AGENDA
XIII INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODIES
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic – November 7th - 9th, 2018
El Embajador Hotel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
7:00pm  Welcome Cocktail

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
09:00am-10:30am  OPENING REMARKS
- Julio César Castaños Guzmán, President of the Central Electoral Board
- Román Jáquez, President of the Superior Electoral Court
- Luis Almagro, OAS Secretary General

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "Electoral Institutionality: promoting quality and transparency in the work of the guardians of our democracy"
- Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the OAS

10:30am-10:45am  Coffee Break

10:45am-12:45pm  PLENARY I: "Beyond the glass ceiling: Challenges for the effective political participation of women"
- Rosina Wiltshire, Consultant in International Development and Gender Equality

Moderator: Brenda Santamaría, Chief of the Electoral Observation Section, DECO

12:45pm -01:00pm  Official photo

01:00pm-02:45pm  Lunch

02:45pm-04:45pm  PLENARY II: “Regulating the Media: Models for Equal Access”
- José Luís – Pepín – Corripio, President of the Corripio Group
- Adriano Miguel Tejada, Director of Diario Libre and President of the Interamerican Society of Press (SIP, as per its Spanish acronym)

Moderator: Persio Maldonado, President of the Dominican Newspapers Association

08:00 pm  Cocktail – Private Residence
### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

**09:00am-10:15am**

**BOOK PRESENTATION:** *“Elections In Hard Times: Building Stronger Democracies In The 21st Century”*
- Irfan Nooruddin, Author
- Thomas Edward Flores, Author
**Moderator:** Gerardo de Icaza, Director, DECO

**10:15 am-10:30 am**

Break

**10:30am-12:30pm**

**PLENARY III:** *“To regulate or not to regulate? Challenges in establishing electoral campaign spending limits”*
- Cynthia Barrow-Giles, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, Department of Government, Sociology and Social Work, University of West Indies
**Moderator:** Melene Glynn, Specialist, DECO

**12:30pm-02:00pm**

Lunch

**02:00pm-04:00pm**

**PLENARY IV:** *“Opinion polls in electoral processes: a picture of the present or a picture of the future?”*
- Roy Campos, President of Consulta-Mitofsky
- Mónica Pachón, Dean of the School of Political Sciences, Government and International Relations, Universidad del Rosario
**Moderator:** Paulina Recalde, Director of Perfiles de Opinión

**07:30 pm**

Dinner

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

**09:00am-10:30am**

**CONVERSATION:** *“Social Networks: How to guarantee data privacy and freedom of expression while tackling misinformation?”*
- Edison Lanza, Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, IACHR
- Thais Lobo, Researcher, Department of Public Policy Analysis, Getulio Vargas Foundation
- Jason Marczak, Director of the Adrienne Arsht Latin American Center, Atlantic Council
- Ben Supple, Public Policy Manager, WhatsApp
**Moderador:** Francisco Guerrero, Secretary, Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy

**10:30am-11:30am**

**OAS PRESENTATION AND OTHER TOPICS**
- Gerardo de Icaza, Director, DECO
11:30am-12:00pm  CLOSING REMARKS
- Román Jáquez, President of the Superior Electoral Court
- Julio César Castaños Guzmán, President of the Central Electoral Board
- Francisco Guerrero, Secretary, Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy

01:00pm  Lunch

Return of electoral authorities to their countries of origin