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POLICY DIALOGUES: THE ROAD TO CARTAGENA:

**“Hemispheric Cooperation to Promote Access to and Use of Technologies”
and**

“Hemispheric Cooperation to Advance Public Security”

OAS Headquarters, Washington, DC
February 8th and 9th, 2012

PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

In order to ensure an inclusive process towards the Sixth Summit of the Americas to be held in April 2012, and under the Summit’s main theme of “**Connecting the Americas: Partners for Prosperity**”, the General Secretariat of the OAS¹ will host a series of activities to foster the contribution and participation of civil society organizations (CSOs) and social actors during the preparatory stages of the Summit.

These preparatory activities, entitled “**Policy Dialogues: the Road to Cartagena**”, have been designed to include both virtual and face-to-face consultations that will provide ongoing, timely opportunities for CSOs and social actors to consolidate and effectively channel inputs and recommendations for the consideration of Member States during the negotiation of Sixth Summit mandates.

There are three participation mechanisms in this series of Policy Dialogues:

- **Summit Talk:** Virtual consultations held via the Summit Virtual Community (SVC) (www.summit-americas.org/svc), which are designed to facilitate broad participation in the consultation process. These forums last approximately one month and are moderated by thematic experts;
- **OAS Policy Roundtables:** a forum open to the public and transmitted live through OAS webcast and the SVC, in which a panel of experts from both the public and private sectors, as well as from international and non-governmental agencies, share their expertise and ideas

¹ These sessions are being jointly organized and supported by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, the Department of International Affairs, the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, and the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security.

and engage in a discussion on the key Summit themes with OAS member states and the general public;

- **Consultation Sessions and Formulation of Recommendations:** meetings in Washington, DC of social actor representatives from the private sector, youth, civil society organizations, indigenous peoples, among other groups, to propose and compile concrete recommendations on the specific Summit themes.

The next consultation session with civil society and other social actors, will take place on **February 8th and 9th, 2012** and will address three of the themes of the Sixth Summit: *i) Access to and Use of Technologies; and ii) Security.*

Recommendations resulting from these sessions will be presented in the following meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) on February 13 and will also be shared with other stakeholders of the Summits Process. The SIRG is the core management body of the Summits Process and comprises the 34 democratically-elected governments of the hemisphere, which are represented by their appointed [National Coordinators](#). The SIRG is responsible for reporting on the progress achieved in the fulfillment of previous Summit mandates and in the preparations of the Sixth Summit of the Americas.

In this document you will find the expected results, methodology, format and a preliminary agenda of the sessions for this Policy Dialogue.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The objective of this Policy Dialogue with the representatives of civil society and social actors is to stimulate discussion, exchange ideas and to propose concrete recommendations on the themes of: i) Access to and Use of Technologies; and ii) Security for the consideration of Member States during the negotiation stage of the mandates to be adopted at the Sixth Summit of the Americas.

The expected results include:

1. A final recommendation document to be presented to OAS Member States at the SIRG that is based on the discussions during the Consultation Sessions, as well as the virtual consultations and the Policy Roundtables; and
2. Exchange of experiences and best practices on projects and programs carried out by different social actors related to the main topics of the Policy Dialogues.

METHODOLOGY AND FORMAT

The Policy Dialogue Program will begin with the OAS Policy Roundtable “The Road to Cartagena: Hemispheric Cooperation to Improve Security”² (to be held on the afternoon of February 8th in the Main Building of the OAS). CSO and social actor representatives will start discussions on recommendations on the morning of February 9th, 2012 in the General Secretariat Building (GSB) of the OAS.

The Program will include:

1. Policy Roundtable “The Road to Cartagena: Hemispheric Cooperation to Improve Security”
2. A welcoming session
3. Introduction to the themes of the Sixth Summit, particularly the two themes to be dealt with in these consultation sessions
4. Two parallel working groups with the objective of formulating recommendations: Group 1 will address Access to and Use of Technologies, and Group 2 will address Security.
5. Completion of recommendations in working groups
6. Presentation of recommendations in a plenary session
7. Closing remarks

Each working group will be guided by a moderator and will have the assistance of subject experts as well as a rapporteur (to be chosen at the beginning of each session). The rapporteur(s) will take note of the concrete recommendations that are produced during the discussion, and will produce the final recommendation document, in collaboration with the moderator, to be shared in the closing plenary session.

The recommendations agreed upon by the consultation session participants in each theme will be translated and subsequently shared with the OAS Member States in the meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) on February 13th in Cartagena, Colombia. A representative for each theme will be selected during the sessions to present the results to the SIRG, as feasible. The recommendation documents will also be circulated to other social actors and stakeholders in the Summits process.

WORKING LANGUAGES

The sessions will be held in English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation available. The recommendation documents will also be translated into these two languages.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

² The OAS Policy Roundtable “The Road to Cartagena: Hemispheric Cooperation to Promote Access to and Use of Technologies” was held January 17, 2012 as part of the Policy Dialogue series. The full webcast of this event can be found at the OAS website at: http://www.oas.org/en/media_center/webcast.asp.

In order to enrich the discussion on each theme in this dialogue, it is recommended that the participants familiarize themselves with the following reference documents and other resources:

Access to and Use of Technologies:

- Report [Summit Talk: Hemispheric Cooperation for the Access to And Use of Technologies](#)
- www.vicumbredelasamericas.com/access-to-and-use-of-technologies.html
- Video of the XXXIX Policy Roundtable “The Road to Cartagena: Hemispheric Cooperation to Promote Access to and Use of Technologies” ([Video](#))

Security

- [Summit Talk: Hemispheric Cooperation to Promote Security](#)
- www.vicumbredelasamericas.com/security.html
- Declaration of the Third Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Public Security in the Americas (MISPA III), held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago – November 17-18, 2011: [Joint statement / Declaración conjunta](#)
- Commitment to Public Security in the Americas (MISPA I) [ENG SPA](#)
- Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials [ENG SPA](#)
- Hemispheric Plan of Action against Transnational Organized Crime [ENG SPA](#)
- Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2011-2015 [ENG SPA](#)
- Department of Public Security Doctrine on Citizen Security [ENG / SPA](#)

The Sixth Summit and the Summit of the Americas Process:

- Sixth Summit of the Americas website (Foreign Ministry of the Government of Colombia): www.cumbredelasamericas.co/home.html.
- Summits of the Americas Secretariat website: www.summit-americas.org

A summary document of recommendations resulting from the **Summit Talk** virtual consultations will be compiled and distributed to registered participants prior to the face-to-face. This document should be reviewed and referenced by participants as it will serve as the basis for the final recommendations document to be drafted during the Consultation Sessions.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, February 8th, 2012

**XL OAS POLICY ROUNDTABLE “THE ROAD TO CARTAGENA:
Hemispheric Cooperation to Advance Public Security”**

Hall of the Americas, OAS Main Building, 3:00 pm
17th Street and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20006

2:00 – 3:00 pm **Registration** (*Security theme participants*)

Program

3:00 pm Welcoming remarks by **Jose Miguel Insulza**, OAS Secretary General

3:10 pm Discussion Panel moderated by **Richard Feinberg**, Professor of International Political Economy, University of California, San Diego:

- **Anthony T. Bryan**, Senior Fellow, Institute of International Relations, University of West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
- **María Victoria Llorente**, Executive Director, *Fundación Ideas para la Paz*, Colombia
- **Ruben Aguilar**, journalist and Press Secretary for former President Vicente Fox, Mexico

4:00 pm Question and answer session

4:30 pm Event closing by **Ambassador Luis Alfonso Hoyos** (*invited*), Permanent Representative of Colombia to the OAS.

Please register [here](#) or send an e-mail to SER-DIA@oas.org

Thursday, February 9th, 2012

CONSULTATION SESSIONS

OAS General Secretariat Building
1889 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 (Level TL)

8:30 – 9:30am **Registration** (*delivery of per diems to sponsored participants*)

9:30 – 10:00am **Welcoming session** (Padilha Vidal Room)

- Welcoming remarks: Sherry Tross, Executive Secretary, Summits of the Americas Secretariat, OAS
 - Remarks from Ambassador Carmen Lomellin, Permanent Representative of the United States to the OAS.
 - Remarks from Representative of the Government of Colombia
- 10:00 – 10:15pm **Introduction to Policy Dialogue objectives and methodology**
- Martin Huenneke, Specialist, Summits of the Americas Secretariat
- 10:15 – 12:30pm **Working Group Parallel Sessions**
1. Working Group on Access to and Use of Technologies (Gabriela Mistral Room)
 - Report on results of the virtual consultation “Summit Talk”
 - Report on the Policy Roundtable on Access to and Use of Technologies, Summits of the Americas Secretariat
 - Discussion session and formulation of thematic recommendations
 2. Working Group on Security (Padilha Vidal Room)
 - Report and results of the virtual consultation “Summit Talk
 - Discussion session and formulation of thematic recommendations
- 12:30 – 1:30pm **Lunch** (OAS General Secretariat Building, Level TL)
**Beneficiaries will be accompanied to receive their per diems*
- 1:30 – 4:00pm **Working Group Parallel Sessions**
- Finalize formulation of thematic recommendations
- 4:00– 5:00pm **Plenary Session for Presentation of Recommendations**
(Padilha Vidal Room)
- Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Access to and Use of Technologies by the Group Rapporteur/moderator
 - Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Security by the Group Rapporteur/moderator
- 5:00- 5:30pm **Closing Remarks**