



**21st Meeting of the Executive Committee
10th General Assembly
of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)
MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA
November 15–19, 2010**

Program

Monday, November 15 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Arrival of parliamentarians Private meetings of delegations
Tuesday, November 16 10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	9th Annual Meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas Round table: “Women’s Political and Economic Empowerment” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mrs. Flor Rios- Moderator and President – Speaker from <i>UN Women</i> (to be confirmed) – Mrs. Rossana Andia - Speaker from <i>iKNOW Politics</i> – Mrs. Estela Mendez from <i>De Micheli</i>- Women and productivity – Mrs. Monique Richard, member of the National Assembly of Quebec – Women Participation in Politics – Mrs. Maria Elena Torresi and Mrs. Diva Hadamira Gastelum – Legislation compared in political and economic empowerment of women
1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Resumption of the 9th Annual Meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Round table on regional initiatives on the status of women – Proposition and adoption of the draft amendments to the Network’s statutes and rules of procedure – Election of the Executive Committee Members
5:30 p.m.	Secretariats (3) Private Meeting (Hotel – Atlantico A Room)



7:00 p.m.	Meeting with Secretariats (3), Committee Chairs and President of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas (Hotel – Atlantico A Room)
Wednesday, November 17 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 a.m.	<p>Meeting of the Committee on Education, Culture, Science and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Senator Claudia Corichi Garcia, Moderator and Committee Chair <p>Main topic (Follow up): “The role of parliamentary practices and parliamentary television channels in strengthening the democratic process in the Americas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Speaker: Senator Carlos Jimenez Macias, Bicameral Committee of the Mexican Union Congress Channel <p>Round Table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Norbert Morin, member of the National Assembly of Quebec – Legislative Channel and Internet: Quebec experience – Mrs. Maria Helena Pereira, journalist – Director of Communications of UPM and Coordinator at the Santa Catarina Legislative Assembly Press Gallery – Mrs. Lucia Helena Vieira, journalist – Chair of the Brazilian Association of Radio and Television (ASTRAL) and Director of the Santa Catarina Legislative Assembly Press Gallery – Deputy Celestino Secco- Former President of UPM- The importance of the national legislative channels in Brazil States <p>Second Topic (Follow up) : “The phenomenon of school dropouts in the Americas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Diego Bossio – Executive Director of the National Social Security Administration – Mr. Norbert Morin, member of the National Assembly of Quebec
12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon (free)



2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Meeting of the Committee on Health and Social Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mrs. Flor Rios, Moderator and Vice-chair of the Committee Topic: “Maternal Health and Infant Mortality” – Dr. Alejandro Collia, Minister of Health of the Province of Buenos Aires (To be confirmed)
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Meeting of the Committee on Economy, Trade, Labour, Competitiveness and Trading Blocs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mrs. Alejandra Reynoso, Moderator Topic: “Democratic and Economic development: The debate on integration” – Dr. Victor Alfonso Reynoso Maldonado, former technical secretary of the Italian-latinamerican Institute of Rome, Italy Topic: “International relations in the Americas in the context of the global financial crisis” – Dr. Amado Boudou, Minister of Economy in Argentina Topic: “Gender sensitive budgets” – Mrs. Flor Rios, Moderator – Dr. Lorena Barba, Speaker from the UN
7:30 p.m.	Official opening of the 10th General Assembly and 21st Meeting of the Executive Committee Welcome Dinner offered by Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires, Mr. Daniel Scioli

Thursday, November 18 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Meeting of the Committee on Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples and Citizen Security Mrs. Aparecida Gama: Committee Chair and Moderator Main topic: (To be confirmed) Topic (Follow up): “Migrations in the Americas and Human Rights” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Speaker (to be confirmed) – Mr. Martin Garcia Aviles, House of representatives of the Mexican Union
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10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Meeting of the Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mrs. Caritina Saenz Vargas, Moderator <p>Discussion: “Legislate for a Greener America: Productivity and Climate Change” Dr. Carlos Spirito – Director of the Environmental Law Institute of the College of Lawyers of the Province of Buenos Aires – Argentina Topic: “Productivity: Animal Breeding, Agriculture, Health and Education in the Context of Climate Change” Speaker to be determined Topic: “Water Resources: Legislate to Avoid Shortages” Speaker to be determined</p> <p>Participants: Parliamentarians from all member States.</p>
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Luncheon (free)
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<p>Meeting of the Committee on Democracy and Peace</p> <p>Main Topic (Conference and discussion): “The parliamentary contribution to the democracy: Proposition of criteria for the members of parliaments of Americas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Marc Hanson, Nacional Democratic Institute – COPA electoral observation missions (Report and recommendation) – Follow-up: Mrs. Alejandra Vucasovich – “Political Party Financing in the Americas”
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	21st Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas
9:30 p.m.	Dinner offered by the Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires



**Friday,
November 19**

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**10th General Assembly of the Parliamentary
Confederation of the Americas**

**First session of the 10th General Assembly of the
Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas**

Place : Hotel NH Mar del Plata, Argentina

1. Word of welcome (to be determined by the government of Buenos Aires).
2. Agenda- Mrs. Christina Ruiz Sandoval
3. Report from the COPA presidency
Senator Edda Evangelina Acuña (Argentina)
4. Vote on resolutions of the thematic working committees:
 - a. Committee on Democracy and Peace
 - b. Committee on Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples and Citizen Security
 - c. Committee on Economy, Trade, Labour, Competitiveness and Trading Blocs
 - d. Committee on Health and Social Protection
 - e. Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development
 - f. Committee on Education, Culture, Science and Technology
5. Report of the electoral observation mission in Colombia
Senator Edda Evangelina Acuña, president of COPA
6. Presentation of the report of the Executive Secretariat to the General Assembly
Deputy Cristina Ruiz Sandoval

Coffee Break

11 a.m. Second Session of the General Assembly

1. Presentation of the modification of the Statutes of COPA approved in the 21st meeting of the Executive Committee
Senator Edda Acuña



3:00 p.m.	<p>2. General debate of the parliamentarians of the Americas : “Democracy and Economy : the debate of the integration of the Americas” Presentation of the theme of discussion: Ambassador Victor Alfonso Maldonado Participation of Member States:(open to all participating parliamentarians) (Registered interventions) Argentina: Senator Edda Acuña Argentina: Deputy Gloria Bidegain Brazil: Deputy Francisco Paes Landin Guatemala: Deputy Francisco Contreras Mexico: Senator Carlos Jiménez Macías Mexico: Deputy Carlos Flores Rico Venezuela: Deputy Flor María Ríos</p> <p>Presentation of a joint resolution of the 10th General Assembly of COPA</p> <p>3. Presentation of the 2011-2012 work plan of COPA and invitation to the 21st Executive Committee meeting Deputy and Executive Secretary Cristina Ruiz Sandoval</p> <p>4. Message from the Mexico Executive Secretary Deputy Cristina Ruiz Sandoval and rules for the election of the president COPA</p> <p>5. Swearing-in of the President of COPA for 2010–2012</p> <p>6. Message from the current COPA president, Senator Edda Evangelina Acuña.</p> <p>7. Message from the newly elected President of the Network</p> <p>8. Message from the newly elected president of COPA</p> <p>9. Closing ceremony of the 10th General Assembly of COPA</p> <p>Luncheon Free time</p>
8:00 p.m.	<p>Closing ceremony and dinner offered by the Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires</p>