



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 14, 2021

PRESS CONTACT

Yanci Nuñez | (312) 428-5311 | ynunez@alianzaamericas.org

Fernanda Durand | (214) 402-0186 | fernanda@communicationsshop.us

Alianza Americas launches a series of virtual delegations “Realities and Challenges” in Central America and Mexico

The first delegation will be focused on El Salvador on the eve of the 29th anniversary of the Peace Accords

SAN SALVADOR - Alianza Americas, a network of organizations led by immigrants in the United States, will carry out a series of virtual delegations focused on highlighting the realities and challenges in Central America and Mexico, with the aim of identifying and supporting efforts in transforming the region. The series begins this January 15th and 16th with a delegation focused on El Salvador on the eve of the 29th anniversary of the Peace Accords.

Leaders of various Alianza Americas member organizations based in different parts of the United States will participate in the delegation “**Realities and Challenges: tools for the transformation of El Salvador.**” They will conduct an informed exchange with representatives from social organizations, human rights organizations, economists, and environmentalists to address the realities and challenges, aggravated by Covid-19 and the climate crisis, that the country faces 29 years after the Peace Accords.

“Our team needs to better understand the current and past contexts of a country like El Salvador to accompany the different processes of migratory adjustment and aid programs. Migration has a transnational component and it’s necessary to understand the dynamics and possible flows of new migrants resulting from the crisis generated by the pandemic, storms, and hurricanes that recently affected Central America,” expressed **Élmer Romero** of the Resource Center for Central Americans in Houston, Texas (**Crecen Houston**).

As organized migrants in the United States interested in our countries of origin, we rely on exchanges with allies in the region with experience and knowledge on the problems we seek to help solve. “Climate change, gender-based violence, and the deterioration of democracy do not recognize borders. Without these transnational conversations, possible solutions are overlooked. With the new information that we receive, we will establish more effective advocacy tools to support social movements in El Salvador,” said **Yareliz Mendoza**, from the Florida Immigrant Coalition (**FLIC**).

With this delegation, Alianza Americas continues promoting one of the main objectives of its work: to raise awareness about the political and social crisis that motivates forced migration - which is currently

exacerbated by the pandemic - and influence more humane and dignified policies throughout the U.S.-Mexico-Central America corridor. "Today more than ever it's important to connect with allies in the region. The pandemic is having profound impacts and we need to understand how the most vulnerable communities in the region are impacted. The conditions will lend themselves to increased migration and we need to know how governments in the origin, transit, and destination countries are acting," said **Abel Nuñez**, executive director of the Central American Resource Center in Washington, DC (CARECEN, DC).

During the upcoming months we will continue to promote virtual delegations and exchanges focused on Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico.

***Press inquiries:** participants of the delegation will be available to respond to press inquiries virtually. Oscar Chacón, executive director of Alianza Americas, is available for in-person interviews in San Salvador. If you have questions, please communicate with Yanci Nuñez by email at ynunez@alianzaamericas.org or by telephone at 503 7696 255.*

###

Alianza Americas is the only transnational organization rooted in Latino immigrant communities in the United States focused on improving the quality of life of all people in the US-Mexico-Central America migration corridor. As a network of Latino and Caribbean immigrants, Alianza Americas is working for change in the U.S. while also promoting a more stable, healthy, democratic and safer conditions in the countries of origin of their members.

