



PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS (COPA)  
7TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THEME: TRADE AGREEMENTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAS

MAY 29 TO JUNE 4, 2006  
QUITO, ECUADOR

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

LOCATION: SWISSÔTEL QUITO

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**MONDAY, MAY 29 AND TUESDAY, MAY 30**

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All day	Arrival of parliamentarians and delegations at Quito's Mariscal Sucre International Airport Attendee registration
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas Location: Basel Meeting Room
8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Network Executive Committee Dinner (Hosted by the City of Quito and Ms. Myriam Garcés, Deputy) Location: El Panecillo, Pim's Restaurant

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**TUESDAY, MAY 30**

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9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Attendee registration <i>Location: Mezzanine</i>
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Meeting of the Technical Secretariats of Brazil, Québec, and Mexico <i>Location: Neuchâtel II Meeting Room</i>
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<b><u>MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS</u></b> Location: Appenzel Meeting Room

Theme: Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol in the Americas

- Word of welcome by Network president Ms. Aparecida Gama, Deputy
- Word of welcome by COPA president Mr. Guillermo Landázuri
- Speaker: Ms. Lilia Rodríguez, Assistant Representative of the United Nations Population Fund
- Presentation of the report on implementation of CEDAW in the Americas
- Rapporteur: Ms. Lucero Saldaña, United Mexican States Congress Senator



- Presentation of the CEDAW document databank by Ms. France Hamel, MNA, National Assembly of Québec
- Discussion and adoption of a recommendation on the implementation of CEDAW in the Americas

*Free time for lunch*

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Continuation of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Network of Women Parliamentarians

Presentation of followup reports on previous themes

- Gender budgets  
Rapporteur: Ms. Ileana Rogel, Deputy, El Salvador Legislative Assembly
- Impact of the Free Trade Areas of the Americas (FTAA) on women  
Rapporteur: Ms. France Hamel, MNA, National Assembly of Québec
- Impact of continental migration on women  
Rapporteur: Ms. Lucero Saldaña, United Mexican States Congress Senator

Election of the new Network Executive Committee

4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **COPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Location: Neuchâtel / Meeting Room*

#### **AGENDA**

- Word of welcome by COPA president Guillermo Landázuri Carrillo, Deputy
- Verification of quorum, reading and adoption of agenda
- Opening of the COPA Executive Committee meeting by COPA president Guillermo Landázuri Carrillo
- Presentation of COPA financial statements by treasurer Leticia Gutiérrez Corona, Deputy
- Activity report by the three COPA secretariats:
  1. Executive Secretariat of Mexico/Martha Hilda González Calderón, Deputy
  2. Québec Secretariat/Pierre Moreau, MNA
  3. Secretariat of Brazil/Maria José Maninha, Deputy
- COPA Network of Women 2005–2006 activity report
- Continuation of dialog between FIPA and COPA
- Planning of the Mexican election observation mission
- Examination of draft COPA regulation



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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **CONTINUATION OF COPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Location: Salon Neuchâtel / Meeting Room*

- Continuation of the examination of draft COPA regulation
- New business
- Adoption of documents and resolutions

*Executive Committee luncheon*

*Location: Prime Ribs Restaurant*

### **OPENING OF THE 7TH COPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

*Location: Neuchâtel / Meeting Room*

- Address by COPA president Guillermo Landázuri Carrillo, Deputy
- Address by the Vice Chancellor of Ecuador, Ambassador Diego Ribadeneira
- Address by Wilfrido Lucero, President of the National Congress
- Inauguration by the Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador, Mr. Alfredo Palacios

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Main conference: Trade Agreements and Economic Development

- Mr. Alan Wagner, Secretary General of the Andean Community of Nations (ACN)
- Mr. Adrianus Koetsenruijter, Chief of the European Committee for Columbia and Ecuador
- Theme: Results of Europe-Latin America Summit

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cocktail party hosted by COPA president Guillermo Landázuri, Deputy

*Location: Mont Blanc Meeting Room*

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Main conference:

Mr. Jorge Bustamante, United Nations special rapporteur on human rights and migration

Theme: Migration in the Americas: From conjecture to the heart of the issue

*Location: Neuchâtel Meeting Room*



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Committee I: Democracy and Peace**

Chair: Mr. Éric R. Mercier, MNA, National Assembly of Québec

Location: Appenzell Meeting Room

#### Theme: Democracy and Economic Development

- Report on political crises in the Americas, presented by deputy Maria Elena D'Andrea, San Luis Province Chamber of Deputies, Argentina
- Mr. Simon Pachano, professor at the Latin-American Faculty of Social Sciences, FLACSO: Electoral processes in the Americas
- Objectives for the millennium and democratic governance in Latin America, PNUD (to be confirmed)
- Report on the Bolivian electoral observation mission by MNA Éric R. Mercier, Chairman of the Committee on Democracy and Peace, National Assembly of Québec
- Ms. Francine Barry, Assistant to the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Committee II: Economy, Trade, Labor, and Trading Blocs**

Chair: Juan José García Ochoa, Deputy, Mexican Chamber of Deputies

Location: Neuchâtel II Meeting Room

#### Theme: Trade Treaties and Economic Development

- Mr. Luis Fernando Duque, President of the Andean Parliament
- Mr. William T. Warren, Political Director of the Forum on Democracy and Trade, Georgetown University
- Mr. Paul Martin, UNICEF Representative in Ecuador: Social and economic impacts of free trade agreements
- Ms. Magdalena León, Coordinator of the Network of Latin American Women Contributing to Economic Transformation
- Mr. Alejandro Villamar, Mexican Action Network on Free Trade, Mexico (to be confirmed)

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Committee III: Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples, and Citizen Security**

Chair: Orlando Fantazzini, Deputy, Brazilian Chamber of Deputies

Location: Neuchâtel I Meeting Room

#### Theme: Migration in the Americas in a Context of Economic Development and Integration

- Ms. Leticia Gutiérrez Corona, Mexican Chamber of Deputies: Migratory movements: the Mexican experience
- Mr. Carlos Rossi, Senate of the Republic of Argentina: Migration legislation in the Americas: the Argentinean experience
- Mr. Alberto Acosta, Consultant to the Latin American Institute of Social Research (ILDIS): Economic impact of the Ecuadorian migratory explosion



- Ms. Nina Pacari, Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: Human rights and indigenous peoples
- Mr. José Thompson, Assistant Director, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights: Education for human rights, interculturality, and public security

1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Conference: "Ecuador: The dollarization experience and the challenge posed by trade agreements," presented by Eduardo Cabezas, President of the Central Bank of Ecuador

Luncheon hosted by the Central Bank of Ecuador

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Committee I: Democracy and Peace (cont'd)

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Committee II: Economy, Trade, Labor, and Trading Blocs (cont'd)

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Committee III: Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples, and Citizen Security (cont'd)

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Ecuadorian evening hosted by the mayor of Quito

Location: Quito Historical Center

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 2

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9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Committee IV: Health and Social Protection**

Chair: Ms. Elsa Rojas Hernández, Deputy, National Assembly of People's Power of Cuba

Location: Neuchâtel II Meeting Room

Theme: Population, Poverty, Reproductive Health, and Sexual Rights in the Americas

- Presentation of the Health Committee report, Ms. Elsa Rojas, Deputy, National Assembly of People's Power of Cuba
- Reproductive health and sexual rights of women in the Americas, Dr. Gladys Zuazaga, Director of the Villa Clara General Hospital, Cuba
- Report from the 13th Latin American Congress of Sexology and Sexual Education, Ms. Aparecida Gama, National Assembly of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Role of reproductive health and sexual rights in the reduction of poverty, Ms. Ana Guezmes, technical support team consultant, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)



9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Committee V: The Environment and Sustainable Development**

Chair: Senator Dudley Lucia, Netherlands Antilles

*Location: Appenzell Meeting Room*

Theme: Impacts of Trade Agreements on Environmental Conservation and the Adoption of Sustainable Development Policies

- Mr. Efraín Villanueva, President of the Mexican Confederation of Federated State Congresses (COMCE)
- Mr. Miguel Ricardo Solanes, Regional Consultant, Natural Resources and Infrastructures, United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Mr. Alain Lipietz, President of European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the Countries of the Andean Community, France (to be confirmed)
- Mr. Mario Molina, Winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Mexico (to be confirmed)
- Mr. Fernando Tudela, Deputy Minister of the Environment, Mexico (to be confirmed)
- Ms. Lorena Sanromán, United Nations

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Committee VI: Education, Culture, Science and Technology**

Chair: Consuelo Camarena, Mexican Chamber of Deputies

*Location: Saint-Moritz D Meeting Room*

Theme: Importance of Cultural Diversity and Educational Models

- Mr. Juan Carlos Romero Hiks, Constitutional Governor of the State of Guanajuato, Mexico: Education based on our national cultures
- Mr. Claude Boucher, National Assembly of Québec, Committee rapporteur: Followup of the application of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in the Americas, adopted by UNESCO in October 2005
- Mr. Robert Pilon, Executive Vice President of the Secretariat of the Coalition for Cultural Diversity, Canada
- Mr. Francisco Lejarza, President of the Mexican Federation of Private Institutions of Higher Learning (FIMPES), Mexico: Institutional certification for cultural diversity
- Mr. José Luis Acosta Ramos, Acting Deputy of the 9th District, Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico: Comparison of educational models at the interinstitutional level
- Mr. José Asensi Sabater, Full Professor, Alicante University, Spain (to be confirmed)

1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

*Free time for lunch*

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Committee IV: Health and Social Protection (cont'd)

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Committee V: The Environment and Sustainable Development (cont'd)

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Committee VI: Education, Culture, Science and Technology (suite)



5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**COPA Executive Committee Meeting**

*Location: Neuchâtel I Meeting Room*

**AGENDA OF THE 2ND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Discussion of the makeup of the new COPA Executive Committee
- Nomination of candidates for president, first vice president, regional vice presidents, and treasurer
- Designation of committee bureau members, upon committee recommendation
- Recommendations concerning the approval of the Final Declaration

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Reception hosted by the Ecuadorian Department of Foreign Relations

*Location: Ecuadorian Department of Foreign Relations*

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

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**PLENARY SESSION OF THE 7TH COPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Location: Neuchâtel I Meeting Room*

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Reading of the resolutions and declarations of each of COPA's permanent thematic standing committees
- Election of new COPA authorities and Executive Committee members
- Closing

1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Press conference

*Free time for lunch*

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sightseeing tour of Mitad del Mundo

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

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Sightseeing opportunities

Departure of attendees

**NOTE**

- 1) The meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians will be held behind closed doors and is open to Network members only.
- 2) The meeting of the Executive Committee will be held behind closed doors and is open to Executive Committee members only.