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The Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights (Race and Equality) is an organization that promotes and defends human rights through:

 **STRATEGIC LITIGATION**

 **ADVOCACY**

 **DOCUMENTATION**

 **CAPACITY BUILDING**

Find out what each of these axes of work is about...



STRATEGIC LITIGATION

With the knowledge that access to justice is key to guaranteeing and protecting human rights, Race and Equality litigates before human rights mechanisms at the Inter-American and Universal levels, for which we have a group of lawyers specializing in the field.

This line of work is developed in two ways. On the one hand, there is the emergency legal response, which is activated when our counterparts are faced with situations that violate their human rights. Our legal team supports them in the documentation and timely submission of requests for protection and intervention before the Inter-American System and/or the Universal System.

On the other hand, as part of our goal to effect long-term, sustainable, and structural changes for greater protection of human rights, we conduct strategic litigation through constant coordination with our civil society counterparts. Cases are carefully selected and documented to be submitted as petitions to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Special Procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council, or the United Nations Treaty Bodies.



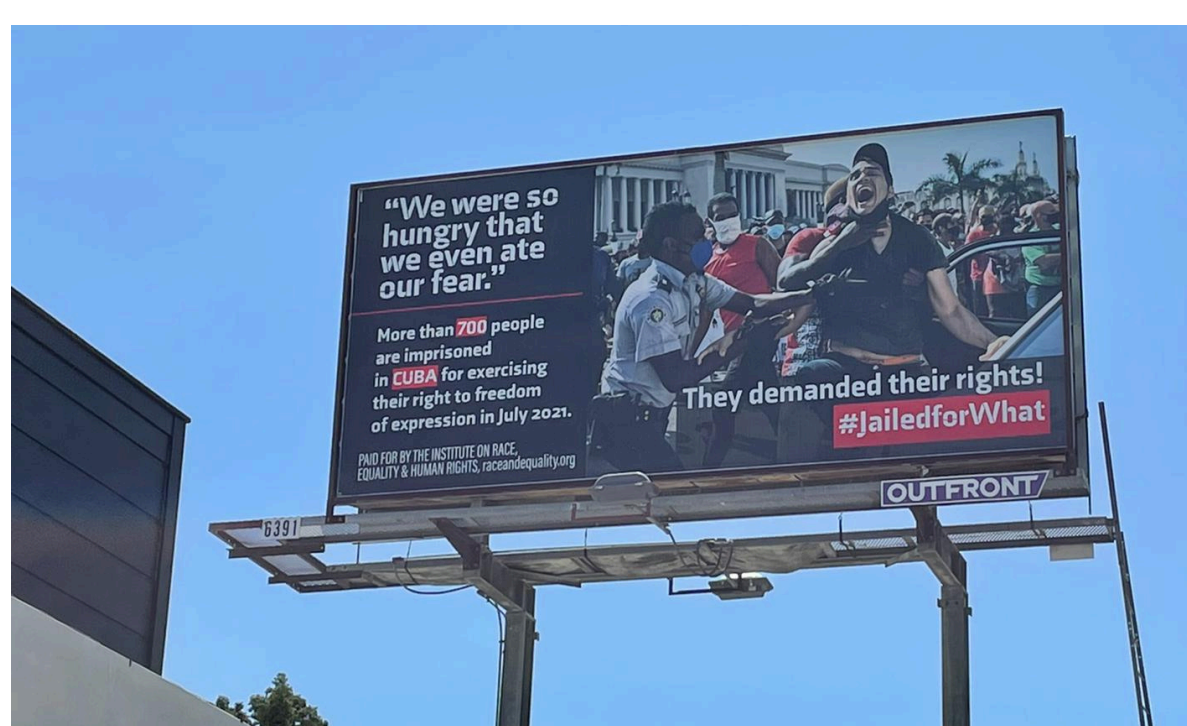


ADVOCACY

Hand in hand with counterparts and allied organizations, Race and Equality carries out actions to denounce human rights violations and promote public policies aimed at guaranteeing justice and reparation for individuals and/or groups that are victims of violations of their fundamental rights.

Advocacy actions are carried out both at the level of national governments and international human rights protection mechanisms and make use of the media and platforms that allow our demands and recommendations to be transmitted more efficiently.

Through advocacy, we also advocate for the adoption and implementation of international human rights treaties, such as the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Intolerance (CIRDI), which we promote through the regional campaign CIRDI 2024.



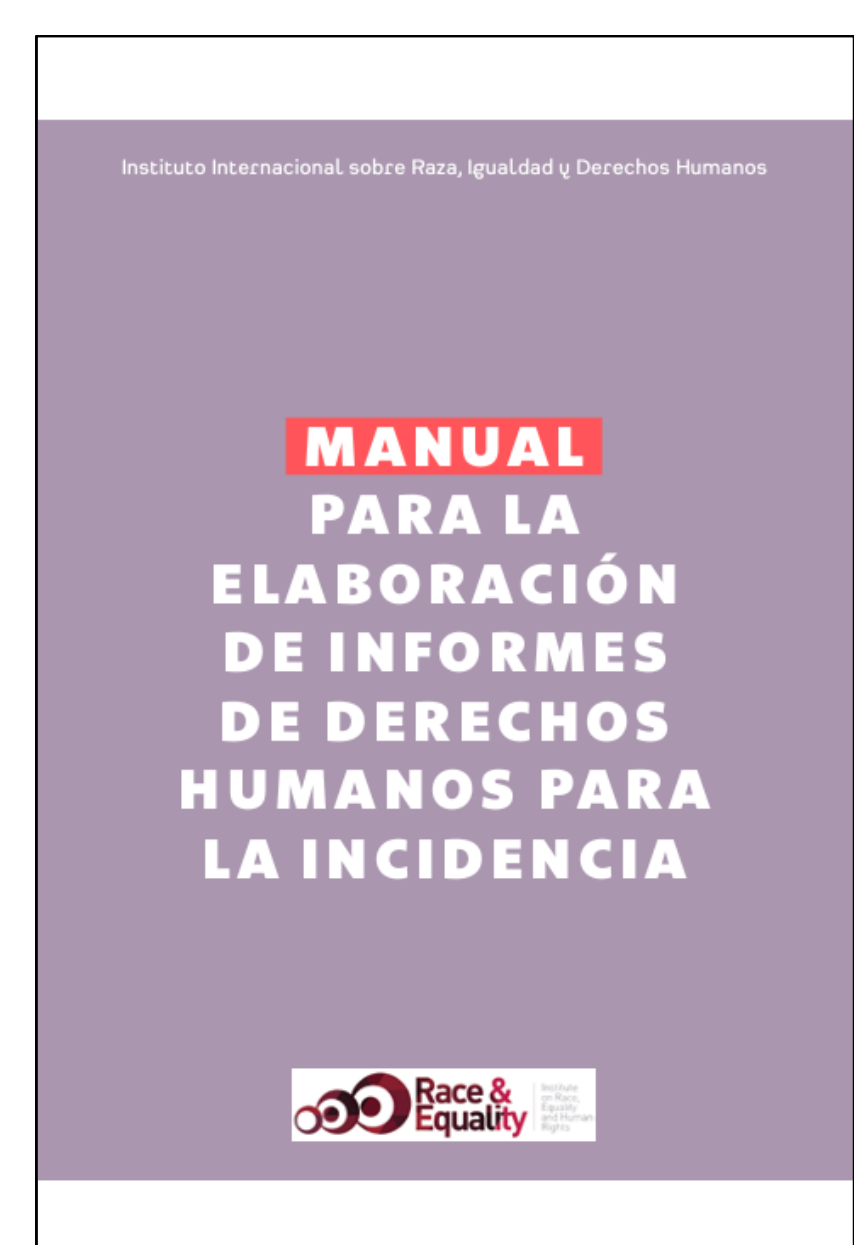
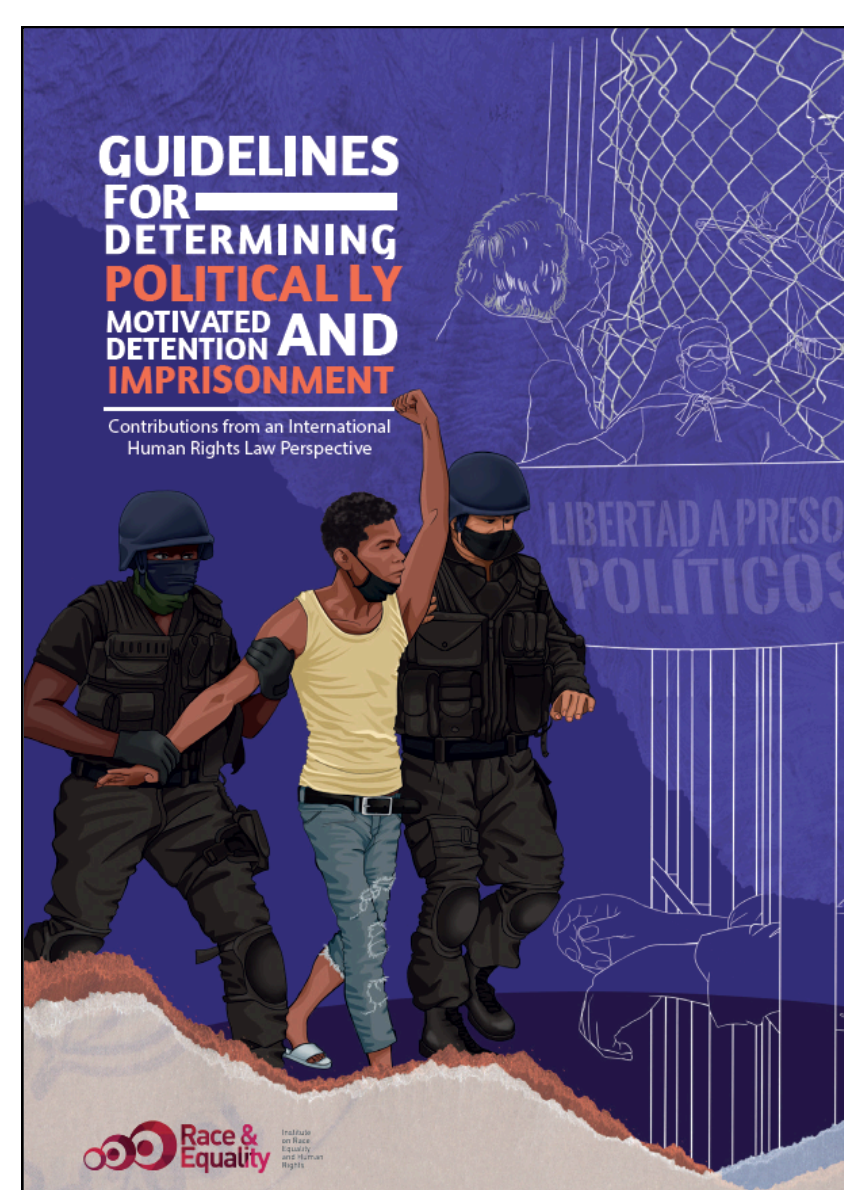



DOCUMENTATION

In the process of denouncing human rights violations and demanding justice, as well as long-term, sustainable, and structural changes, documentation is a fundamental piece.

Under this line of work, Race and Equality collects information on human rights violations, always seeking to offer a broad, specialized, and intersectional view, to provide solid evidence that can be used to advocate for justice and public policies.

We also carry out analyses of international human rights standards, to facilitate their understanding and application, or to contribute to their strengthening, taking into account the new and complex scenarios that the region faces in terms of guaranteeing and protecting human rights. An example of this is the document "Guidelines for the Determination of Detention and imprisonment for political reasons: Contributions from International Human Rights Law".





CAPACITY BUILDING

Through its different programs, Race and Equality conducts training for civil society counterparts to strengthen their knowledge and skills to use more effectively the existing legal protections within human rights protection mechanisms, both of the Inter-American System and of the United Nations.

This line of work also entails providing them with technical assistance for the strategic planning of advocacy actions and the production of key documentation on human rights, such as alternative (shadow) reports provided by civil society in the framework of the periodic reviews carried out by human rights bodies in countries, and other relevant analyses at the regional and international level.

