





### **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,

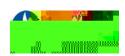
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**Respondent:** Bernardo Gonzalez-Arechiga, Director, School of Public

Administration, Monterrey, Mexico

4:30 pm **Break** 

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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