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## Thematic Discussion: Advancing Democratic Accountability: The endeavor of civil society and social actors



### **Enrique de Obarrio, Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (RedLad)**

A former Ambassador of Panama to the Organization of American States (OAS) and General Counsel to Panama's Superintendency of Banks, Mr. Enrique de Obarrio is a recognized international Lawyer and businessman, civil society advocate and private sector leader.

Ambassador de Obarrio is a founder and current president of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (RedLad), the most relevant organized civil society network in the hemisphere, and in that capacity represents the Citizen's Forum of the Americas.



A lawyer, **Marcelo Espinel** holds a Master's degree in Government and Public Management. The Deputy Director of Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo, he is the national contact for Transparency International in Ecuador. He has been involved with civil society in Ecuador for 19 years, specifically in promoting and defending human rights, as well as transparency and accountability for governments. In recognition of his outstanding work, in 2018 the Government honored him the National Youth Award.



**Richard E. Feinberg** is Professor Emeritus, Latin American Studies and International Political Economy, School of Global Policy & Strategy, UC San Diego, and Advisory Council Member, Institute of the Americas, Wilson Center Latin American Program, and Global Americans.

Dr. Feinberg received his Ph.D. in international economics from Stanford University. He has enjoyed a distinguished career as diplomat, policy advisor, corporate consultant, university professor, and author of over 200 books and articles on international relations. His over four decades of engagement with United States foreign policy spans government services — in the White House, Department of State, and Department of the Treasury — numerous Washington-based public policy institutes, the Peace Corps in Chile, and

now, academia. He joined the Carter administration focusing on U.S. foreign policy for the promotion of human rights and democratic freedoms. For the Clinton administration, he served as a principal architect of the 1994 Miami Summit of the Americas. Since 2005, Feinberg has written over 300 book reviews for Foreign Affairs magazine.

**Patricia Galvez Z.**

Ecuadorian



She recognizes herself as a feminist and activist in the women's movement in Ecuador and Latin America and the Caribbean, and as a popular educator. With doctoral studies in educational management and specialization in social management, human rights and gender equality policies. The trajectory of work in Ecuador in the Ecuadorian Center for Development and Alternative Studies- CEDEAL, and in alliance with social organizations has allowed articulated actions with local organizations, mainly rural women, grassroots, indigenous nationalities and the Afro-Ecuadorian people with concrete results. in the following areas:

- local policies – agendas of rights, equality with an impact on governments at the provincial and cantonal levels.
- Generation of laws to guarantee the right to a life free of violence, and political participation in the space of the parliamentary group for women's rights.
- processes of popular education of women in field schools, schools of rights and political formation,

It is an active member of the Coordinating Council of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy, REDLAD, a space of high relevance and articulation of social organizations in the Americas, with a role of promoting the guarantee of human rights and democracy in the region, and work alerts in situations of setbacks and violations, as well as spaces for articulation, monitoring and compliance with the respective governments.

Participates in networks of thematic specialization such as the Popular Education Network among women, REPEM, the Network of Studies on Migration and Displacement.

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**Sonjé Greendige** is a writer and research consultant whose interest in democratic development can be traced to her pre-professional days. She holds a first class honors' degree in Sociology and Political Science and is in her final semester in pursuing an Mphil in Political Science at the University of the West Indies where she currently tutors in Caribbean Politics. Her academic and career paths up to this point have been a progression of opportunities that has allowed her to understand where her research passions and skills exist. Her research has extensively focused on how democratic principles can be enhanced through the recognition and protection of minority rights.

She is an active member of Integrity Group Barbados and is the principal writer of the group which submits articles to local newspaper Nation News. She is also the content strategist for Integrity Group Barbados' social media pages. Currently, Sonje works as an investigative journalist for BVI Platinum News in Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

