



## Second Round of National Consultation with Civil Society and Social Actors on the theme of the upcoming VII Summit of the Americas

The Seventh Summit of the Americas will take place in Panama on April 10-11, 2015 where the Heads of State and Governments will address the theme “Prosperity with Equity: The Challenge of Cooperation in the Americas”.

In preparation for this event, the Summits of the Americas Secretariat and the Department of International Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS) will host a series of consultations with civil society and social actors of the hemisphere to formulate recommendations on the document, [Mandates for Action](#) that will be negotiated by States prior to the Summit.

The activities for this series of consultations include a presentation by Panama as host country, a discussion on the Mandates of the VII Summit through national consultations and a virtual forum:

- 1. Dialogue - The Road to Panama: Mandates for Action**, OAS Headquarters, Washington DC, February 6, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The session will also include a Q & A on the participation of civil society and social actors’ in activities to be carried out in Panama on April 8, 9 and 10 prior to the VII Summit. This event will be broadcast live at [www.livestream.com/oasenglish2](http://www.livestream.com/oasenglish2).
- 2. National Consultations:** This Second Round of consultations will take place in [Argentina](#), [Brazil](#), [El Salvador](#), [USA](#), [Guyana](#), [Haiti](#), [Dominican Republic](#) and [Trinidad and Tobago](#), on February 6, 2015. The Consultations will focus on key themes within the document, Mandates for Action:
  - Education
  - Health
  - Environment and Energy
  - Migration and Security
  - Democratic Governance and Citizen Participation

During the consultations, participants will have the opportunity to formulate and provide recommendations on the document, [Mandates for Action](#). If you would like to attend a consultation, please click on the name of the country listed above to register for the event.

- 3. Virtual Forum:** The forum will be open from February 6-18, 2015 and will provide civil society and social actor representatives the opportunity to exchange ideas and

experiences, as well as offer comments and recommendations to the States on topics related to the document, Mandates for Action. Civil society organizations and social actors that work in areas directly related to these topics are encouraged to participate in the virtual forum by visiting the following link: [http://svc.summit-americas.org/?q=vii\\_mandates](http://svc.summit-americas.org/?q=vii_mandates).

The results of the National Consultations and Virtual Forum will be compiled, distributed and presented to the host country for their consideration during the preparatory process of the Seventh Summit of the Americas.

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