



**2<sup>nd</sup> Congress  
of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice**

**Hotel Sofitel Copacabana,  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 16-18 January 2011**

**on “Separation of Powers  
and Independence of Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Bodies”**

**Draft Programme**

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**Saturday, 15 and Sunday, 16 January, morning**

Arrival of participants, transfer to hotels organised by the Federal Supreme Court of Brazil, registration at the hotel.

**Sunday, 16 January 2011**

Afternoon	The regional and linguistic groups meet to discuss the draft statute of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice (no interpretation provided)	
14:30 – 16:00	Room A: <i>Rio de Janeiro 3</i>	Association of Constitutional Courts using the French Language (ACCPUF) Chair: Mr Robert Dossou, President, Constitutional Court, Bénin
	Room B: <i>Arpoador</i>	Conference of Constitutional Courts of Countries of Portuguese Language Chair: Mr Luis Antonio Mondlane, President , Constitutional Council, Mozambique
	Room C: <i>Botafogo</i>	Ibero-American Conference on Constitutional Justice Chair: Mr Mauricio Gonzalez Cuervo, President, Constitutional Court, Colombia
	Room D: <i>Flamengo</i>	Commonwealth Courts: Chair: Mr Ian Binnie, Justice, Supreme Court, Canada
	Room E: <i>Lagoa</i>	Conference of Constitutional Control Organs of Countries of Young Democracy Chair: Mr Gagik Harutyunyan, President, Constitutional Court, Armenia
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	



- 16:30 – 18:00      Room A:            Conference of European Constitutional Courts  
                           *Rio de Janeiro 3*      Chair: Ms Iulia Antoanella Motoc, Judge, Constitutional Court, Romania
- Room B:            Union of Arab Constitutional Courts and Councils  
                           *Arpoador*            Chair: Mr Ahmed Sultan Farouk, President, Supreme Constitutional Court, Egypt
- Room C:            Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions  
                           *Botafogo*            Chair: Mr Kang-Kook Lee, President, Constitutional Court, Republic of Korea
- Room D:            Southern African Chief Justices Forum  
                           *Flamengo*            Chair: Mr Ernest Sakala, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Zambia
- 18:00 – 19:00      Meeting of the World Conference Bureau (*Lagoa* room)
- 20:00 – 21:30      Welcome cocktail, Hotel Sofitel

## **Monday, 17 January 2011**

### **Opening Session – *Rio de Janeiro* room**

Chair: Mr. Antonio Cezar Peluso, President of the Federal Supreme Court of Brazil

- 10:00                Welcome address by Mr Antonio Cezar Peluso, President of the Federal Supreme Court of Brazil  
                           Welcome address by Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission  
                           Welcome address on behalf of the Government of Brazil
- 10:55                Photo session for the heads of delegations
- 11:00                Coffee break

### **Plenary Session I – *Rio de Janeiro* room**

Chair: Mr Sandile Ngcobo, Chief Justice, Constitutional Court, South Africa

- 11:30                Key-note speech on *Separation of Powers and Independence of Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Bodies*  
                           Mr Christoph Grabenwarter, Judge, Constitutional Court, Austria, Co-President of the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice of the Venice Commission  
                           Discussion
- 13:00                Lunch break

- 14:30 The participants split into three working groups (for the thematic division see the [Concept Paper](#))
- Room A: *The independence of the Constitutional Court as an Institution*  
*Rio de Janeiro 1* Chair: Mr. Gilmar Mendes, Judge , Federal Supreme Court, Brazil  
 Rapporteur: M. Robert Dossou, President, Constitutional Court, Benin
- Room B: *The independence of the individual judge*  
*Rio de Janeiro 2* Chair: Mr Ian Binnie, Justice, Supreme Court, Canada  
 Rapporteur: M. Rui Moura Ramos, President, Constitutional Court, Portugal
- Room C: *Court procedures as a guarantee of independence*  
*Rio de Janeiro 3* Chair: Mr Carlos Mesía Ramírez, President, Constitutional Court, Peru  
 Rapporteur: M. Mohammed Habchi, Judge, Constitutional Council, Algeria
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Continuation of discussion in the working groups
- 18:00 End of session I
- 20:00 Dinner, Porcão Restaurant

## **Tuesday, 18 January 2011**

### **Plenary session II – *Rio de Janeiro* room**

Chair: Mr Kong-Hyun Lee, Justice, Constitutional Court, Republic of Korea

- 09:00 Presentation on *Judicial Independence as a Human Right*  
 Josep Casadevall, Section President of the European Court of Human Rights
- 09:15 Report from working group A  
*The independence of the Constitutional Court as an Institution*  
 M. Robert Dossou, President, Constitutional Court, Benin  
 Discussion
- Report from working group B  
*The independence of individual judges*  
 M. Rui Moura Ramos, Président, Constitutional Court, Portugal  
 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 Discussion of report B continued
- Report from working group C  
*Court procedures as a guarantee for independence*  
 Mr Mohammed Habchi, Judge, Constitutional Council, Algeria  
 Discussion

General discussion

13:00 Lunch

**Plenary session III – Rio de Janeiro room**

Chair: Mr Gagik Harutyunyan, President, Constitutional Court, Armenia

14:30 Summing up / general report  
M. Didier Maus, Judge Constitutional Court, Andorra, President emeritus,  
International Association of Constitutional Law  
Discussion

**Plenary session IV – Rio de Janeiro room**

Chair: Mr. Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission

15:30 *Presentation of the [draft Statute of the World Conference](#)*  
Mr. Schnutz Rudolf Dürr, Head of the Constitutional Justice Division of the  
Venice Commission

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Discussion

17:30 Closing address by Mr. Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice  
Commission  
Closing address by Mr. Antonio Cezar Peluso, President of the Federal  
Supreme Court of Brazil

18:00 End of session

20:00 Farewell Dinner, Hotel Sofitel

**Wednesday, 19 January 2011**

Transfer of participants to the airport organised the Federal Supreme Court of Brazil or  
participation in excursions booked individually by the participants.

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