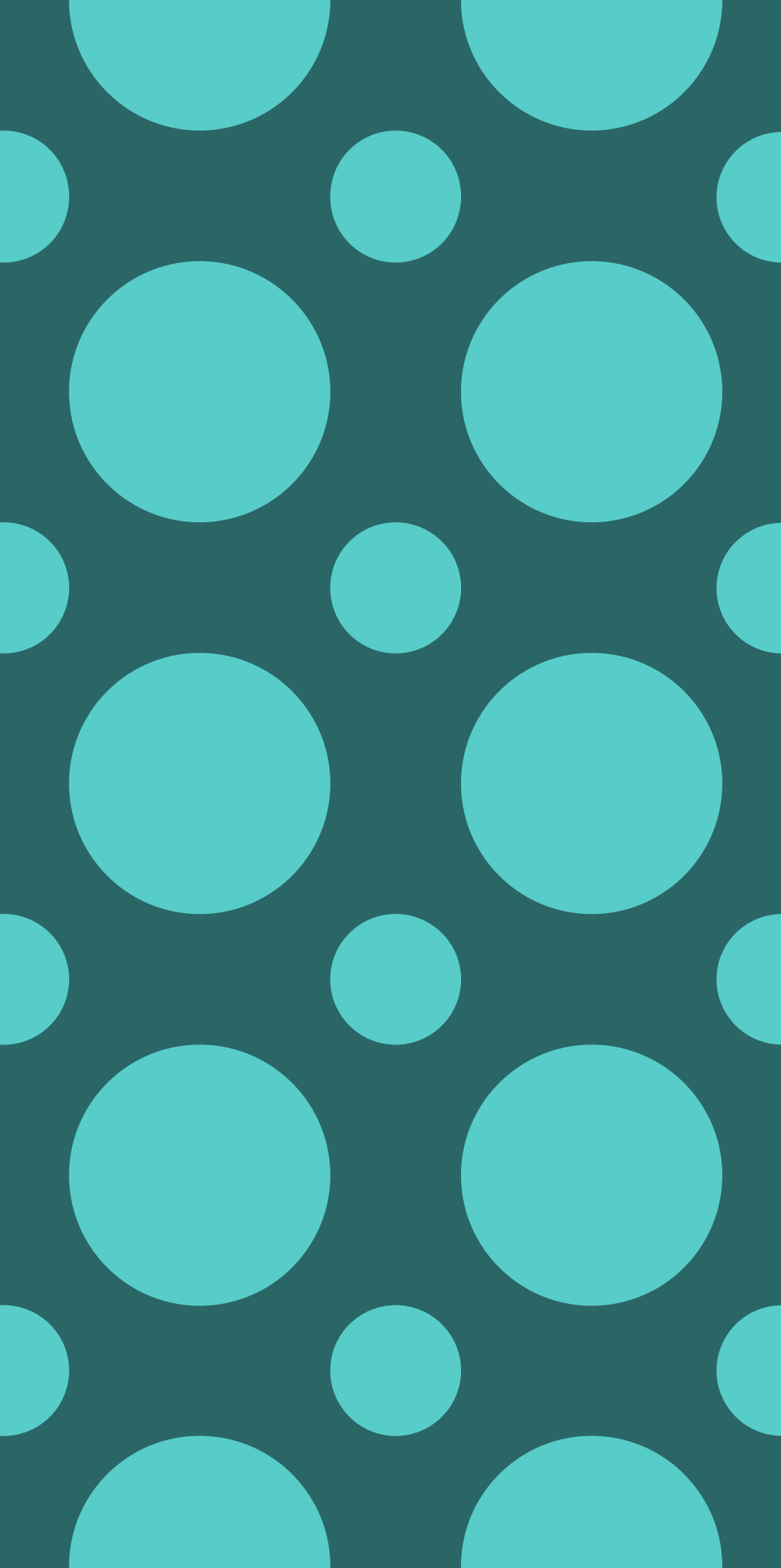
As in previous years, our organization held its in-person meeting in 2024, this time in Brazil. This retreat strengthened the foundations of Derechos Digitales towards 2025, with days of intense collaborative work in which we designed strategies and defined the key issues for our future agenda. We produced two illustrative infographics summarizing the retreat's main discussions and ideas. The first infographic presents reflections derived from a socio-historical analysis of our society, represented in a timeline. The second offers guidelines for future action by our organization based on discussions of the current technological, political, and socio-environmental contexts.





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Research

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3.1 Research focused on Digital Security



Helplines to address online gender-based violence cases. Monitoring and trends in Bolivia, Brazil, and Ecuador ↗

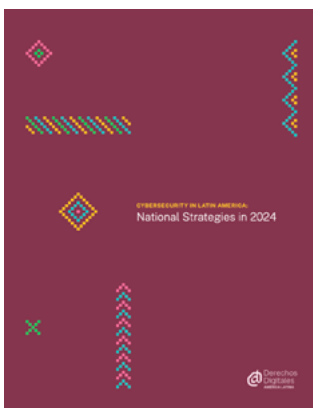
In Latin America, women face digital gender-based violence with little to no effective response from either the state or technology platforms. The Derechos Digitales report highlights how helplines in Bolivia, Brazil, and Ecuador lead the resistance by providing technical, emotional, and educational support while demanding structural change to ensure online safety.

The report featured the work of the S.O.S Digital Center of Fundación InternetBolivia.org in Bolivia, Maria d’Ajuda of Marialab in Brazil, and Navegando Libres of the Taller Comunicación Mujer Network in Ecuador.



In Focus: security and main digital threats in Latin America ↗

The internet has become an increasingly hostile space for activists and organizations in Latin America, the most dangerous region in the world for social leaders. The new report “In Focus: security and main digital threats in Latin America” developed by the Latin American Observatory of Digital Threats (OLAD) and led by Derechos Digitales, analyzed more than 400 cases of cyber-attacks, digital gender-based violence, censorship, espionage and mass surveillance, among others, that occurred mainly during 2024 in the region.



Cybersecurity in Latin America: National Strategies in 2024 ↗

Given the increased digital threats and growing dependence on technological infrastructures, cybersecurity has become a priority issue for Latin American governments. This report details national cybersecurity policies and strategies in the region during 2024, identifying commonalities and persistent challenges in their implementation — a publication made possible for Derechos Digitales as a member of the CYRILLA Collaborative.



New cybersecurity regulations in Chile ↗

Chile’s new Framework Law on Cybersecurity, enacted in March 2024, represents a regional milestone in cybersecurity regulation. In this publication, Derechos Digitales highlights the law’s key provisions, its preventive approach to cyberattacks, and its strengthening of governance. It also details the importance of collaboration between the public and private sectors to achieve a more secure and resilient cyberspace.



Cybersecurity in Chile: regulatory and institutional overview ↗

Derechos Digitales has developed this report to provide a helpful tool for understanding and addressing the challenges of cybersecurity in Chile. It analyzes the topic's evolution, highlighting key regulations such as the Computer Crime Law and the National Cybersecurity Policy 2023-2028. The report also focuses on data protection, human rights, and inclusion. It examines the challenges associated with coordinating and updating regulations.



Cybersecurity in Chile: gender approach in international positioning ↗

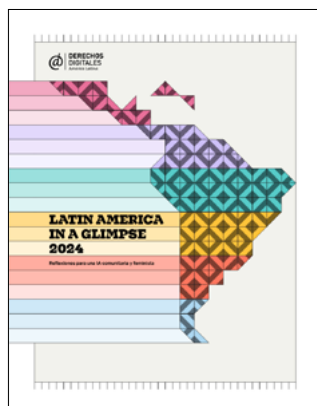
In this document, our organization examines how Chile has integrated a gender perspective into its cybersecurity policies, from national regulations enacted between 2017 and 2028 to its participation in international UN forums. It highlights progress and challenges in implementing concrete actions to create a more inclusive and equitable cyberspace.



Social media profiling and cyberpatrolling as new modalities of mass surveillance deployed by the States: relevant cases in Latin America ↗

Based on the consultation on digital surveillance technologies and human rights launched by the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, we prepared this report, which presents the most representative cases in Latin America where profiling and cyber patrolling practices have been deployed. In addition, Derechos Digitales offers recommendations to States and other societal actors.

3.2 Research focused on Artificial Intelligence



Latin America in a Glimpse: Reflections for a community-based, feminist AI ↗

Latin America in a Glimpse is an annual project by Derechos Digitales that reviews the most relevant developments in technology and human rights in Latin America.

This new edition analyzes critical approaches and methodologies that address three themes — education, territory, and gender — through conversations with researchers, technologists, and activists from different countries in the region. The experiences of various organizations and communities demonstrate how AI can be adapted to Latin America’s needs and cultural contexts instead of imposing extractivist and colonial models.

AI & Inclusion in Latin America ↗

Since 2019, our organization has coordinated this project, which includes ten case studies on how various Latin American governments implement AI in public policies across sensitive areas such as employment, education, and security — nationally and subnationally. In 2024, we presented four new case studies focusing on public policies in [Argentina](#), [Colombia](#), [Mexico](#), and [Paraguay](#), along with a regional [comparative study](#).



Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights and Social Justice: Building Futures from Latin America - “The Global Index on Responsible AI” (GIRAI) ↗

In August 2024, Rio de Janeiro was the setting for a debate among representatives of academia and civil society in Latin America on the future of AI from the perspective of human rights and social justice. This publication summarizes the results of the meeting, entitled “Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights and Social Justice: Building Futures from Latin America.” The event was organized by Derechos Digitales together with the Feminist AI Research Network, the Tierra Común Network, LAVITS, and MediaLab.



Lessons from Internet governance to AI governance: a meaningful participation approach from Latin America. ↗

This document explores the lessons learned from internet governance processes in events such as the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and NETmundial in order to apply them to the governance of artificial intelligence. It analyzes how the “right to meaningful participation” can be strengthened — not merely as attendance at discussion spaces but as a more inclusive process beyond written contributions to documents. Participation is examined as a human right, and the document reviews key lessons from multi-stakeholder processes, offering recommendations for the future of AI governance from a Latin American perspective.

3.3 Research focused on Connectivity and Participation



Connectivity in the Amazon: Recommendations to combat the digital divide ↗

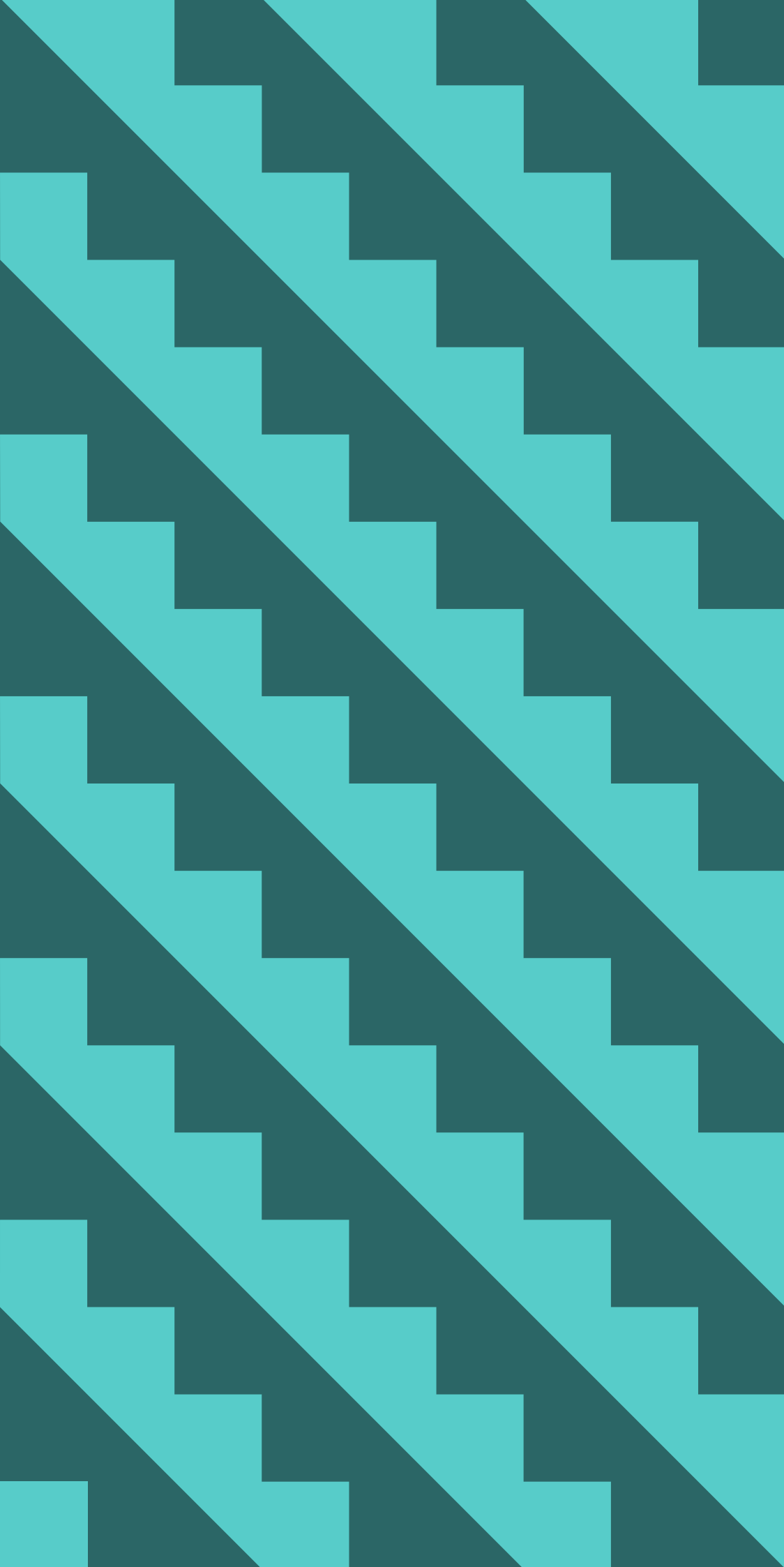
Derechos Digitales, in collaboration with the Internet Bolivia Foundation (Bolivia), the Institute for Consumer Protection (Brazil), Dejusticia (Colombia), and Fundamedios (Ecuador), has been studying the reality of the Amazon region in several countries since 2023. In this region, internet access represents access to human rights as well as a crucial tool to reinforce the right to communication and community organization. However, it also implies challenges that require special attention to avoid widening existing inequalities.

This evaluation, along with participative workshops held with Indigenous and rural communities, has resulted in recommendations for formulating public policies to bridge the digital divide in the Amazon.



Strategic Participation in ITU-T: Amplifying Latin American Voices ↗

This report explores the strategic involvement of Latin American civil society in the forums for technical standard-setting and decision-making within the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). With this document, Derechos Digitales aims to provide Latin American organizations with centralized information on how the ITU operates—its main agendas, priority issues, and the available spaces for participation—to help identify advocacy strategies for establishing technical standards regarding human rights.



Events

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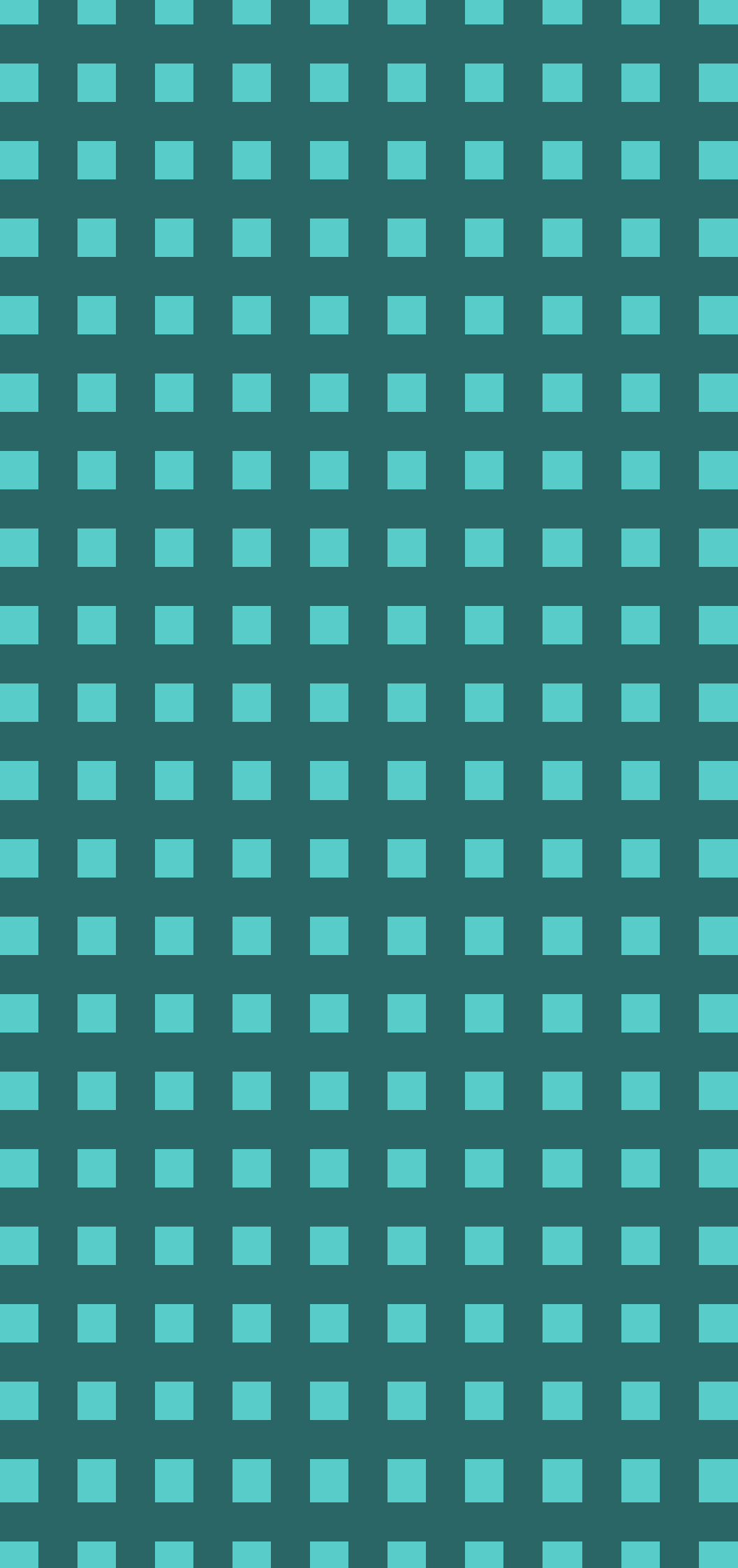
Below, we detail the main activities that Derechos Digitales participated in during 2024.

Event	Dates	Place
Seminario sobre desinformación en Chile ↗	9 January	Valparaíso, Chile
Escuela de Verano sobre Gobernanza de Internet ↗	15 to 19 January	Santiago, Chile
Consulta regional sobre ciberdelincuencia: The Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ↗	18 January	Virtual
Podcast sobre seguridad digital ↗	26 January	Virtual
2° Foro Global sobre la Ética de la Inteligencia Artificial de la UNESCO ↗	5 and 6 February	Kranj, Eslovenia
7° sesión del Comité Ad Hoc para elaborar un Tratado sobre Ciberdelincuencia ↗	26 January to 9 February	New York, United States
Reunión preparatoria para la 3° Cumbre de la Democracia ↗	7 to 9 February	Sussex, United Kingdom
Consulta sobre el Pacto Digital Mundial ↗	12 February	Virtual
Publicación sobre migración y tecnologías de vigilancia ↗	15 February	Virtual
Sesión preparatoria del IV Ciclo del EPU Chile ↗	16 February	Geneva, Switzerland
Digital Dialogues: Thinking Together about the G20 Digital Agenda ↗	20 February	Brasilia, Brazil
II Simposio Global sobre Violencia de Género Facilitada por Tecnologías ↗	20 to 22 February	Virtual
Info/tegrity Training on Artificial Intelligence ↗	27 February	Virtual
Edición latinoamericana de GenderIT ↗	29 February	Virtual
Consulta para múltiples partes interesadas del Pacto Digital Mundial ↗	1 March	Virtual
Reunión estratégica para la revisión de la Cumbre Mundial sobre la Sociedad de la Información (CMSI) ↗	3 to 5 March	Penang, Malasia
Audiencia en la Cámara de Representantes de Colombia ↗	7 March	Bogotá, Colombia
Capacitación “Writing Winning Session Proposals for Key Internet Governance and Digital Rights Events” ↗	7 March	Virtual
Conversatorio “Making all spaces safe for Women and Girls” CSW68 ↗	11 March	New York, United States
Evento paralelo de la Alianza Global para la acción contra el Abuso en Línea CSW68 ↗	11 March	New York, United States

Event	Dates	Place
Conversatorio “Encoding Gender Equality: for Inclusive Algorithms” CSW68 ↗	12 March	New York, United States
Taller sobre autores de violencia de género facilitada por las tecnologías CSW68 ↗	14 March	New York, United States
Evento paralelo para integrar principios feministas en el Pacto Digital Mundial CSW68 ↗	15 March	New York, United States
Evento paralelo “Women and Our Digital Future at CSW68” ↗	15 March	New York, United States
Conferencia anual de Election Verification Network ↗	18 to 20 March	Washington, United States
Encuentros con la Relatoría Especial para la Libertad de Expresión CIDH ↗	18 to 21 March	Santiago, Chile
Taller sobre Estándares Técnicos en inteligencia artificial OHCHR ↗	22 March	Virtual
Sesión especial sobre educación del Órgano Asesor de las Naciones Unidas sobre Inteligencia Artificial ↗	29 March	Virtual
Foro Mundial Skoll 2024 ↗	9 to 12 April	Oxford, United Kingdom
Panel sobre derechos digitales y violencia de género ↗	11 April	Honduras
Reunión anual de IFEX ↗	13 to 16 April	Berlin, Germany
Foro “Telecomunicaciones en Zonas Remotas y Pueblos Indígenas” ↗	23 April	Guatemala City, Guatemala
Panel “Tiempos de Inteligencia Artificial: la legitimidad del periodismo en entredicho” ↗	23 April	Virtual
31° Conferencia del Día Internacional de la Libertad de Prensa ↗	2 to 4 May	Santiago, Chile
Conferencia “Construyendo una cultura de privacidad: En busca de un marco regulatorio para la protección de datos en Bolivia” ↗	17 May	Cochabamba, Bolivia
Conferencia de la Sociedad Civil de las Naciones Unidas ↗	7 to 18 May	Nairobi, Kenya
Cumbre Mundial sobre la Sociedad de la Información ↗	27 to 31 May	Geneva, Switzerland
ACM FAccT Conference 2024 ↗	3 to 6 June	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Event	Dates	Place
Encuentro de la Red de Privacy International ↗	18 to 20 June	London, United Kingdom
Evento “Igualdad de Género en los Espacios Internacionales y Multilaterales de Toma de Decisión” OEA ↗	26th to 28th June	Asunción, Paraguay
“Convención de las Naciones Unidas contra el Cibercrimen: ¿Cederán los Estados en desacuerdos en aras de una amenaza global común?” ↗	2 July	Virtual
Foro Global “UN Cybercrime Convention: Will states give in disagreements for the sake of a global common threat?” ↗	2 July	Virtual
Webinar “Addressing the Digital Divide among Students at Risk of School Dropout in Latin America” ↗	3 July	Virtual
Exposición en la Comisión de Futuro, Ciencias, Tecnología, Conocimiento e Innovación de la Cámara de Diputadas y Diputados de Chile ↗	10 July	Santiago, Chile
Encuentro sobre derechos laborales y tecnologías en la región ↗	15 and 16 July	Virtual
Encuentro CPDP Latam ↗	18 July	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Taller de Protección Digital para periodistas	29 July	Costa Rica
XVI Conferencia CPR LATAM ↗	15 August	Brasilia, Brazil
Taller anual del Centro de Estudios en Libertad de Expresión y Acceso a la Información (CELE) ↗	22 and 23 August	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Taller “Inteligencia Artificial, derechos humanos y justicia social: construyendo futuros desde América Latina” ↗	21 to 23 August	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Team CommUNITY Global Gathering 2024 ↗	27 to 29 September	Estoril, Portugal
Escuela de Transformación Digital e Innovación en América Latina ↗	30 September to 3 October	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Simposio de Ciberseguridad de la OEA ↗	1 October	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
“Diálogo Político sobre Conectividad” de la Alianza Digital UE-ALC ↗	5 and 6 November	Santiago, Chile
17° Foro de Gobernanza de Internet de América Latina y el Caribe (LACIGF) ↗	7 and 8 November	Santiago, Chile
Encuentro wAIn: descorchando la IA ↗	7 November	Santiago, Chile
Audiencia regional en la CIDH para el fortalecimiento de los Mecanismos Nacionales de Seguimiento e Implementación de las Recomendaciones en Derechos Humanos ↗	13 November	Virtual

Event	Dates	Place
Derechos Digitales insistió ante la ONU con recomendaciones para el cumplimiento de los Derechos Humanos en Nicaragua ↗	15 November	Virtual
GNI Learning Forum 2024 ↗	19 and 20 November	Washington DC, United States
Workshop “Implementando objetivos de derechos humanos a través del Global Digital Compact: Una aproximación multiactoral” ↗	26 November	Geneva, Switzerland
Presentación de la guía de políticas “Hacia una Diversidad Sustantiva y la Igualdad de Género en la IA” ↗	26 November	Virtual
Mesa sobre Ciberseguridad en el VIII Congreso de Derecho Económico ↗	27 November	Quito, Ecuador
“Consulta de Expertos sobre la aplicación práctica de los UNGPs a las actividades de las empresas tecnológicas, incluidas las relacionadas con la inteligencia artificial” ↗	29 November	Geneva, Switzerland
VIII Congreso Internacional Derechos Fundamentales y Proceso Penal en la Era Digital ↗	27 to 29 November	Sao Paulo, Brazil
América Abierta ↗	3 to 6 December	Brasilia, Brazil
Foro Peruano de Gobernanza de Internet ↗	4 de diciembre	Lima, Peru



Financial Support for

Human Rights Initiatives

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Derechos Digitales offers two initiatives that support funding activities to strengthen a free and open digital ecosystem in the region. The Rapid Response Fund (RRF) has supported organizations and activists in urgent digital rights interventions since 2019. The Digital Rights Fund for Latin America (DRF) seeks to raise awareness among communities about their digital rights and promote a free, safe, and empowering digital environment that favors the full development of individuals.

In light of the hostile environments for civil society and international cooperation that some countries in the region currently face, these funds acted as an effective distribution channel in 2024. They provided flexible financing options essential for local organizations to make an impact in their countries, with a methodology that minimizes administrative and management burdens.

The RRF and the DRF were implemented with microgrants for specific interventions that could resolve or influence emergencies and reverse situations that limit digital rights. Below, we present the most relevant data for each fund and its impact on the region.

 5.1 Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

The Rapid Response Fund celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2024. Its interventions focused on disinformation, digital security, data privacy, surveillance, gender-based violence, and diversity.

Impact of the RRF



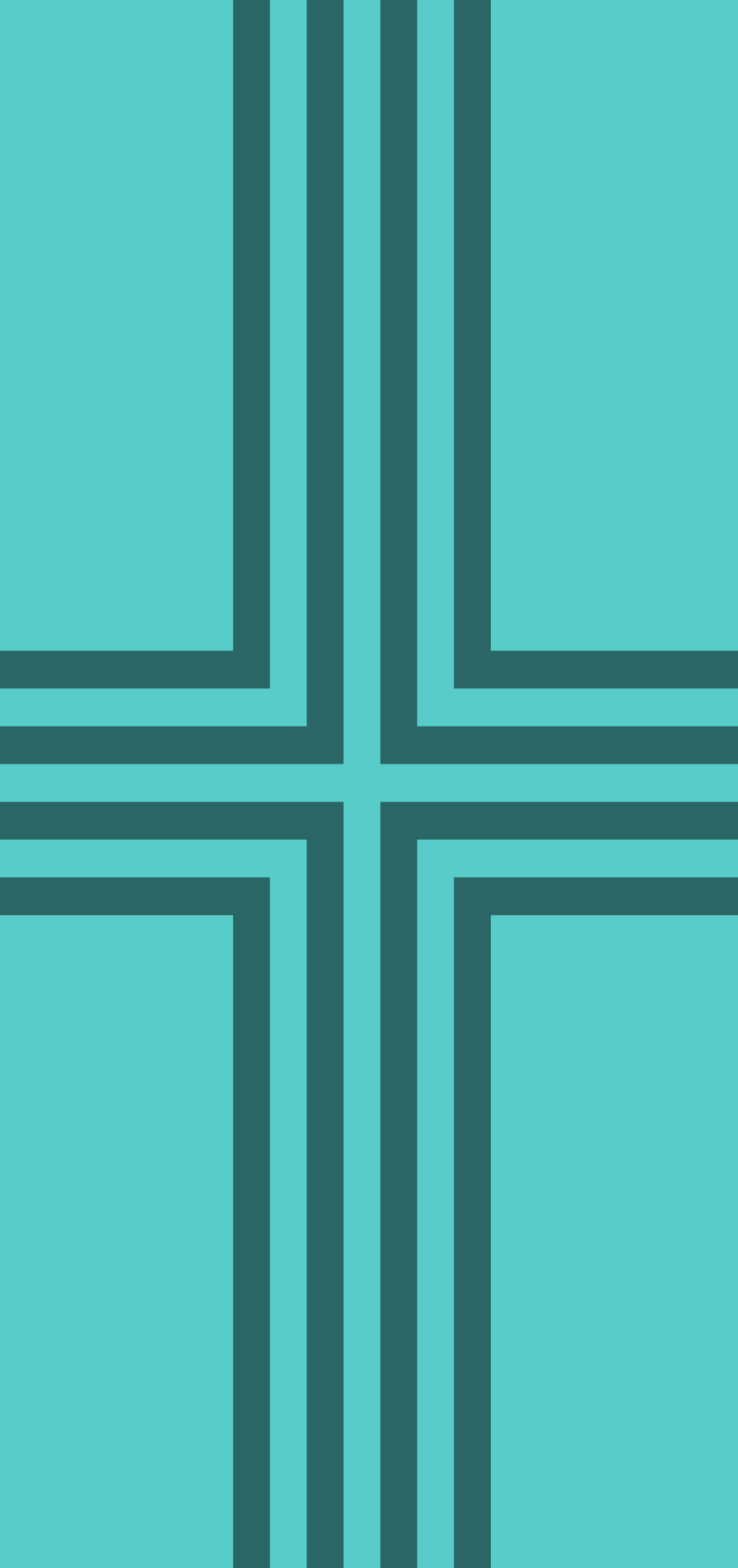
 5.2 Digital Rights Fund for Latin America (DRF)

The Digital Rights Fund for Latin America was established mid-2023 and implemented in two phases in 2024. Projects focused on strengthening digital rights in the region, particularly in areas such as education, digital training, vicarious violence, and digital security.

Impact of the RRF

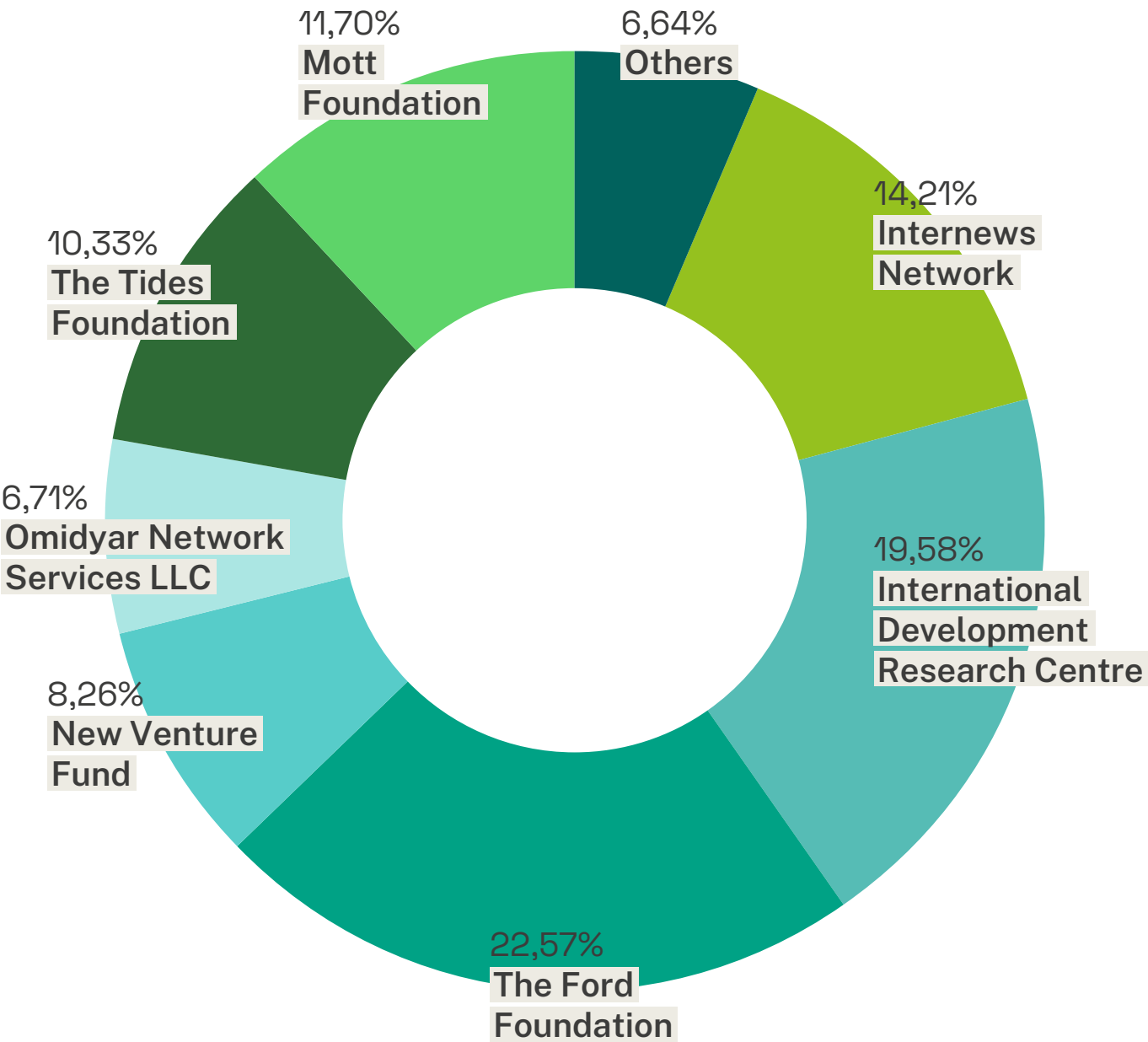






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