

*Enhancing cooperation between regional and international mechanisms
for the promotion and protection for human rights*

A Regional Consultation for the Americas

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1

**“Regional Human Rights Mechanism in the Americas:
regional, national and international perspectives” ”**

Objective: *On Day One, an introduction of the consultation will be given, including its background, main objectives and expected outcomes. Background documents will be provided to the participants containing an overview of both the international and the Inter-American human rights systems (including legal framework, bodies, core functions, and methods of work), in order to identify existing and potential channels for cooperation and synergy between them. Then representatives of national constituencies (e.g. NHRIs, and NGOs) will share their perspectives on interactions with the Inter-American human rights system and the international human rights system. Two panel discussions (including representatives from Member States, the components of the Inter-American Human Rights system, the UN system, NHRIs and NGOs) will share views on the current and potential role of the Regional Human Rights Mechanism in the implementation of human rights standards at the national level.*

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

9:00 – 09:45

Introduction: Enhancing cooperation between the international human rights and the Inter-American human rights systems: views from the UN and the Inter-American human rights system

Panelists: Representative from OAS (Representative of the Secretary General - TBC); Mr. Santiago Cantón, (Executive Secretary Inter-American Commission on Human Rights); Mr. Diego García-Sayán (Judge Inter-American Court of Human Rights) and Mr. Gianni Magazzeni (representative OHCHR) will present their views on possible channels of cooperation

09:45 – 10:30

Discussion

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:15

NHRIs interaction with the International Human Rights System and with the Inter-American human rights system

NHRIs’ relation with UN mechanisms; opportunities and challenges of interaction between NHRIs and the Inter- American system; NHRIs’ experience in implementing international and regional human rights standards

Panelists: Mr. Larry Daniel Devoe -NHRI Venezuela, Ms. Ms. Monette Noella Marie Maillet – NHRI Canada and Mr. Salvador Eduardo Menendez Leal – NHRI El Salvador

- 11:15 – 11:45 **Discussion**
- 11:45 – 12:15 **NGOs interaction with the International Human Rights System and with the Inter-American human rights system**
- Panelists: Mr. Gastón Chillier (CELS), Ms. Claudia Gerez (APT) and Mr. Gustavo Gallón (CCJ)
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Discussion**
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00 – 14:45 **The role of the International and the Inter-American human rights system in implementation of human rights standards**
- Panelists: Mr. Diego García-Sayán (Judge IACourtHR), Mr. Juan Méndez (Expert), and OHCHR representative (Mr. Ibrahim Salama TBC)
- 14:45- 15:30 **Discussion**
- 15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee break*
- 15:45 – 16:30 **The role of the International and Inter-American human rights system in establishing and strengthening national protection systems**
- Panelists: Mr. Santiago Cantón (Executive Secretary IACHR), Ms. Viviana Krsticevic (CEJIL TBC) and Mr. Orest Nowosad (OHCHR representative)
- 16:30 – 17:15 **Discussion**
- 17: 15– 17:30 **Wrap up of Day One: channels for cooperation and synergy between the international human rights system and the Inter-American human rights system and implementation of human rights standards**
- Panelist: Juan Méndez

Day 2

“Systematizing cooperation between national, regional and international human rights mechanisms”

Objective: *Day Two will discuss channels for systematising interaction between the Inter-American and the international human rights systems, with a particular focus on the implementation of international and regional standards at the national level. The discussions will highlight the features and advantages of international and regional cooperation. Based*

on the outcome of the first day, types of interaction that could be institutionalized, as well as proposed mechanisms to follow up on this enhanced institutionalized cooperation and information sharing, will be discussed.

- 9:00 – 09:30 **Complementarity in complaints mechanisms: jurisdiction, admissibility and jurisprudence**
- Panelists: Ms. Elizabeth Abi-Mershed (Deputy Executive Secretary IACHR), Mr. Pablo Saavedra (Executive Secretary IACourt HR) and Mr. Claudio Grossman (Chair UN Committee against Torture)
- 09:30 – 10:15 **Discussion**
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Coordination on thematic issues between the international and the Inter-American system of human rights**
- Panelists: Ms. Catalina Botero, (IACHR Special Rapporteur Freedom of Expression); Mr. Frank La Rue (UN Special Rapporteur Freedom of Expression) and Ms. Gay McDougall (UN Independent Expert on Minorities Issues)
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Discussion**
- 11:30- 11:45 *Coffee Break*
- 11:45 – 12:15 **Cooperation between the international system and the Inter-American system in developing national human rights protection systems**
- Panelists: Mr. Santiago Cantón (Executive Secretary IACHR), Mr. Mario Coriolano (Member, UN Sub-Committee Prevention of Torture), and Ms. María Clara Martin (representative OHCHR)
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Discussion**
- 13:00 – 13:15 **Conclusions**
OAS and OHCHR