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## Americas Regional Conference on the Right of Access to Information

*Lima, Peru  
April 28-30, 2009*

**Tuesday April 28**

### **Plenary Sessions – J.W. Marriott Hotel**

2:00 pm

#### **Opening Session**

Prime Minister Yehude Simon

Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, Country Director for Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela, World Bank

Santiago Canton, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Organization of American States

Laura Neuman, Associate Director of the Americas Program and Access to Information Project Manager, The Carter Center

3:00 pm

#### **Panel 1: Is Transparency Delivering?**

Minister Jorge Hage, Controller-General, Brazil

Marta Oyanharte, Undersecretary of Institutional Relations, Argentina

Carlos Monge, Latin American Regional Coordinator, Revenue Watch Institute

**Chair:** Shekhar Singh, Founder, National Campaign People's Right to Information, India

**Respondent:** Bernardo Gonzalez-Arechiga, Director, School of Public Administration, Monterrey, Mexico

4:30 pm

#### **Break**

In collaboration with



4:45 pm

**Panel 2: Is Transparency a Luxury in the Face of Security Threats, Climate Change, and the Global Economic Crisis?**

Juan Pablo Guerrero, Information Commissioner, Mexico

Joseph Foti, Associate, World Resource Institute, USA

Sean Moulton, Director, Federal Information Policy, OMB Watch, USA

**Chair:** Richard Calland, Manager Economic Governance, IDASA, South Africa

**Respondent:** Tom Susman, Director, Government Affairs Office, ABA, USA

6:15 pm

**Panel 3: Select Country Cases**

Mignone Vega, Former Director of Strategic Communications and Governability, Presidency, Nicaragua

Juan Pablo Olmedo, President, Information Commission, Chile

Beatriz Merino, National Ombudswoman, Peru

Suzanne Legault, Assistant Information Commissioner, Canada

**Chair:** Jaime Aparicio, President, Inter-American Juridical Committee, OAS

7:30 pm

**Cocktail Reception**

**Wednesday April 29**

*Participants on own for breakfast*

8:30 am

**Plenary: Breaking into working groups – Thunderbird Hotel - Principal**

9:00 am

**Simultaneous Thematic Working Groups**

5:30 pm **Free time**

7:00 pm **Transport to Dinner: Restaurant Huaca Pucllana  
Group Photo**

**Thursday April 30**

*Participants on own for breakfast*

**Plenary Sessions – J.W. Marriott Hotel**

8:30 am **Report Backs from Working Groups**

9:45 am **Review Draft Findings and Action Plan**

10:15 am **Remarks and Plenary Discussion of Draft Regional Findings and Action Plan  
Chair: Former President Jimmy Carter**

12:00 am **Coffee Break and Convene as Country-level Groups**

1:30 pm **Luncheon**

3:00 pm **Continue Discussion and Consider Next Steps for Implementing Regional  
Action Plan  
Chair: Diego Garcia-Sayan, Justice and Vice-President, Inter-American Court  
of Human Rights  
Comments: Catalina Botero, Special Rapporteur, Inter-American Human  
Rights Commission, Organization of American States**

4:30 pm **Conclusions and Closing Remarks**

5:00 pm **Cocktail Reception**