



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

Hotel: Holiday Inn Querétaro

Tuesday, July 20

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. Lecture: **“The Participation and the Role of Women in 200 Years of Freedom in the Americas”** (open to all participants)
Lecturers: Senator Adriana González Carillo, Deputy Diva Hadamira Gastelum (to be confirmed) and Mrs. Diana Elizarraras Kim

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

7:30 p.m. Question period and adoption of the Network’s Declaration

8:00 p.m. Private meeting of the three secretariats

9:00 p.m. Dinner at leisure

Wednesday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at leisure

10:00 a.m. Opening ceremony
Teatro de la República (to be confirmed)

10:00 a.m. Word of welcome by Senator Eduardo Nava Bolaños, host of the Extraordinary General Assembly

10:10 a.m. Address by Senator Edda Acuña, COPA President

10:15 a.m. Address by Senator Carlos Navarrete, President of the Senate of Mexico (to be confirmed)

10:25 a.m. Address by Deputy Francisco Ramírez Acuña, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico (to be confirmed)

10:35 a.m. Address by the Governor of the state of Querétaro José Eduardo Calzada Roviroso

10:45 a.m. Inauguration by Mexican President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa (to be confirmed)

11:15 a.m. Official picture of the Extraordinary General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Transfer to hotel

11:50 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

1:00 p.m. Question period

1:30 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

Chili – Senator Jorge Pizarro, Speaker of the Parlatino (Latin American Parliament)

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

Ecuador – Deputy Irina Cabezas Ródriguez, Vice-president of the National Assembly of Ecuador

El Salvador – To be determined

Mexico – Senator Carlos Jiménez Macías, President of GRULAC, IPU (former COPA President)

Paraguay – Senator Zulma Ramona Gómez, COPA Vice-President – Southern Cone

Venezuela – Deputy Flor María Ríos, President of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas

(Other speakers to be confirmed)

3:00 p.m. Welcome luncheon hosted by the Senate of the Republic
(Location to be confirmed)

4:30 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

6:00 p.m. Working session of the Committee on Health and Social Protection
Deputy Elsa Rojas, President
Social Development Policies on Health in the Americas, an alternative for development (Dr. Karla Valverde Biezca)
Holiday Inn Querétaro

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

Thursday, July 22

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at leisure

10:00 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”**
Holiday Inn Querétaro

11:00 a.m. Question period

11:30 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
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. Cecilia Imaz Ballona, to be confirmed)
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2:30 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the Chamber of Deputies of the Congress of the Union
(Location to be confirmed)

4:30 p.m. Meeting of the COPA Executive Committee (Private meeting for members of the Executive Committee only)

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

Friday, July 23

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at leisure

10:00 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”**

12 noon Second session of the Extraordinary General Assembly
Panel discussion: “Americas and its current challenges”

Panelists:

Mr. Marco Antonio Enríquez-Ominami Gumucio (Chili)

Deputy Jacques Chagnon (Québec, Canada)

Deputy Ernesto Nemer (Mexico) (to be confirmed)

Deputy Francisco Contreras (Guatemala) (to be confirmed)

Senator Céméphise Gilles (Haiti) (to be confirmed)

Senator Edda Evangelina Acuña

Report and conclusions (Closing ceremony)

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

Visit of the State Congress of Querétaro

Guided Tour in the City of Querétaro

Sunday, July 25

Departure of participants