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El Salvador continues to confront multiple obstacles as it strives to consolidate democratic institutions and foster democratic citizen participation. Currently, the country faces serious challenges in public security, accountability, and corruption. Civil society groups representing a broad range of actors have found common ground in advocacy work aimed at improving the accountability of public officials. Despite these efforts, and their achievements thus far, there is still much to be done to encourage civil society's engagement on key issues affecting Salvadoran citizens.



To help improve conditions for civic education, citizen participation, and good democratic governance in El Salvador, CLALS provides technical and capacity-building collaboration for the Universidad del Oriente's (UNIVO) Centro de Investigación para la Democracia (CIDEMO) in San Miguel, El Salvador.

During 2019-2021, CLALS led various technical assistance trainings at UNIVO, including workshops on transparency, accountability, research methods, and the protection of human research participants. This initiative also produced a two-week research seminar held at

American University where CLALS staff, AU faculty, and practitioners based in Washington, DC worked with 10 visiting CIDEMO researchers.

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