

UNESCO CHAIR/UNITWIN NETWORK PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Title of the Chair/Network:	Cátedra UNESCO de Derechos Humanos ULaSalle-CEDE
Host Institution:	Universidad De La Salle Costa Rica y Centro de Estudios en Derechos
Date of establishment of Chair/Network: (mm, yyyy)	October/2011
Period of activity under report: (mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)	January/2015 a December/2015
Report established by: (name, position)	Lorena González Pinto. Coordinator Cátedra UNESCO ULaSalle-CEDE

To be returned by electronic mail to both: unitwin@unesco.org and i.nichanian@unesco.org

Or by mail to UNESCO, Division for Teacher Development and Higher Education, Section for Higher Education

7, place Fontenoy – 75352 Paris 07 SP, France

Fax: 33 (0)1 45 68 56 26/27/28

1. Executive Summary: Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair, including on national policies, in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO) (Not exceeding 300 words)

According to the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights of ULaSalle-CEDE, human rights education is the set of learning activities, teaching, training, and information aiming to build a universal culture of human rights. Effective education in human rights not only provides knowledge about human rights and the mechanisms to protect them, but also develops the necessary measures to promote, defend and apply human rights in daily life, and promote understanding, tolerance, gender equality and friendship among all nations and minorities.

That is why during 2015, the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights of ULaSalle-CEDE has developed actions to promote political impact, such as advising the Parliament and developing training workshops aimed at sectors traditionally unrelated to human rights, such as companies.

Also, dialogue spaces were created to discuss current issues regarding human rights related to Costa Rica and the region.

We also promoted activities for students to have contact with the most needy of the country, such as artisanal fishermen. The students travelled to remote areas of the country, to live in fishermen communities and to support their organization in order be able to defend their rights.

We also encourage students to participate in international competitions of human rights.

A very important development of this period was the strengthening of the Network of the UNESCO Chair of Latin America, in which the following countries participate: Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Argentina and Chile.

2) Activities: Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research (key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period, target group and geographical coverage)

i) Education
(Leading to certificate)

1) Activity: *Participation in the nineteenth edition of the International Competition on Human Rights "Eduardo Jiménez de Arechaga, CEJA".*

Objective: Prepare and train students in human rights issues, in order to

	<p>participate in the International Human Rights Competition.</p> <p>Profile of assistants: Law students.</p> <p>Number of Participants: 17 students of the Faculty of Law were prepared to participate in the International Competition for Human Rights. Two of them participated representing ULaSalle. 15 universities from all Latin America participated in the competition.</p> <p>Duration: 6 months.</p> <p>Geography: San José, Costa Rica.</p> <p>2) Activity: <i>Specialized Course on Human Rights and International Refugee Law.</i></p> <p>Objective: The UNESCO Chair in Human Rights ULaSalle-CEDE and the UNHCR has designed a course on human rights and refugee law in order to provide training on this subject.</p> <p>Profile of Assistants: The course will be aimed to professionals interested in International Human Rights Refugee Law.</p> <p>Number of participants: 25 professionals of state institutions, NGOs, universities and international organizations.</p> <p>Duration: The course will last three months, starting on January 19, 2016.</p> <p>Geography: Costa Rica.</p>
<p>ii) Training (short term)</p>	<p>1) Activity: <i>Training regarding UNESCO's Manual "Teaching Respect for All".</i></p> <p>Objective: Developing two training three-day workshops on Education for Human Rights and "<i>Teaching Respect for All</i>", as a training of trainers. The first one took place in San José, Costa Rica (1-3 December, 2015); second in Tegucigalpa, Honduras (8-10 December, 2015).</p> <p>Profile and number of participants: Costa Rica: 39 participants from universities, Ministry of Education; Ombudsman Office and other State institutions. Honduras: 44 participants from universities, Ministry of Education, Ombudsman Office and NGOs.</p> <p>This activity was coordinated with the UNESCO Regional Office for Mexico</p>

	<p>and Central America, and the Ombudsman from Honduras and Costa Rica.</p> <p>Geography: Regional training in Honduras and Costa Rica.</p>
iii) Research	<p>1) Activity: <i>"Policy Manual on the Processing of Personal Data"</i>.</p> <p>Objective: In recognizing and ensuring the protection of the rights to informational, self-determination and privacy, the University of La Salle requested the UNESCO Chair of Human Rights to prepare a Policy Manual on the Processing of Personal Data. The Manual establishes the procedure for data processing and the mechanisms to let anyone know their personal information in the databases of the University and the possibility to update, correct or delete it.</p> <p>Profile of Assistants: Any person whose information is in the databases of the University De La Salle.</p> <p>Duration: Four months for the elaboration of the Manual.</p> <p>Geographic Area: University of la Salle, San José, Costa Rica.</p> <p>2) Activity: <i>"The International Bar Association, Draft Guide on the Guiding Principles of the United Nations on Business and Human Rights"</i>.</p> <p>Objective: Contribute to the presentation of the content of the Guiding Principles of the United Nations on Business and Human Rights and about the need for lawyers to advise companies on the implications that the respect for human rights has.</p> <p>Profile of Assistants: Costa Rican lawyers.</p> <p>Number of Participants: 70 lawyers.</p> <p>Duration: Two days (Thursday 7 and Friday 8, May 2015).</p> <p>Geographic Area: International Bar Association (IBA) and Bar Association of Costa Rica.</p> <p>3) Activity: <i>"Creation of the Special Prosecutor of the elderly and reform of article 187 of the Penal."</i></p> <p>Objective: The UNESCO Chair of Human Rights of UlaSalle-CEDE was requested by the Costa Rican Parliament to send its observations regarding the draft law for the creation of the Special Prosecutor for the</p>

	<p>Elderly. The aim was to address the issues of old age and aging from a human rights perspective that recognizes the value of current and potential contributions of the elderly person to the common good.</p> <p>Aimed at: Parliament of Costa Rica.</p> <p>Duration: 3 months.</p> <p>Geographic Area: Costa Rica.</p> <p>4) Activity: The UNESCO Chair in Human Rights ULaSalle-Cede has a website which was redesigned in 2013, in order to broadly inform about the activities that the Chair develops, and promote specialized materials and valuable information for research on current issues. Over 21,000 people visited the site in 2015.</p>
<p>b) Conferences/Meetings (key conferences and meetings organized by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)</p>	
<p>i) <u>Key conferences and workshops hosted by the Chair</u></p> <p>1) Activity: Conference: "The corporate responsibility to respect human rights: implications for corporate lawyers".</p> <p>Objective: Raise awareness about the importance and application of the Guiding Principles of the United Nations on Business and Human Rights, and discuss the role that lawyers have on its implementation, as consultants and members of the civil society.</p> <p>Profile of Assistants: Members of the legal community in the country, especially the academia and corporate and business lawyers in Costa Rica and the region.</p> <p>Number of Attendees: 35 lawyers.</p> <p>Duration: Monday, October 19, 2015, (9:30 am to 5:00 pm).</p> <p>Geographic Area: San José, Costa Rica.</p> <p>2) Activity: "Human Rights in Mexico. An unavoidable Challenge".</p> <p>Objective: Present the situation of human rights in Mexico, and analyze the challenges to overcome the serious crisis.</p>	

Profile of assistants: General public.

Number of Attendees: 85 persons attended the conference (students, academics, diplomats and public servants).

Duration: Thursday, October 8, 2015 (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm).

Geography: ULASALLE, San José, Costa Rica.

3) Activity: Discussion with Dr. Fabian Salvioli, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the UN.

Objective: Discussion addressed to students and teachers on the latest developments in the field of human rights.

Profile of Participants: Students and teachers interested in the subject.

Number of Attendees: 25.

Duration: Friday, September 4, 2015 (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm).

Geography: ULASALLE, San José, Costa Rica.

4) Activity: "Reflections on the law authorizing IVF in Costa Rica," joint activity with Chair of Bioethics, ULaSalle.

Objective: In 2013, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights sentenced Costa Rica for prohibiting in vitro fertilization. Costa Rica has not yet complied with the judgment. The UNESCO Chair encouraged a space to discuss the different views on in vitro fertilization technique.

Profile of participants: Students, teachers, staff of public institutions and journalists.

Number of Attendees: 120 students of University De LaSalle and other universities, such as University of Costa Rica, teachers, journalists and officials of public institutions.

Duration: Wednesday, October 21, 2015,

Geographic Area: Costa Rica.

5) Activity: Creation of an Ombudsman for artisanal fishermen

Objective: Support fishermen to become a legally established association so they can

make negotiate and defend their rights on a collegiate basis.

Profile of the participants: Students of Law of University De La Salle.

Number of participants: 10.

Duration: 6 months.

Geographic Area: University De La Salle, San José, Costa Rica

c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships (principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions including UNESCO Chairs/UNITWIN Networks)

1) Activity: Second Regional Meeting of UNESCO Chairs in Human Rights in Latin America.

Objective: Strengthen the Network of UNESCO Chairs in Latin America, through regional activities.

Profile of Attendees: The International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights (CIPDH) category II center of UNESCO organized the Second Regional Meeting of UNESCO Chairs in Human Rights. The participants were the coordinators of the Chairs of Costa Rica, Colombia, Uruguay, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Chile and Argentina

Duration: 27 to 30 October, 2015.

Geography: University Of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico.

e) Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices

In 2015, various activities were coordinated with the UNESCO Regional Office for Mexico and Central America; the Director of the Regional Office, Mrs. Pilar Alvarez-Laso, participated in some of our activities. The coordinator of the UNESCO Chair ULaSalle-CEDE supported the Regional Office, moderating the first panel at the International Conference: Ending Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (October 9, 2015).

Also a representative of the Regional Office participated as a panelist at the conference "Reflections on the law authorizing In Vitro Fertilization in Costa Rica." The Training on "Teaching Respect for All" developed in Honduras and Costa Rica was coordinated with the UNESCO Regional Office.

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials (major publications and teaching/learning materials)			
Please tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:		[tick]	[no.]
		Books	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Books (chapters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Research Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Journal Articles (refereed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Conference Proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Occasional Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Teaching/Learning Materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.			
i)	Thesis: Carballo, Arturo (2015) "Reforma del artículo 75 de la Constitución Política de Costa Rica mediante referéndum". ULaSalle. San José Costa Rica		
ii)	Article: González Pinto, Lorena. (2015) El Valor de la Confesión bajo Tortura en Costa Rica. Periódico La Nación.		

f) Other (any other activities to report)

La Salle has 70 universities worldwide. The UNESCO Chair of ULaSalle-CEDE in Costa Rica agreed to develop activities with the universities of La Salle in Latin America.

In 2015, students from the ULaSalle of Mexico were invited to participate with our students in the hearings before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. While they were in Costa Rica, we organized activities so they visited some national and international institutions, working in the defense of human rights. They were received by the Commission of Human Rights of the Parliament, the Ombudsman Office, the Migrants Tribunal and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In the Inter-American Court, they held a private meeting with judge McGregor from Mexico. They also held private meetings with NGOs, etc.

In 2016, we have invited students from De La Salle University in Brazil to come to Costa Rica during the second half of the year.

3. Future Plans and Development Prospects: Outline of action plan for the next biennium and short/medium and long-term development prospects. Please do not hesitate to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 300 words)

In 2016, the UNESCO Chair of ULaSalle-Cede will finance a publication, which involves all UNESCO Chairs of Latin America that are part of the Regional Network. We will define the requirements for publication and we will invite each Chair to submit one or two articles. Then will be done the revision by an editorial committee and is expected to be published later this year. The publication will be distributed in the following countries: Mexico; Costa Rica; Colombia; Chile, Argentina and Puerto Rico.

With the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights Uruguay we will realize a course involving 10 students from each university. Through the design of a blog will be created a space for 20 students to exchange views and different views on human rights issues that are of interest to both groups.

During 2016, we have invited 10 students from De La Salle University in Brazil, to come to Costa Rica, during the hearing of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. During his stay they will be given some lectures on human rights where students participate University De La Salle of Costa Rica.

The Ombudsman asked us to support them in drafting a constitutional complaint against a rule of criminal procedure code that allows the confession under torture when it favors the

accused. This action will be prepared with 8 students from the faculty of law.

We will continue with the development of lectures on current issues in human rights and is expected to include videos on our website.

The greatest difficulty we have is the few resources we have, what prevents us from having a team of professionals to support the chair.

Appendix:

1) Human Resources

The UNESCO Chair has a coordinator and support from four students. During the development of the activities, University De La Salle makes available administrative, financial and academic staff/support to the Chair.

2) Financial Resources

Please tick sources of financial contribution and specify the amount in U.S. dollars	[Tick]	Amount (\$)
Host Institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$20,000.00
Partner Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Government Body	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
UNESCO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
IGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	

