

**Promoting Civil Society  
Participation in OAS Activities**



Organization of  
American States

Dear civil society representatives,

We would like to inform you that the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development will take place on November 17-19, 2010 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

This meeting will offer OAS Member States the opportunity to follow up on the actions identified by the Ministers and High-Level Authorities in 2006 during the First Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development, and the commitments related to sustainable development that were agreed upon by the Heads of State and Government during the Fifth Summit of the Americas that was held in Trinidad and Tobago in April 2009.

Pursuant to the proposed agenda, the meeting is expected to examine five issues under the umbrella theme "**Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas**": 1) Follow-up on the Declaration of Santa Cruz +10; 2) implementation of the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS), 2006-2009; 3) Vulnerability in the Context of Sustainable Development; 4) Risk Management and Planning; and 5) Institutional and Management Aspects related to Climate Change. Please see attached the following documents related to this meeting:

- Registration Form
- Draft schedule
- Draft annotated agenda
- Draft Declaration of Santo Domingo for the Sustainable Development of the Americas

Prior to the Ministerial Meeting, on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, a roundtable discussion will take place with civil society representatives and social actors to discuss results of the regional consultations and the Virtual Consultation Forum organized during the ministerial preparatory process. Additionally, the final details for participation of civil society in the Ministerial dialogue scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> will be finalized.

In accordance with resolution CP/RES. 759, civil society organizations registered in the OAS that wish to participate should send a letter to the OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza indicating their interest in participating and complete the registration form for the representative(s) that would like to attend. Those civil society organizations that are not registered in the OAS should send, in addition to the letter directed to the Secretary General and registration forms, the organization's constitution or articles of incorporation, statutes, and most recent annual report. This communication should be sent by email to [sustainable\\_dev@oas.org](mailto:sustainable_dev@oas.org) and [civilsociety@oas.org](mailto:civilsociety@oas.org) or fax (202) 458-3560 **no later than October 17, 2010.**

For more information about the Second Inter-American Meeting on Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, please visit the [OAS Civil Society Website](#) or the [Website of the OAS Department of Sustainable Development](#).

Sincerely,



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