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SOCIAL REPORTODEMA 2016



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VISION

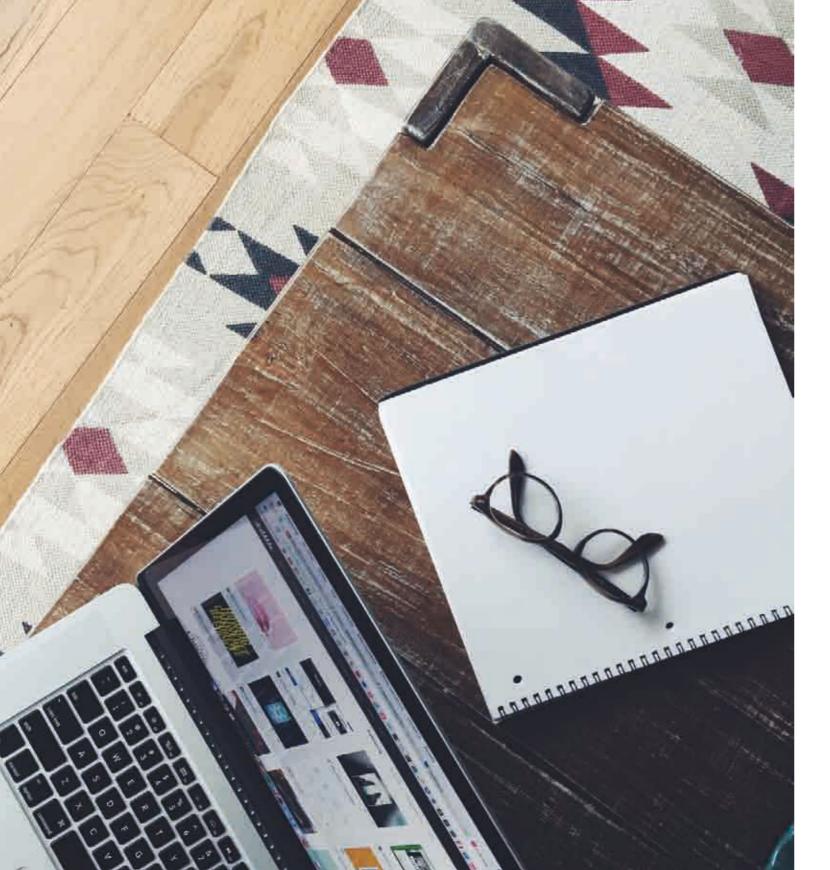
Integrate the American Continent Mutual Benefit Activity creating a regional entity to be a strong participant in international community.

MISSION

Promote and reinforce the assistance commitment of Social Benefit Entities of the American continent by creating the appropriate conditions, training, experiences interchange and the joint programmed agreements..

OB IFCTIVES

- Integrate the social benefit entities of the American continent regionally.
- Unify the in force legislation.
- Perform understanding memorandum with other organizations of social and solidary economy.
- Perform inter-benefit societies agreements as regards health care – insurance – retirement plan – tourism promotion – other services.
- Attend seminars and international community events with joint representation.
- Represent the American continent entities before governments, international organizations, universities, foundations, non-government entities, etc.
- Organize experiences interchange.
- Promote training, academic and educational interchange



CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

As 2016 was a year full of achievements and fulfilled objectives, we invite you to read the new edition of ODEMA's Social Report, where you can see the growth and the creation of new integration, training and representation opportunities, both at local level through each of the member countries and at international level.

The information is expressed quantitatively, which allows us to compare, analyse and project, as well as qualitatively, supporting the preceding numbers, within the framework of our Mission, Vision and Objectives.

Welcome,



CHAPTER II

SOCIAL REPORT TABLE AT 31/DEC/16

REPRESENTATIVENESS

Integrate the social benefit entities of the American continent regionally.
Unify the in force legislation.
Perform understanding memorandum with other organizations of social and solidary economy.
Perform inter-benefit societies agreements as regards health care – insurance – retirement plan tourism promotion – other services.

	2015	2016	Variación	Variación (%)
Quant. of organizations it is linked with	8	8	0	0%
International agreements	11	11	0	0%
Inter-Benefit Societies agreements	7	8	1	14%

Variación Variación (%) Quant. of events 10 12 2 20% Quant. of representatives 21 5%

4 Quant. of on line events **100**% Quant. of attendees **100**%

INTEGRATION				
Organize experiences interchange				
	2015	2016	Variación	Variación (%)
Active organizations	76	83	7	9%
Adhesion organizations	10	10	0	0%
Represented organizations total	86	93	7	8%
Quant. of represented countries	19	19	0	0%
APPRENTICESHIPS				
Quant. of performed Apprenticeships see	1	0	-1	-1
Quant. of participants	2	0	-2	-1
SCHOLARSHIPS				
Quant. of requested scholarships	23	28	5	22%
BROADCASTING				
Quant. of self publications	2	2	0	0%
Media			0	100%
Newsletter	5	6	1	20%
Por Sumar webtv	6	8	2	33%
Social Networks	2	3	1	50%

TRAINING					
Promote training, academic and educational interchange					
	2015	2016	Variación	Variación (%)	
COURSES AND WORKSHOPS					
Quant. in full- attendance and semi-attendance modality	1	3	2	200%	
Quant. of participants	90	109	19	21%	
Quant. in virtual modality	9	8	-1	-11%	
Quant. of participants	166	126	-40	-24%	
CONFERENCES AND FORUMS					
Quant. in full attendance modality	3	5	2	67%	
Quant. of participants	80	419	339	424%	

GOVERNABILITY				
- Democratic Organization				
	2015	2016	Variación	Variación (%)
Quantity of Regular General Meetings	1	1	0	0%
Quantity of Extraordinary General Meetings	0	0	0	0%
Quantity of Board of Directors Meetings	9	9	0	0%
Quantity of Executive Board meetings	1	1	0	0%
Quantity of Commissions	5	5	0	0%
JOINT ENTITIES				
Women leading the Organization	13	15	2	15%
Men leading the Organization	73	78	5	7%
BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
Women Directors	8	6	-2	-25%
Directors / Treasurer	30	32	2	7%
EXECUTIVE BOARD				
Female members	1	1	0	0%
Male members	4	4	0	0%
COORDINATIONS				
Women Coordinators	4	4	0	0%
Coordinators	7	7	0	0%
IN OTHER POSTS				
Female members	2	3	1	50%
Male members	1	4	3	300%
COMMITTEES				
Female members	6	6	0	0%
Male members	2	2	0	0%
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES				
Female members	2	2	0	0%
Male members	4	2	-2	-50%



CHAPTER III 3.1 REPRESENTATIVENESS

RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE SAME INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN KEPT:

The Permanent Board of the Organization of American States (OAS) approved our application of Odema on December 3 2009 to become a member of the organizations of civil societies (OSC) registered in the OAS.

AISS: Since 20/APR/2009, Odema, through one of its member benefit society, AMPF, has the Vice-Presidency of the Technical Committee of the International Association of Social Security (IASS – AISS in its corresponding English acronym), embodied by Alfredo Sigliano, President of the said Benefit Society.

As from 2010, Odema has reached the permanence as observer of the General Assemblies, it has affiliated as well to the Inter-American Conference of Social Security (ICSS – CISS in its corresponding English acronym).

During 2011 it was confirmed the status of Odema as an Especial Consultant entity before ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) of UN (United Nations). This category allows

us to participate actively in ECOSOC and its subsidiaries, as well as the United Nations Secretary, programs, funds and organisms.

It followed the Operative Cooperation with OMS/OPS, through the development of a project of possible application to the American Continent which offers training to mirror the Mutual APS model.

ODEMA- Portuguese Union of Mutuals

Based on this cooperation agreement, ODEMA has established a system to exchange experiences, professionals, information and technology with one of the most representative organizations of the European mutualism.

ODEMA- Spanish Confederation of Mutual Societies

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

2005	OEMSUR · SaferAfrica	(Understanding Memorandum)
2006	ODEMA · AIM	(International Association of Social Benefit Societies)
2007	ODEMA · DANSOCIAL	(National Administrative Department of the Solidary Economy - Colombia)
2008	ODEMA · UAM	(African Union of Social Benefit Societies)
2010	ODEMA · OPS/OMS	(Health Panamerican Organization / Health World Organization)
	ODEMA · CIESS	(Inter-American Centre of Social Security Studies)
2011	ODEMA · SOCODEVI	(Canadian Society for the International Development))
2012	ODEMA. INDAE	(Instituto Nacional de Derecho Aeronáutico y Espacial)
	ODEMA. AMPF	(Asociacion Mutual de Proteccion Familiar)
2014	ODEMA- UMP	(Union de Mutualidades Portuguesas)
	ODEMA- CEM	(Confederacion Española de Mutualidades)

INTER-BENEFIT SOCIETIES AGREEMENTS AGREEMENTS AND VALID ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN BENEFIT SOCIETIES JOINT TO ODEMA

2005

1° Inter-Mutual Agreement between AMPF and Federation of Social Benefit Societies of Paraguay -FEMUPAR- (Paraguay, 2005)

2006

Inter-Mutual Agreement for Tourism Services: AMPF / Social Benefit Activity of Chile (Chile, 2006)
Inter-Mutual Agreement: AMPF / Bolivian Confederation of Social Benefit Societies for Charity (Bolivia, 2006)

2007

Inter-Mutual Agreement: AMPF / Social Benefit Activity of Chile (Pharmacy)
Inter-Mutual Agreement for Tourism Services: AMPF (Argentina) / Bolivian Confederation of Social Benefit Societies for Charity (Bolivia, 2006)

2008

Inter-Mutual Agreement: AMPF / Níger

2010

Integration Inter-mutual Agreement: AMPF / AMUDOCH (Resistencia, Chaco)

EVENTS

OEA • 6ª Reunión del CEDDIS Guatemala • May 3rd to 6th

ILO • 105° Meeting of the International Labor Conference Geneva, Switzerland • June 6th

ILO • Reunión Multilateral "Empleo, equidad y protección social: el mutuali Geneva, Switzerland • June 6th

OEA • 46^a Asamblea General "Fortalecimiento Institucional para el Desarro Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic • June 13th to 15th

ISSA • Tenth Forum of Technical Commissions Geneva, Switzerland • May 23th and 24th

UN • First International Forum of Saharan Women Guelmin, Marruecos • June 2nd to 4th

GSEF 2016

Foro mundial de Economía Social y Solidaria (ESyS), Montreal, Canadá • September

Encuentro del Mutualismo

Mendoza, Argentina • September 2nd to 4th

3° Conferencia Mundial Habitat III Quito, Ecuador • October 17 th

Foro "La multiactividad, una opción de crecimiento de la mutualidad" Medellín, Colombia • October 27th





ISSA • Foro Mundial de la Seguridad Social

Panamá • November 14 th to 18th

Encuentro de entidades mutuales y afines asociadas a ODEMA de Argentina e invitados del Cono Sur Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina • December 2nd

Foro Internacional "Sostenibilidad Financiera de los Seguros Sociales. Oportunidades y Desafíos" Lima, Perú • July 11th and 12th

Sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) \bullet UN New York, USA \bullet March 8th to 13th

PARTICIPANTS

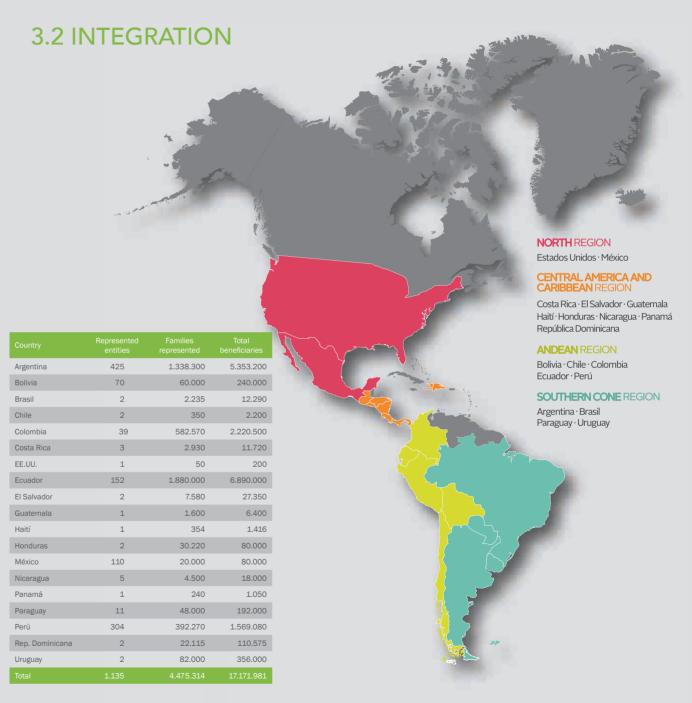
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VIRTUAL EVENTS
VIRTUAL FORUM (OAS)
IASPN VIRTUAL SEMINAR

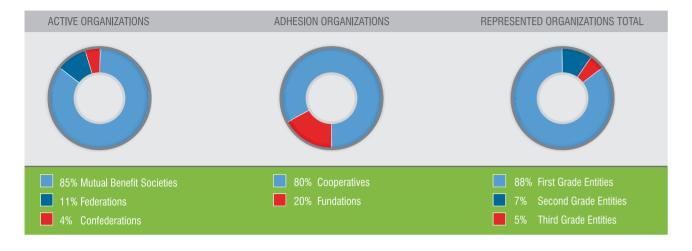
For some years, ODEMA has actively participated in the webinars and virtual dialogues organized by the Inter-American Social Protection Network (IASPN) of the OAS, called Inter-American Social Protection Dialogues.

- March 4th: "Progresses and Challenges in Terms of Women's Access and Full Exercise of their Rights in the Region"
- May 25th: "Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction for Disabled People"
- June 21st: "Advances and Challenges in Terms of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Americas"
- September 14th: "Experiences in Terms of Evaluation of Social Programmes in Latin America"





DETAIL ACCORDING TO TYPE OF ENTITY





SCHOLARSHIPS

Continuing with the offer of Scholarships to ODEMA member institutions that participate in the Higher Diploma in Management of Organizations of the Social and Solidarity Economy. In the period 2016 28 scholarships were managed.

DIFFUSION

- por SUMAR 23 / February 2016
- por SUMAR / Special Forum Costa Rica
- por SUMAR 26 / September 2016
- por SUMAR 28 / November 2016
- por SUMAR 24 / April 2016
- por SUMAR 25 / August 2016
- por SUMAR 27 / October 2016
- por SUMAR 29 / December 2016





NEWSLETTER

- SIN FRONTERAS N° 56 / February 2016
- SIN FRONTERAS N° 57 / April 2016
- SIN FRONTERAS N° 58 / May 2016
- SIN FRONTERAS N° 59 / July 2016
- SIN FRONTERAS N° 60 / October 2016
- SIN FRONTERAS N° 61 / Dicember 2016





SOCIAL NETWORKS

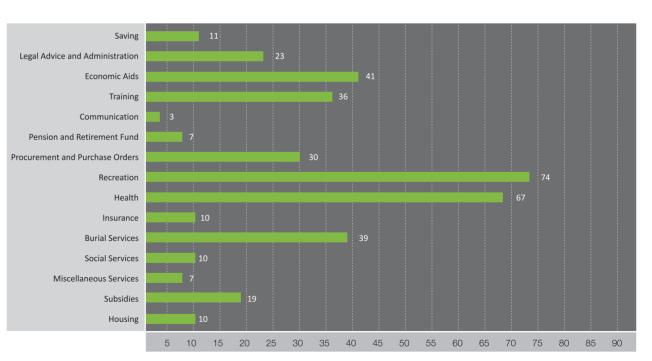
Como parte de la política de comunicación digital las Redes Sociales, debido a su alcance, ocupan un rol destacado en ODEMA. Así es como la Organización tiene perfiles en Linkedin, Google+ y You Tube compuestos por sus logros, alianzas y reconocimentos en los distintos entes internacionales.

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SERVICES BY ENTITY

Saving	11
Legal Advice and Administration	23
Economic Aids	41
Training -education, culture, scholarships, library, book store-	36
Communication –audio and visual services-	3
Pension and Retirement Fund	7
Procurement and Purchase Orders	30
Recreation -tourism, hospitality, sports, accommodation, event organization, events halls	74
Health -pharmacy, orthopaedics, dentistry, outpatient treatment-	67
Insurance	10
Burial Services	39
Social Services	10
Miscellaneous Services -employment-	7
Subsidies	19
Housing	10





3.3 TRAININGS

SOCIAL BENEFIT TRAINING INSTITUTE "CARLOS CASTILLO"

ODEMA houses the Training Institute and Social Benefit Society "Carlos Castillo" which helps the development of the abilities of people related to modern social benefit activity as well as the continent itself, Social Solidary Economy, by performing shared-learning events, full-attendance, semi-attendance and distance courses, which are offered to own entities as well as related institutions that focuses on solidarity and associative principles in the resolution of human needs. This was acknowledged by ILO as a reference of social benefit activity teaching in the worldwide known centre of Turín, Italy. Also, it has celebrated an important agreement with Centro Interamericano de Estudios de Seguridad Social (CIESS) that allows training as regards social benefit activity and social security.

VI INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MUTUALISM • COSTA RICA

Under the slogan "Social and Solidarity Economy, a Framework to Reach a Higher Level of Peoples' Welfare", the VII International Forum on Mutualism debated on April 15th in the city of Puntarenas, with the attendance of American, African and European mutual society leaders. The opening was carried out by Alfredo Sigliano and Daniel López Villalba, ODEMA's President and Secretary, respectively; Abdelmoula Abdelmoumni, President of the African Union of Mutuals (AUM) and Laura Espiau Guarner, project leader for the Global Social Economy Forum - GSEF2016. Professor Antonio Colomer Viadel, a professor from Universidad Politécnica



de Valencia and Dr. Leonel Antonio Flores Sosa. Director of the Inter-American Centre for Social Security Studies (CIESS) spoke about "Action for Development: Networks Promoting Individual and Community Development" and "Making Healthy Policies: Actions Promoting Community Wellbeing". Early in the afternoon, Dr. Colomer Viadel's recent book "Immigrants and Emigrants, the Challenge of Miscegenation" was presented. Then, under the slogan Healthy Community: The Contribution of Mutualism and other Social and Solidarity Economy Organizations, Jaime Edgar Vedia Medinacelli, from the "Gran Poder" Mutual Society, from Bolivia, talked about Social Policies that Foster More Equity. The accountant Gastón Salvioli, from the Mutual Association for Family Protection, from Argentina, talked about Inclusive Microinsurance for Vulnerable People in Argentina: FOMIN/AMPF Project. Furthermore, the economist Pablo Valencia Albornoz, from Bien-Estar Foundation, from Ecuador, spoke on Social Support Programmes for Effective Citizen Participation, while Francisco Morales, former Minister of Labour and Agriculture of Costa Rica, explained the issue of Solidarity Economy: Labour Economy Sector (LES) in Costa Rica, Lastly, the Creation of Favourable Environments was addressed, with ODEMA presenting the Best Practises Programme, which identifies and rewards the best practices carried out by member entities, thus promoting the improvement of their administrative and operational capabilities. The awarded projects were: Best Practices Award: "Revive and Learn with Pleasure", by the Circulo Operario de Uruguaiana, from Brazil; 1st Honourable Mention: "Primary Health Care", by the Mutual Association of Captains, Pilots and Skippers, from Argentina; 2nd Honourable Mention: "Joint Solidarity", by Capital Mutual Association of Santiago del Estero, from Argentina.

SEMINARS FOR LEADERS

In June and August, a series of training courses on Management and Strategy were carried out with the support of FE-DEMBA; these courses were oriented to the leaders of ODE-MA's member entities. Considering both conferences, there was a total attendance of 85 people, which represented 30 Social and Solidarity Economy organizations. ODEMA's representatives organized workshops and talks on the topics proposed for Strategic Management.

COMPENDIUM WITH THE CIESS

In the context of the VII International Forum on Mutualism "Social and Solidarity Economy, a Framework to Reach a Higher Level of Peoples' Welfare", organized on April 15th by the Organization of Mutual Benefit Entities of the Americas from Costa Rica, the Director of the Inter-American Centre for Social Security Studies - CIESS, Leonel Flores, and ODEMA's President, Alfredo Sigliano, presented the compendium "Mutuality: a Path for Integrated Social Security", jointly edited by both organizations. Apart from describing the characteristics of collective associations, this research work highlights the importance of the cooperation and solidarity values as ethical components of social sharing.



VIRTUAL COURSI

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AMUTRABA

Upon request for technical assistance by ODEMA's Director for the Dominican Republic, Dr. Joseph Cherubin, a training course was carried out via videoconferencing. Once it was finished, the Director for such country said that they learnt from that training and it was useful to correct many mistakes.

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY ON MANAGE-MENT OF SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY ORGA-NIZATIONS

On August 29th the 5th Edition of the course Certificate of Advanced Study on Management of Social and Solidarity Economy Organizations started.

On December 2nd, the Certificate Award Ceremony for the 4th Edition of such course was carried out at the Legislature Palace of the City of Buenos Aires.

COURSE ON INTRODUCTION TO MUTUALISM

In May, the course Introduction to Mutualism was carried out in French. This course, which is the first one developed within the framework of the agreement established with the African Union of Mutuals (AUM), is a self-learning course, i.e. the attendees learn at their own pace and receive training material and resources, and it includes knowledge self-evaluation tools, counting with the assistance of a tutor for consultation.



3.4 GOVERNABILITY

IN ARTICLES 12 AND 13 OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION: ARTICLE 12 $^{\circ}$

All social benefit organization with democratic structure that fosters the social principles of defending and transmitting everything related to health and welfare of its members, on absolutely no profit basis and with a strong responsibility concept as well as a deep solidary practice can affiliate to ODEMA.

ARTICLE 13°

All members will have the following rights:

- a) Voice and vow in the Assemblies.
- b) Choose and be chosen by their authorities so as to represent ODEMA.
- c) Be part of every matter as regards ODEMA programmes for the benefit of social organizations as well as their members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NATURE ARTICLE 25°

ODEMA will be conducted by a Board of Directors integrated by two (2) members, one (1) Titular and one (1) Designated Substitute, for each country belonging to the Organization. Each member will last in his post for four (4) years. The ones who will designated among them:

- One (1) President
- One (1) First Vice-president
- One (1) Second Vice-president
- One (1) Secretary
- One (1) Pro-secretary
- And the remaining ones will act as Vocals

The Board of Directors will designate a Treasurer who should be leader of any social benefit society of a country member of Odema.

Members of the Board of Directors		
Position	Country	Representative
President · Titular Director	Argentina	Sigliano, Alfredo
Substitute Director	Argentina	Balea Reino, Manuel
Titular Director	Bolivia	Lanza de Rojas, Carmela
Substitute Director	Bolivia	Vedia Medinacelli, Jaime
Vice-president 1° · Titular Director	Brasil	Pérez Faillace, Roberto Paulo
Substitute Director	Brasil	Lena, Eloy José
Titular Director	Chile	Aedo Tapia, Juan Felipe
Substitute Director	Chile	Matus Gonzales, Pedro Eugenio

Position	Country	Representative
Titular Director	Colombia	Cardona Guisao, Edwin Fernando
Substitute Director	Colombia	Arias Henao, Juan Francisco
Titular Director	Costa Rica	Valverde Jiménez, Luis
Substitute Director	Costa Rica	Campos Montenegro, Johnny Daniel
Titular Director	Ecuador	González, Fernando
Substitute Director	Ecuador	Dobronsky Navarro, Julio César
Titular Director	EE.UU.	Zárate, José
Substitute Director	EE.UU.	Zárate, Juanita
Titular Director	El Salvador	Zaldívar Romero, Luis Arturo
Substitute Director	El Salvador	Díaz Pineda, Manuel Antonio
Titular Director	Guatemala	Hernández Bran, Félix Romeo
Substitute Director	Guatemala	Rodríguez Estrada, José Raymundo
Titular Director	Haití	Roudy, Joseph
Substitute Director	Haití	Mehilove, Jean Nestel
Titular Director	Honduras	Nolasco, Julio Alberto
Substitute Director	Honduras	Norely Ocampo, Elbyn
Vice-president 2 ^a · Titular Director	México	Juárez Sánchez, Alicia
Substitute Director	México	Calderón Chávez, Humberto Raúl
Titular Director	Nicaragua	Ruiz Chávez, Fener
Substitute Director	Nicaragua	Castellón, Paulina Rebeca
Titular Director	Panamá	Bolívar, Mario
Titular Director	Paraguay	Recalde Gamarra, Humberto
Pro-treasurer · Substitute Director	Paraguay	Florentín, Ean Eduardo
Titular Director	Perú	Huaynalaya Rojas, Odín Ciro
Substitute Director	Perú	Benavente Veliz, Peladio
Titular Director	Rep. Dominicana	Cherubín, Joseph Félix
Substitute Director	Rep. Dominicana	Bizenny Martínez, María Altagracia
Secretary · Titular Director	Uruguay	López Villalba, Daniel
Substitute Director	Uruguay	López Collazo, Cecilia
Treasurer	Argentina	Savoini, Francisco
Audit Board		
1° Titular	Argentina	Grin, Jorge
2° Titular	Argentina	Tovani, Ramón Oscar Aníbal
3° Titular	Uruguay	Segredo Martínez, Mario

Audit Board			
1º Substitute	Argentina	Rodríguez, Andrés	
2º Substitute	Paraguay	Turro, Antonio	

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES (CER)

Region	Executive direction		Secretary	
SOUTHERN CONE	Cecilia López Collazo	Uruguay	Paulo Pérez Faillace	Brasil
Argentina/ Brasil/ Paraguay/ Uruguay			Ean Eduardo Florentín	Paraguay
CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN	Luis Valverde Jiménez	Costa Rica	Fener Ruiz Chávez	Nicaragua
Costa Rica/ El salvador/ Guatemala/ Haití/ Honduras Nicaragua/ Panamá/ Rep Dominicana			Joseph F. Cherubin	Rep Dominicana
ANDEAN	Edwin Cardona Guisao	Colombia	Julio C. Drobronsky	Ecuador
Bolivia/ Chile/ Colombia/ Ecuador/ Perú			Juan Felipe Aedo Tapia	Chile
NORTH	Alicia Juarez Sanchez	Mexico	a designar	
Mexico/EE.UU			a designar	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board

December 15th

February 11th	Teleconference	March 3rd	Teleconference
April 14th	Presencial/ Puntarenas, Costa Rica	May 26th	Teleconference
July 7th	Teleconference	August 18th	Teleconference
September 29th	Teleconference	November 10th	Teleconference

Assessment Board meetings

November 2nd Teleconference

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS CER

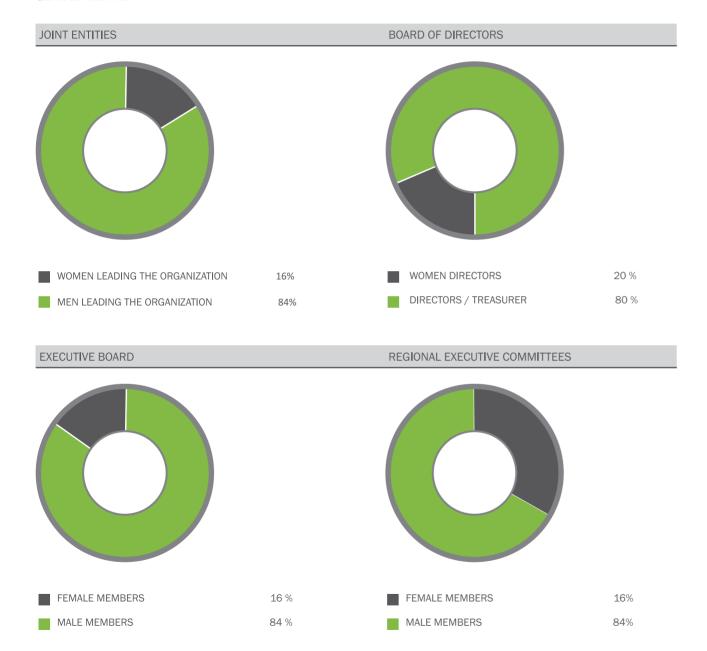
• Concepción Mutualism Seminar Concepción, Chile • October 15th Uruguaiana Mutualism Seminar
 Brasil
 November 4th and 5th

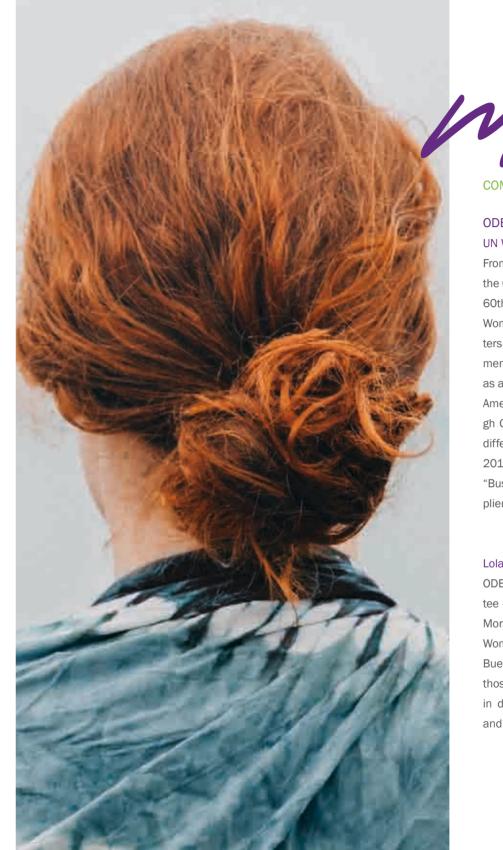
Mutualism Seminar "Towards a sustainable Mutualism"
 Managua, Nicaragua
 December 2nd

Teleconference

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GENDER DETAIL





COMMISSIONS

ODEMA WOMEN

UN Women

From March 8th to March 13th, representatives of the ODEMA Women Committee participated in the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60), at the United Nations headquarters in New York, addressing "Women Empowerment and its Link with Sustainable Development" as a priority subject.

American mutualism has been represented through ODEMA Women Committee's members in the different sessions and parallel events and the 2016 Women's Empowerment Principles Forum "Business Partners for Gender Equality: Multipliers for Development

Lola Mora 2016 Award

ODEMA -through the ODEMA Women Committee - was invited to be part of the jury of the Lola Mora Award, which is organized by the General Women's Directorate of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires (Argentina). The prize is awarded to those who have spread a positive image of women in different media, breaking gender stereotypes and promoting equal opportunities and treatment.

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OLD AGE COMMITTEE

Old Age Formal Support Network

Since April, the Old Age Committee is part of the Old Age Formal Support Network, which has the general objective of providing an integral service to vulnerable old people. It is a two-year old Network, which consists of different institutions providing service to this age sector in the province.

2nd Reflection Day for Carers

On June 6th, representatives of the Committee took part in the 2nd Reflection Day for Carers "The Impact of Caring and Being Taken Care of. Challenges and Strategies", organized by the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina.

International Conference on Social Work

The IV International Conference on Social Work in the Field of Gerontology took place on September 8th and 9th, organized by the Latin American Network of Professionals and teachers in the gerontology field and the Humanities Department of the Universidad Nacional de La Matanza, Argentina. In this conference, the Old Age Committee gave the presentation: "Policy-Making Facing Increasing Dependence and Service Professionalization" Social Work in the Solidarity Economy.

International Congress

On October 26th, representatives of the Old Age Committee participated in the International Congress "Discarding vs. Including, Towards the Resignification of Old Age", organized by Universidad Austral and carried out at the Legislature of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Argentina.



YOUNG ADULT NETWORK

Special Class on Social Report

On April 21st, representatives of the Young Adult Network gave a special class on Social Report within the optional subject "Social Economy Management" in the School of Economic Sciences of the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina..

Presentation of the talk "Mutualism and Social Work"

On August 22nd, a representative of ODEMA's Young Adult Network gave a talk: "Mutualism and Social Work" within the framework of the Social Economy Professionals' Forum, which was organized by the Professional Association of Postgraduates in Cooperative Movement and Mutualism and took place in the office of the Professional Association of Lawyers of Buenos Aires, Argentina.



CHAPTER IV

COE 2015/2016

In 2011, ODEMA considered valuable to make known its adhesion to the 10 principles supporting the Global Pact, an act which was formalized in October.

HUMANS RIGHTS

PRINCIPLE 1

Companies must support and respect the protection of human rights acknowledged internationally.

ODEMA's commitment is to support and respect the protection of human rights both, in the services offered in each joint society and the wider influence sphere, applying ethical demand as a guarantee of a civil behaviour and publicly acknowledging that respect to human rights contributes to improve a better management quality as regards the offered services, as well as the participation in all activities promoted by United Nations related to these matters.

PRINCIPLE 2

Companies must assure not to be accomplices of human rights abuse of any kind.

ODEMA's commitment is to assure that we are not directly or indirectly accomplices of human rights abuse of any kina both, in the services offered in each country and in the wider influence sphere.

We promote equanimity of genre by creating a Commission called ODEMA Women.

LABOUR NORMS

PRINCIPLE 3

Companies must support freedom of union association and the effective acknowledgement of the right to collective negotiation.

PRINCIPLE 4

Companies must support abolition of all kina of forced u obligatory labour.

PRINCIPLE 5

Companies must support effective abolition of child work.

ODEMA acknowledges the importance of using dialogue and

negotiation to achieve competitive results and assuming its commitment in the effective guarantee of them.

ENVIRONMENT

PRINCIPLE 7

Companies must support a preventive approach before environmental challenges.

PRINCIPLE 8

Companies must commit to foster initiatives promoting greater environmental responsibilities.

PRINCIPLE 9

Companies must foster the development and spreading of technologies that respect environment.

In ODEMA we keep the commitment of supporting a preventive approach in all our activities to avoid environmental damage by adopting beforehand actions that allow us fulfill such a commit-

We keep the commitment of developing initiatives promoting a greater responsibility and ethics in offering health, security and environmental services.

And it has the commitment of fostering the development and diffusion of respectful technologies as regards environment, making the necessary changes in the processes and techniques of servicing.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

PRINCIPLE 10

Companies must fight against corruption in all its ways, including extortion and bribery.

ODEMA's commitment is working in order to avoid bribery, extortion and other ways of corruption by means of the application of all high standards of management and administration, with a strict support to ethical and legal in-force norms in all our joint organizations in all countries.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL

AND LOCAL GLOBAL COMPACT EVENTS

2015

5th National Global Compact Assembly "Business as a Force for Good", November 13th 2015, at the Jacarandá Auditorium of YPF Tower, Puerto Madero, CABA

1st Dialogue for the Sustainable Development Goals: Aligning Business Strategies, April 26th, 2016, Auditorium "Prof. Juan A. Arévalo", 7th floor, Professional Association of Economic Sciences of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Viamonte 1549, Buenos Aires.

Conclusions from the Leaders' Summit in New York August 3rd at 4:00 pm in TGN, Autonomous City of Buenos Aires



CHAPTER V WORLD MUTUALISM

ORGANIZATION

FOUNDING ACT

On the occasion of the VII International Forum on Mutualism organized by ODEMA in the city of Puntarenas, Costa Rica on April 15th, the Founding Act creating the World Mutualism Organization (WMO) was signed; it was promoted and inspired by the Organization of Mutual Benefit Entities of the Americas (ODEMA) and the African Union of Mutuals (AUM).

This initiative was developed as a consequence of the mutual benefit system's lacking an entity which gathers and represents all the mutuals in the world, without any type of distinction whatsoever, and an initiating group with sufficient capacity to convene all the mutual benefit entities, including those of first, second and third degree, local, regional and/or supranational, which can become active full members of the future organization.

The objectives of this International Forum are: Integrate the mutuals devoted to health care, education, housing, insurance and microinsurance, economic services, social services and any other service offered under the mutual benefit system; represent associated mutual societies before governments, international organizations, universities, foundations and non-governmental entities; maintain some representation within UN bodies, as a way to consolidate the presence of mutual societies as active agents of the Social and Soli-

darity train and educate leaders and members, so as to ensure the deve-

Economy;

lopment of modern efficient global mutualism in the five continents. The people present at the signing of such document were AUM's President, Abdelmoula Abdelmoumni; ODEMA's President, Alfredo Sigliano and the directors from ODEMA's member countries.

OPENING OF THE OFFICE IN GENEVA, SWITZERI AND

After the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s event, the opening of an ODEMA's office in Geneva started to be organized, facilitated by the Swiss government. The idea is that ODEMA and the African Union of Mutuals (AUM) have joint participation.

The possibility of setting up a permanent office in one of the main international relations centres and the representation of international organizations is an enormous step in ODE-MA's life, continuing with the wish to promote world mutualism at the highest level.

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