



ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL
FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CEDDIS)
April 29 to May 3, 2019
Asunción, Paraguay

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CONVOCATION

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, presents its compliments to the permanent missions to the Organization and to the national experts on the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CEDDIS) and, on instructions from its Chair, Mr. Anderson Sant'Anna de Oliveira, has the honor of forwarding the convocation to the *Eleventh Meeting of CEDDIS*, to be held in Asunción, Paraguay, from April 29 to May 3, 2019.

The purpose of the Eleventh Meeting of CEDDIS will be to adopt the methodology for evaluation of the third national report on implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CIADDIS) and the Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (PAD), which is to be requested of the OAS member states in the second half of 2019. An opportunity will also be given to develop the final contents of the handbook on supports and safeguards for the full exercise of the legal capacity of persons with disabilities, to share successful inclusion experiences, and to engage in dialogue with civil society organizations, among other matters.

During this meeting, two experts will also be elected to serve as CEDDIS vice chairs for the 2019-2021 period.

The draft agenda of the Eleventh Meeting of CEDDIS is provided below.

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DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019

Place: To be confirmed

9:00 a.m. INAUGURAL SESSION

- Remarks by Anderson Sant'Anna de Oliveira, Alternate Representative of Brazil to CEDDIS and Chair of the Committee
- Remarks by Cesar Martínez Fariña, Minister, Executive Secretary of the National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SENADIS). Principal representative of Paraguay to CEDDIS
- Remarks by Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director, OAS Department of Social Inclusion
- Government representative (to be confirmed)

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. FIRST SESSION

1. Adoption of the draft agenda
2. Summary of the activities of the Committee:
 - New appointments
 - Progress report on projects in execution: regional observatory, database of best practices, and the handbook on supports and safeguards for the exercise of legal capacity by persons with disabilities
 - Fourth CEDDIS parallel event at United Nations
 - Inter-agency cooperation efforts led by the Chair

- Financial position

1:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. **SECOND SESSION**

3. Adoption of guidelines for evaluating the third national report on the implementation of CIADDIS-PAD
 - Review of methodology adopted at the Fifth Meeting of CEDDIS (Cancun, 2015) for evaluation of the second national report of the CIADDIS-PAD
 - Reference to methodology used by the Working Group on Protocol of San Salvador follow-up
 - Fact sheet review
 - Guidelines for drafting country executive report
 - Request and assessment of alternative reports by civil society
 - Interaction with Joint Group created to support follow-up on the Program of Action

5.30 p.m. End of session

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019

Place: To be confirmed

9:00 a.m. **THIRD SESSION**

4. Adoption of guidelines for evaluation of the third national report on compliance with the CIADDIS-PAD (continued)

11:00 a.m. Break

5. Adoption of the protocol for participation by civil society organizations in OAS activities

1:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. **FOURTH SESSION**

6. Handbook on supports and safeguards for the exercise of legal capacity by persons with disabilities: Working sessions for content editing and networking
 - Review of reference material:
 - Input contributed by Peru (2018)
 - Videoconference of experts (2017)
 - CEDDIS report on the exercise of legal capacity by persons with disabilities (2014)
 - General Observation No. 1 of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2014)
 - Specific laws adopted in the Americas
 - Review of proposed conceptual framework
 - Review of proposed supports developed at the Sixth Special Meeting (Costa Rica, 2017)
 - Glossary preparation

5.30 p.m. End of session

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

Place: To be confirmed

9:00 a.m. **FIFTH AND SIXTH SESSIONS**
to
5:30 p.m.

7. Handbook on supports and safeguards for the exercise of legal capacity by persons with disabilities: Working sessions for content editing and networking (continued)

7.00 p.m. Banquet put on by the host country

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

Place: To be confirmed

9:00 a.m. **SEVENTH SESSION**

8. Handbook on supports and safeguards for the exercise of legal capacity by persons with disabilities: Adoption by the plenary

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. **EIGHTH SESSION**

9. Presentation on national experiences with inclusion
 - Paraguay
 - Country to be confirmed

1:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. Official activity: Tour of the Historic Center of Asunción

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019

Place: To be confirmed

9:00 a.m. **NINTH SESSION**

10. Election of CEDDIS officers for the 2019-2021 term
 - First Vice Chair
 - Second Vice Chair
11. Adoption of resolution “Vote of Recognition to the People and Government of Paraguay”

11:00 a.m. Break

12. Setting and adoption of objectives of the Working Group on Institutional Linkage

1.00 p.m.	Lunch
3.00 p.m.	DIALOGUE WITH CIVIL SOCIETY
5: 30 p.m.	Closing ceremony of the Eleventh Meeting of the CEDDIS