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Hemispheric Roundtable with Representatives of Civil Society and Social Actors “Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas”

LOCATION AND DATE

Location: Sala Principal, Auditorio Escuela Diplomatica, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Date: November 17, 2010
Organizers: OAS – Department of Sustainable Development / Department of
International Affairs

BACKGROUND

The Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development “Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas” that will take place in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on November 17-19, 2010 offers the opportunity to follow up on the actions identified by the Ministers and High-Level Authorities in the First Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development in 2006, and on the commitments agreed upon by the Heads of State and Government at the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago in April 2009.

This meeting will identify the priorities in the hemispheric agenda based on the Declaration of Santa Cruz +10 and the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS) 2006-2009, and will address the emerging challenges in the area of sustainable development and the common opportunities for the countries in the region.

In order to strengthen and ensure a broad participation of civil society and other social actors, in accordance with the Inter-American Strategy for the participation of civil society in decisions about sustainable development (ISP) and the guidelines for the participation of civil society Organizations in OAS activities, CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), a series of sub regional consultations were held with civil society and social actors in Buenos Aires, Argentina; San José, Costa Rica; and Castries, Saint Lucia during the preparatory process of the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development. Additionally, a consultation with the private sector was organized and a hemispheric virtual consultation forum took place from September 15 to October 15, 2010.

The recommendations resulting from these consultations were presented during the Second Preparatory Meeting to the Government Representatives for their consideration in the preparation of the draft Declaration of Santo Domingo.

OBJECTIVE

Before the beginning of the sessions of the Ministerial meeting, a **Hemispheric Roundtable “Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas”** with representatives from civil society and other social actors will take place on November 17, with the goal of considering the results of the sub regional consultations with civil society, the consultation with the private sector, and the virtual forum that took place in the framework of the preparatory process. Furthermore, the details for the participation of civil society and social actors in the ministerial dialogue planned for November 18 will be finalized.

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Share experiences about the challenges of sustainable development in the Member States.
2. Complement the recommendations of the regional consultations to strengthen national and regional capacity on how to address the challenges that are faced throughout the hemisphere in relation to sustainable development, climate change, and risk management.
3. Mobilize support from civil society organizations and social actors for the presentation of the recommendations during the dialogue at the ministerial meeting.

PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

The **Hemispheric Roundtable “Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas,”** will be open to the participation of all civil society organizations and social actors that work in areas related to sustainable development.

PROGRAM

The Hemispheric Roundtable “Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas,” with representatives of civil society and other social actors, will last half a day and will consist of an inaugural session and four regular sessions that will focus on the consideration of the contributions received during the preparatory process about the themes of the Ministerial Meeting. Furthermore, there will be time to finalize details for the participation of civil society and social actors in the ministerial dialogue planned for November 18.

In the program for this Roundtable, the different elements that have served as input to the preparatory process for the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development are combined and the interaction and exchange among the different participating actors is encouraged. Before the beginning of each session, one or two rapporteurs will be elected who will be responsible for taking notes on the ideas expressed in each session and for writing a summary of the recommendations that will be discussed and finalized during the dialogue. In addition, the final arrangements will be made for the presentation to the Ministers.

Before concluding, representatives will be selected to present the results during the ministerial dialogue.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the rapporteurs will submit their summaries of the recommendations to the General Secretariat of the OAS to be compiled in a final document that will include the results of the entire preparatory process with civil society and social actors towards the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development. This document will be published on the Website of the Department of Sustainable Development and on the OAS Civil Society Website, and be widely disseminated.

AGENDA

12:00 pm	Lunch- Salon Enriquillo, Hotel Santo Domingo
12:30 – 12:45pm	Registration
1:00 – 1:10pm	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juan Temístocles Montas, Minister of Economy, Planning, and Development• Jose Miguel Insulza, OAS Secretary General*
1:10 – 1:20pm	Expected Results and Methodology of the Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irene Klinger, Director, Department of International Affairs, OAS
1:20 – 1:50pm	Plenary Session 1: Presentation of the recommendations from the sub regional consultations with civil society <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendations of the Consultation with Civil Society from the Caribbean Nicholas Fields, the Caribsave Partnership, Barbados• Recommendations of the Consultation with Civil Society from Central America, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic Mario Molina, Red Nacional de Organizaciones de Jóvenes Mayas (RENOJ), Guatemala• Recommendations of the Consultation with Civil Society from South America Maria del Mar Zavala, Instituto de Derecho y Economía Ambiental (IDEA), Paraguay
1:50 – 2:10pm	Plenary Session 2: Contributions from the OAS Virtual Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the OAS Virtual Community Martin Huenneke, Summits of the Americas Secretariat, OAS• Presentation of the recommendations from the Hemispheric Virtual Consultation Forum Francisco Burgos, Coordinator of the Virtual Forum, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS

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2:10 – 2:20pm

Plenary Session 3: Contributions from the Private Sector

- Recommendations from the Consultation with the Private Sector
Roberto Herrera, Red Nacional de Apoyo Empresarial a la Protección Ambiental, the Dominican Republic.

2:20 – 2:40pm

Plenary Session 4: Debate and finalization of Recommendations

Moderator: Andrea Sanhueza, Corporación Participa, Chile

2:40 – 2:45pm

Presentation of a summary of the recommendations by the participants

2:45 – 3:00pm

Dialogue and final details for the presentation of the Recommendations of civil society and other actors in the ministerial dialogue, selection of the representatives of civil society and social actors that will present the results during the ministerial dialogue

Closing Remarks

- Cletus Springer, Director, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS
- Irene Klinger, Director, Department of International Affairs, OAS