



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas

JULY 20–25, 2010



Argentina Bolivia Chile Colombia Ecuador El Salvador Mexico Paraguay Venezuela

(Countries that celebrate their bicentennial of independence)

DRAFT PROGRAM

Work program of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas

City: Querétaro, July 20 to 25, 2010

Hotel: Holiday Inn Querétaro, Centro Histórico

Avenida 5 de Febrero #110 Col. Niños Héroes, Santiago de Querétaro, Que.

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Other Hotels: HOTEL PLAZA CAMELINA (Radisson) Avenida 5 de Febrero # 28
Col. Niños Héroes, Santiago de Querétaro, Quer., Price **\$920** pesos, breakfast included

HOTEL ONE Avenida 5 de Febrero No. 108-A, Col. Niños Héroes Tel. 01442 1018800
Price **\$600** pesos, Single or double rooms, breakfast included

***NOTE: if you wish to participate in the general debates, please register with the
Executive Secretariat at the table of registration***

Tuesday, July 20 (Equity Day)

12 noon Hotel check-in

4:00 p.m. Various delegation meetings
Holiday Inn Querétaro

4:00 p.m. Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas : Executive Committee
meeting

6:00 p.m. Round table (open to all participants): **“The Participation and the Role of Women
in 200 Years of Freedom in the Americas”**

Lecturers: Deputy Diva Hadamira Gastelum and Mrs. Diana Elizarraras Kim

Special participation by UNIFEM

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« Gender-specific budgets in the Americas »
Mrs. Carmen Zabalaga

7:00 p.m. Address by the members of the Network's Executive Committee on the role of today's women in the societies of the Americas

Adoption of the Network's Declaration

6:30 p.m. Private meeting of the three secretariats ("Jade" meeting hall)

8:00 p.m. Cocktail offered by the Delegation of Mexico ("Palapa" of the Garden)

Wednesday, July 21 (Freedom Day)

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at leisure

9 :00 a.m. Transfer of the parliamentarians to the Teatro de la Republica from the Holiday Inn Lobby

Opening ceremony (Teatro de la Republica)

9:20 a.m. Word of welcome by Senator Eduardo Nava Bolaños, host of the Extraordinary General Assembly

9:30 a.m. Presentation on the Parliamentary confederation of the Americas, Cristina Ruiz Sandoval, deputy and executive secretary of COPA

9:40 a.m. Address by Senator Edda Acuña, COPA President

9:50 a.m. Address by a representative of the Senate of Mexico

10:00 a.m. Address by Deputy Francisco Ramírez Acuña, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico

10:10 a.m. Address by the Governor of the state of Querétaro José Eduardo Calzada Roviroso

10:20 a.m. Word of inauguration by a representative of the president of the Republic, Mr Felipe Calderón Hinojosa

10:30 a.m. Official picture of the Extraordinary General Assembly

10:50 a.m. Transfer to hotel

11:10 a.m. Lecture by Dr. Leo Zuckerman: "**Consolidating Democracy in the Americas**"
(under the responsibility of the Committee on Democracy and Peace)
Moderator: Deputy Jacques Chagnon

("Acueducto" meeting hall 2 and 3)

12:30 p.m. Question and answers period

12:50 p.m. First session of the General Assembly: Working session of the special delegation of legislators from the nations celebrating their bicentennial

Speaking time, up to 7 minutes each, on the topic: "**The Independence Bicentennial in my Country: Vision and Foresight**"

Argentina – Senator Edda Acuña, COPA President

Bolivia – To be determined

Chile – Senator José García Ruminot

Colombia – Senator Milton Rodríguez, COPA Vice-President – Andean Region

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Ecuador – Mr. Mauro Andino, National Assembly of Ecuador
El Salvador – Mariela Peña Pinto, vicepresident of COPA-Central America
Mexico – Senator Carlos Jiménez Macías, President of GRULAC, IPU (former COPA President)
Paraguay – Deputy Daniel Fleitas Gaona
Venezuela – Deputy Flor María Ríos, President of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas

FIRST GENERAL DEBATE (Registered interventions by legislators from the participating delegations)

“Americas and their current challenges after 200 years of independence”: emergence of the Nation State from the processes of independence and current geopolitical and economic situation

(“Acueducto” meeting hall 2 and 3)

2:30 p.m. Welcome luncheon hosted by the Senate of the Republic
(Gardens of the Holiday Inn, Querétaro)

4:00 p.m. **CONTINUATION OF THE GENERAL DEBATE (Registered interventions by legislators from the participating delegations)**

“Americas and their current challenges after 200 years of independence”: emergence of the Nation State from the processes of independence and current geopolitical and economic situation

5:00 p.m. Meeting of the COPA Executive Committee (Private meeting for members of the Executive Committee only)

“Acueducto” meeting hall, Holiday Inn, Querétaro

8:00 p.m. Transfer to the dinner (buses will leave from the lobby of the Holiday Inn)

8:30 p.m. Dinner hosted by the government of the State of Querétaro (to be confirmed)

Thursday, July 22 (Peace Day)

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at leisure

9:30 a.m. Working session of the Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development: Lecture by Dr. José Sarukhán Kermés: **“Climate Change and the World Food Crisis”**

Pascual Bellizia Rosique, deputy and vice-president of the Committee

Holiday Inn, Querétaro

10:30 a.m. Question period

11:00 a.m. Coffee break

11:45 a.m. Working session of the Committee on Education, Culture, Science and Technology
Senator Claudia Corichi García, Chair

Topic 1: **“Legislation Applicable to and First Steps Toward Consolidating the Legislative Chain in the Parliaments of the Americas”**, Leticia Salas, Director of the Legislative Chain of the Congress of the Union

“ The legislative channel at the Quebec national Assembly : Experience and adaptation”, Deputy Marie Bouillé

Follow-up on school drop-out, a theme studied in Salta, in 2009. Deputy Marie Bouillé

(Registered interventions by legislators from the participating delegations)

“Acueducto” meeting hall, Holiday Inn Querétaro

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. Working session of the Committee on Human Rights, Aboriginal People and Citizen Security

Topic: “Migrations in the Americas: Immigration Laws in a Human Rights Perspective” (Speaker: Dr. Victor Alfonso Maldonado)

Moderator: Deputy Mariela Peña Pinto (Salvador)

“Acueducto” meeting hall, Holiday Inn Querétaro

(Registered interventions by legislators from the participating delegations)

2:45 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the Chamber of Deputies of the Congress of the Union
(Location to be confirmed)

5:00 p.m. Working session of the Committee on Democracy and Peace
Deputy Jacques Chagnon

Topic 1: Benchmarks and self-assessment frameworks for democratic parliaments
(Speaker to be confirmed)

Topic 2: Follow-up on the issue of the financing of political parties in the Americas
(Deputy Alejandra Vucasovich, Vice-president of the Commission)

Topic 3: Missions of electoral observation

Holiday Inn Querétaro, “Acueducto” meeting hall

8:00 p.m. Transfer from the lobby of the Holiday Inn to the diner location

8:30 p.m. Dinner hosted by the Mayor of Querétaro
(Location to be determined)

Friday, July 23 (Wellbeing for all peoples Day)

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at leisure

9:00 a.m. Working session of the Committee on the Economy, Trade, Labour, Competitiveness and Trading Blocs: Lecture by Daniel Servitje Motull: **“Trade Opportunities in the Americas in the Context of a Globalized Market”**

Moderator : Senator Eduardo Nava Bolaños

“Acueducto” meeting hall, Holiday Inn, Querétaro

11:00 a.m. **Second session of the Extraordinary General Assembly**

General debate open to all participating delegations
(if you wish to participate to this debate, please register to the Executive Secretary)

*“Americas and their current challenges after 200 years of independence”:
emergence of the Nation State from the processes of independence and current
geopolitical and economic situation*

Panellists registered:

Mr. Marco Antonio Enríquez-Ominami Gumucio (Chili)

Deputy Jacques Chagnon ([Québec](#), Canada)

Senator Céméphise Gilles (Haiti) (to be confirmed)

Senator Edda Evangelina Acuña

Senator Norma Esparza Herrera

Deputy Carlos Flores Rico (Mexico)

Deputy Flor Ríos (Venezuela)

Deputy Alejandra Noemí Reves Sánchez (Mexico)

2:00 p.m. Report and conclusions, adoption of a common resolution (Closing ceremony)

“Acueducto” meeting hall, Holiday Inn, Querétaro

Transfer from the lobby of the Holiday Inn to closing lunch location

2:30 p.m. Closing lunch hosted by the Congress of the State of Querétaro (TBC) and the Host
Senator Eduardo Nava Bolaños

8:00 p.m. Cultural program

Saturday, July 24 (Brotherhood Day)

8:30 a.m. Cultural program

Transfer from the hotel to the Peña de Bernal

Guided cultural tour

Sunday, July 25

Departure of participants