PLAN OF ACTION 2016-2018 – APPROVED

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Construct a space for integration, exchange of experiences, cooperation, investigation and promotion of citizen participation, civic education and democracy.

Specific Objectives, actions to be developed

Specific Objective 1
Promote and strengthen the exchange and transfer of knowledge, experiences and technical assistance of the electoral organizations, authorities and technicians.

Lines of action:

I. Approve the conformation and support the development of the Network for Electoral Studies and Training of the Electoral Council of UNASUR, with the view of the creation of an instance for training and excellence in electoral matters. The Network is entrusted with the design of a Work Plan 2016-2018 to be presented to the Electoral Council of UNASUR.

II. Continue with the efforts for the design of a proposal for an itinerant training Course, that gathers in its contents the thematic areas set forth by electoral organizations, in coordination with the Network.

III. Maintain on an up-to-date basis formation and training programs and the needs of knowledge of the electoral organizations that are members of the Electoral Council of UNASUR.

IV. Consolidate the area of systematization of the Jurisprudence and constitutional norms, legal and regulatory of the member countries that must be brought up-to-date in a periodic manner.

V. Advance in mechanisms of cooperation and exchange of experiences relative to electoral systems with extra-regional stakeholders.

Specific Objective 2:

Encourage the creation, use and application of non-dependent technologies for the development of electoral systems, by means of the transfer, in matters of technological innovation and modernization, as well as good practices of systems in electoral processes.
Lines of action:

I. Review, evaluate and/or adapt normative and regulatory instruments of Electoral Missions, taking as a basis the experience obtained in the organization of the Electoral Missions of UNASUR, up to the present. For this it is agreed to:
   a) Extend the mandate of the Working Group, approved at the II Regular Meeting of the Electoral Council, on March 16, 2016, to deepen the analysis relative to the Electoral Missions of UNASUR and present recommendations to the Council, relative to the eventual modifications and adjustments of norms, in accordance with the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Tables of the Electoral Missions Workshop, carried out during the IV Extraordinary Meeting of the Electoral Council of UNASUR, held on August 19 of 2016, in the venue of the General Secretariat, in Quito.

II. Systematize the experience, learning and lessons of the Electoral Missions.

III. Periodically evaluate the performance of the Electoral Missions of UNASUR, as a mechanism for exchange and cooperation among electoral organizations, generating a space for a permanent dialogue to share knowledge, experiences and learning.

Specific Objective 4:

Promote the inclusion of Parity and Intercultural Democracy in the normative framework in all scopes of the administration of Electoral Bodies that comprise UNASUR.

Line of action I – actions to be developed:

- Identification and analysis of the compared electoral legislation relative to the parity representation of women and men and native indigenous campesino, in each one of the countries.
- Identification of the norms and internal mechanisms of Electoral Bodies with respect to the parity representation between men and women and the native indigenous campesino, population.
- Prepare a base line regarding the situation of a parity representation of women in the region.

Line of action II – actions to be developed:

- Promote spaces for reflection, awareness and training in relation to the focuses and scope of Parity and Intercultural Democracy through events and exchanges between the Authorities and technical teams of Electoral Bodies.
• Generate and promote spaces for articulation for the definition and implementation of a work agenda on Parity and Intercultural Democracy, in accordance with the legislation of each country.
• Prepare contents, methodological proposals and training materials on Parity and Intercultural Democracy, for their implementation in the different spaces and networks for internal training.

Line of action III – action to be developed:
• Generation of proposals for the advance and deepening of Parity and Intercultural Democracy coming from the Electoral Bodies in the region.

Line of action IV – actions to be developed:
• Generate proposals with respect to the nature of problems arising from violence and political harassment against women.

Specific Objective 5:

Strengthen the institutional nature of the Electoral Council of UNASUR:

I. Deepen the joint work carried out between the PTP of the Electoral Council, the General Secretariat and the Electoral Council, by means of a permanent dialogue and exchange of information.
II. Contribute to the consolidation and projection of the Electoral Council as an instance to strengthen the process for the integration of UNASUR.
III. Review and adjust the wealth of legislation of the Electoral Council of UNASUR with the purpose of contributing to the improvement of its functioning, operability and harmonization.
IV. Maintain on an up-to-date basis, the information of the Electoral Council of UNASUR, relative to normative and regulatory aspects, actions, advances, developments and experiences in the web platform of the Secretariat of UNASUR.
V. Authorize the Technical Administrative Unit of the Electoral Council of UNASUR, to maintain up-to-date the link of this instance in the web platform of the General Secretariat, accepting the directions offered by the PTP of the Electoral Council.
VI. Promote the development of projects financed by the Common Initiatives Fund of UNASUR, directed to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Electoral Council, within the framework of the governing principles of the Constitutive Treaty of the Union.

An effort will be made to take into account the perspective of gender and intercultural nature, in all the actions promoted by the Electoral Council of UNASUR.