



Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas

Meeting of the Committee on Democracy and Peace of COPA Santa Fe, Argentina –April 12-13, 2012

Meeting location: LOS SILOS HOTEL – Dock 1, Santa Fe harbour.

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Delegates arrive in Santa Fe – Check-in at Los Silos hotel.

8 p.m. Welcoming Cocktail in Los Silos hotel Lounge (location to be confirmed)
Participants accreditation.

Thursday, April 12, 2012

9 a.m. Opening Ceremony:
- Word of welcome from Dep. María Alejandra Vucasovich.
- Word of welcome from the President of the Committee on Democracy and Peace of COPA, MNA Marjolain Dufour.
- Word of welcome from the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the province of Santa Fe, Mr. Luis Rubeo.

10 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. Presentation given by COPA ex-president, Mrs. Eda Evangelina Acuña.
- Theme: **“Origins and development of COPA”**

11:30 a.m. **Protocolar visit and lunch**

2:45 p.m. Return to Los Silos hotel

3:15 p.m. Opening of session and designation of a parliamentary rapporteur.

- 3:30 p.m. Presentation of the self-assessment toolkit for parliaments of the Americas, designed according to the benchmarks adopted at the General Assembly of COPA held in Québec City in September 2011.
Speaker: MNA. Marjolain Dufour
- Missions and electoral observations.
- 5:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 5:45 p.m. Discussion on the present situation in Haïti.
- 9 p.m. Dinner offered by (*to be confirmed*))
Location: “Ríos de Gula Multiespacio” – Dock 2, Santa Fe harbour.

Friday, April 13, 2012

- 9:30 a.m. Adoption of the 2005-2011 report on the Electoral observation missions program of COPA.
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:15 a.m. Political party financing in the Americas.
Two speakers (*to be confirmed*) - Debate
- 1:30 p.m. **Sightseeing tour (Breakfast included)**
- 4 p.m. Return to Los Silos hotel
- 4:30 p.m. Brainstorm on possible themes for subsequent meetings of the Committee on Democracy and Peace of COPA.
- 5 p.m. Formal closing of the Committee meeting.