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**Civil Society Forum**  
**&**  
**Dialogue between Civil Society, Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives**

- Date: June 6 - 8, 2022
- Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Place: Sheraton Grand Los Angeles  
711 S Hope St, Los Angeles, CA 90017, United States

The Civil Society Forum is the opportunity where civil society and social actors assemble its members to exchange ideas, good practices and lessons learned on the themes of the Ninth Summit, as well as to convene recommendations that will be presented at the Dialogue between Civil Society, Social Actors, and High-Level Government Representatives. These are part of a series of activities that are being carried out with different social actors on days prior to the IX Summit.

The format of the Civil Society Forum will consist of three (3) activities:

- (i) Thematic Working Group meetings
- (ii) Thematic discussions
- (iii) Initiative Fair.

English-Spanish interpretation will be provided for all activities of the Civil Society Forum.

For the Dialogue, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Sign-language interpretation will be available.

The activities of the Civil Society Forum are described below:

***i. Working Groups Meetings:***

The objective of the working group meetings is to advance the work of the thematic working groups, established in March 2022, focusing on the Summit thematic pillars (*Health and Resilience, Green Future, Clean Energy, Digital Transformation, Democratic Governance*). Each thematic working group is expected to discuss the conclusions of their ongoing work and finalize their recommendations to be presented by a spokesperson (identified by the peers of the thematic working groups) at the Dialogue between Civil Society, Social Actors, and High-Level Government Representatives.

Due to the number of conference rooms available and the number of members of each one of the working groups, the sessions will be divided over two (2) consecutive days. It is important to highlight that each session will be private, and participation will be limited to the members of each working group.

Additionally, English-Spanish bidirectional interpretation will be provided for working groups meetings.

## ***ii. Thematic Discussions***

The objective of the thematic discussions is to provide a space for an exchange of ideas and good practices on the thematic pillars of the IX Summit and related topics, between experts and civil society representatives. This space will contribute to further deepening the knowledge and awareness of these topics from different perspectives. All civil society representatives and social actors that are present at the venue would be able to attend this discussion on a first come first serve basis.

The format of the thematic discussion would consist of a panel of 3 to 5 experts with diverse backgrounds (civil society, international organizations, academia, private sector, among others), and a moderator. There will be a question-and-answer session that will allow this conversation to be more interactive and dynamic, allowing participants from the audience to raise questions or comments.

A total of seven (7) thematic discussions on the following topics will be available:

- Improving Migrants' Integration in the Americas.
- Advancing Democratic Accountability: The endeavor of civil society and social actors.
- Strengthening regional and national emergency preparedness.
- Gender equality and democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Digital Transformation: Human Rights and Internet.
- Strengthening the role of environmental defenders in protecting forests from illegal deforestation.
- Building sustainable, resilient, and inclusive cities of the future.

The identification of topics for the thematic discussion was based on an analysis that the Summits Secretariat undertook about the main areas of interest and priorities for civil society and social actors on the Summit priorities. This analysis was drawn from the inputs provided by civil society representatives and social actors during the PrepTalks and National Dialogues.

## ***iii. Initiatives Fair***

The aim of the initiatives fair is to provide a space for civil society representatives and social actors to present their projects related to the thematic pillars of the IX Summit, helping to showcase their work and efforts and share good practices.

The audience of the fair would be composed of representatives from civil society and social actors, government delegations of the IX Summit, international and regional institutions, and the private sector that are present at the venue.

Working Groups members who have been approved to participate in-person and wish to partake in the Initiative Fair will be able to submit their application through the accreditation process. Efforts will be undertaken to assure diverse and inclusive participation (geographic and thematic)

- **Terms and conditions for participation in the Civil Society Forum**

We would ask participants to pledge in making these working venues a welcoming and respectful place for all attendees, regardless of their national origin, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, or physical appearance. Furthermore, each participant has confirmed their acceptance to abide by the *Terms and Conditions of the Principles of Participation*.

In this sense, we would recall that no harassment of any kind toward event participants or organizers will be tolerated. Examples of harassment include offensive comments, such as verbal threats, intimidation, stalking, harassment through photographs or recordings, disruptive behavior at sessions or events, or unwanted physical contact or sexual overtures. In the event that a participant violates these principles, the organizers of the Ninth Summit reserve the right to bar the participant involved from remaining in the venue, inviting them to leave without a right to continue participating, as well as to consider adopting the measures they deem appropriate to uphold the principles of pluralism and respect. Individual sanctions, where applicable, will be determined at the organizers' discretion.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

<b>Civil Society Forum</b>	
<b>JUNE 6</b>	
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Opening remarks by the IX Summit Host country (TBD)
9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Welcoming remarks by the Secretary General of the OAS – <i>Luis Almagro</i>
9:20 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Presentation of the work methodology by - <i>Amb. James Lambert Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs</i>
<b>Working Group: Health and Resilience in the Americas</b>	
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Working Group: Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition</b>
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	“Strengthening the role of environmental defenders in protecting forests from illegal deforestation”
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	“Advancing Democratic Accountability: The endeavor of civil society and social actors”
<b>Lunch &amp; Free-Time</b>	
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Working Group: Digital Transformation</b>
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Working Group: Our Green Future</b>
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	“Building sustainable, resilient, and inclusive cities of the future”
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	“Strengthening regional and national emergency preparedness”
<b>09:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Initiative Fair</b>

<b>JUNE 7</b>	
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Working Group: Democratic Governance</b>
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	“Digital Transformation: Human Rights and Internet”
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	“Improving Migrants’ Integration in the Americas”
<b>Lunch &amp; Free-Time</b>	
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	“Gender equality and democracy in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century”
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Initiative Fair</b>

<b>JUNE 8</b>	
<b>Dialogue between Civil Society, Social Actors and High-Level Government Representatives</b>	
11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Opening remarks by Host country
11:40 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Opening remarks by the Secretary General of the OAS
<b>Health and Resilience in the Americas</b>	
11:46 a.m. – 11:52 a.m.	Civil Society and Social Actors Spokesperson: <b>TBD</b>
11:53 p.m. - 12:03 p.m.	Response by the Heads of Delegation
<b>Our Green Future</b>	
12:04 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Civil Society and Social Actors Spokesperson: <b>TBD</b>
12:11 p.m. – 12:21 p.m.	Response by the Heads of Delegation
<b>Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition</b>	
12:22 p.m. – 12:28 p.m.	Civil Society and Social Actors Spokesperson: <b>TBD</b>
12:29 p.m. – 12:39 p.m.	Response by the Heads of Delegation
<b>Digital Transformation</b>	
12:40 p.m. – 12:46 p.m.	Civil Society and Social Actors Spokesperson: <b>TBD</b>
12:47 p.m. – 12:57 p.m.	Response by the Heads of Delegation
<b>Democratic Governance</b>	
12:58 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.	Civil Society and Social Actors Spokesperson: <b>TBD</b>
1:06 p.m. – 1:16 p.m.	Response by the Heads of Delegation
1:17 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	<b>Closing Session</b>
<b>1:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Initiative Fair -Visit by High-Level Government Representatives</b>

**Note: The facilities of the Sheraton Grand Los Angeles are accessible for persons with disabilities.**