

**Regional consultation on draft guidelines on the effective implementation
of the right to participate in public affairs**

**Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
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13 and 14 June 2017

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

Morning Session: 9:00am - 1:00pm

9.00am- 9.30am	Welcome, introduction and opening remarks
	Opening remarks by Mr Antonio Prado , Deputy Secretary of Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
	Opening remarks by Mr Amerigo Incalcaterra , Regional Representative for South America of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
	Opening remarks by Ms Nathalie Prouvez , Chief, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
9.30am- 10.45am	Session 1: The right to participate in public affairs: Scope, content, and related guidance at the international, regional and national levels
	Moderator: Ms Nathalie Prouvez (OHCHR)
	Introductory remarks by Mr Fabián Salvioli (Argentina): Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences, and Director of the Human Rights Institute, La Plata National University (Argentina). Former member and Chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Committee.
	<i>Discussion</i>
10.45am-11.15am Coffee break	
11.15am- 12.30pm	Session 2: Ensuring an enabling environment for the effective exercise of the right to participate in public affairs: pre-requisites
	Moderator: Ms Nathalie Prouvez (OHCHR)
	This session will focus on the inter-linkages between the right to participate in public affairs and other human rights, the implementation of which constitutes a

	<p>pre-requisite for the full enjoyment of the right to participate, in particular, the rights to freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of peaceful assembly and association</p> <p>Introductory remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Edison Lanza (Uruguay): Lawyer and Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; - Mr Leo Valladares (Honduras): Former member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and former ombudsman of Honduras. Executive director of <i>Asociación para una Ciudadanía participativa</i> (ACI-PARTICIPA). <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>12.30pm-2.30pm Lunch break</p>	

Afternoon session: 2.30pm-5.30pm

<p>2.30pm-3.45 pm</p>	<p>Session 3: Enjoyment of the equal right to participate in public affairs by all: overcoming challenges, creating opportunities and sharing good practices</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Hernán Vales (OHCHR)</p> <p>This session will focus on challenges, and ways to overcome them, as well as sharing good national practices, with regard to enhancing the right to participate of various disadvantaged groups, including minorities, in particular Afro-descendants and indigenous peoples. All discussions will include challenges from a gender perspective.</p> <p>Introductory remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Alexandra Ocles (Ecuador): Member of the Parliament of Ecuador. Former State Minister, Department of People, Social Movements and Citizen Participation. • Ms Raquel Yrigoyen (Peru): Lawyer and independent expert on the rights of indigenous peoples. <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>3.45pm-4.15 pm Coffee break</p>	
<p>4.15 pm-5.30pm</p>	<p>Session 3 (continued): Enjoyment of the equal right to participate in public affairs by all: overcoming challenges, creating opportunities and sharing good practices</p>

Moderator: Hernan Vales (OHCHR)

This session, as a continuation of session 3, will focus on challenges, and ways to overcome them, as well as sharing good national practices, with regard to enhancing the right to participate of various disadvantaged groups, including persons with disabilities. It will also focus on youth participation. All discussions will include challenges from a gender perspective.

Introductory remarks:

- **Ms Lais de Figueiredo Lopes** (Brazil), Lawyer. Former member of the Board of Directors of International Center for Non-for-Profit Law (ICNL). Former special adviser to the Minister of the General-Secretariat of the Presidency of Brazil, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the Federal Council of the Brazilian Bar Association and the Counsellor representing the Federal Bar Association at the National Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- **Ms Jane Hilderman** (Canada), Executive Director, SAMARA Canada, *Stronger Democracy, Better Canada*.

Discussion

5.30 pm

Closing

Wednesday, 14 June 2017

Morning Session: 9:00am - 1:00pm

9.00am-9.15am	Recap of discussions held on the first day of the consultation Mr Fabián Salvioli
9.15am-10.45am	Session 4: Various forms and levels of participation, including emerging new forms Moderator: Mr Fabián Salvioli This session will provide an opportunity to discuss various forms and levels of participation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancing participation through elections: overcoming the challenge of declining voter turnouts and strengthening electoral systems. <p>Introductory remarks by Mr David Becker (USA): Executive Director and Founder of The Center for Election Innovation & Research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancing the role of civil society in the formulation, monitoring and implementation of policies and legislation. <p>Introductory remarks by Mr Fabio Velasquez (Colombia): Profesor at <i>Universidad Nacional</i> and <i>Universidad de los Andes</i>. Director of <i>Foro Nacional por Colombia</i>.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10.45am-11.15am Coffee break	
11. 15am-12.30pm	Session 4: Various forms and levels of participation, including emerging new forms (continued) : Moderator: Ms Nathalie Prouvez (OHCHR) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good national practices in relation to ensuring accountability and transparency of public decision making institutions. <p>Introductory remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Jeanette Calder (Jamaica): Executive Director, Jamaica Civil Society Coalition.- Ms Almudena Ocejo (Mexico), Independent expert, founder and former

	<p>Executive Director of the <i>Centro de Contraloría Social y Estudios de la Construcción Democrática</i>.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>12.30pm-2.30 pm Lunch break</p>	

Afternoon session: 2.30pm-5.30pm

<p>2.30pm-3.30pm</p>	<p>Session 4: Various forms and levels of participation, including emerging new forms (<i>continued</i>) :</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Hernán Vales (OHCHR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology and social media: opportunities and challenges to strengthen equal and meaningful participation <p>Introductory remarks by Ms Colombina Schaeffer (Chile): Deputy Executive Director, <i>Ciudadano Inteligente</i>.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>3.30pm-4.30pm</p>	<p>Session 5: The right to participate at the regional and international level, including within international organizations</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Fabián Salvioli</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practices from the IACHR and the Organization of American States. <p>Introductory remarks by Ms Marisol Blanchard, (Chile/US, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights-IACHR), lawyer and human rights specialist, coordinator of the inter-Institutional Relation of the IACHR. Former coordinator for the Secretariat and Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary and the Rapporteurships on Human Rights Defenders, of Social, Economic and Cultural Rights, Freedom of expression, Indigenous peoples' rights and migrants.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>4.30pm-4.45pm Coffee break</p>	
<p>4.45pm-5.30pm</p>	<p>Closing session Moderators: Mr Fabián Salvioli and Ms Nathalie Prouvez (OHCHR) <i>Recap of discussions, final discussion and participants' recommendations on content of guidelines</i></p>