

*Criminalization of Abortion in Latin America from a Human Rights Perspective*

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*Join reproductive rights experts from Latin America in a panel discussion on human rights and the criminalization of abortion in Argentina, Bolivia, and Brazil.*

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**Ipas**

Founded in 1973, Ipas is a global nongovernmental organization dedicated to ending preventable deaths and disabilities from unsafe abortion. Through local, national and global partnerships, Ipas works to ensure that women can obtain safe, respectful and comprehensive abortion care, including counseling and contraception to prevent future unintended pregnancies. Ipas works with health-care systems and providers to increase their skills and capacity to deliver safe abortion services. Ipas works with nations' ministries of health to interpret laws governing abortion in the broadest terms possible and to write standards and guidelines for abortion care accordingly to ensure access for as many women as possible. Ipas educates health-care providers and administrators about the importance of providing safe abortion services as a matter of public health and human rights. Ipas works to bolster the number of available abortion providers by advocating for laws and policies that allow non-physician providers to perform abortion services and referrals; Ipas also works to train these non-physician provider groups, such as certified nurse midwives and community health volunteers, and to support their work within the communities they serve.

**Asociación por los Derechos Civiles (ADC)**

ADC is an Argentinian non-governmental organization, impartial and not for profit that was created in 1995 with the purpose of contributing to the strengthening of a judicial and institutional culture that guarantees fundamental rights of people, founded on the respect for the Constitution and democratic values. The vision of ADC as an organization is to protect the fulfillment of civil rights.

