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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**