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American States

10th HEMISPHERIC FORUM WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND SOCIAL ACTORS
“Toward a Comprehensive Anti-Drug Policy in the Americas”

Washington, DC – May 9, 2013
INFORMATION BULLETIN

VENUE

OAS General Secretariat Building (GSB)
Padilha Vidal Room
1889 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

COORDINATION

This event is being organized by the Department of International Affairs. For more information please contact:

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REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

The Forum is open to all interested civil society organizations (CSO) and social actors. All participants should complete the [online registration form](#) to confirm their attendance.

The day of the Forum, registration will take place from 8:30-9:00am in the OAS General Secretariat Building (GSB). Participants will be issued identification cards, which, for security reasons, must be worn during the event.

WORKING LANGUAGES

The plenary and working group sessions will be conducted in Spanish and English, with simultaneous interpretation available in both languages.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND AIRFARE

The Department of International Affairs (DIA) will provide financial assistance to a limited number of civil society and social actor representatives to cover their roundtrip, economy-class airfare and/or accommodations in Washington, D.C.

Recipients of the financial support will be selected based on the following criteria: 1) Experience in the topics and objectives of the meeting; 2) Equitable gender and geographic representation; 3)

Participation in regional and thematic networks; and 4) Participation in the Virtual Forum: “Toward a Comprehensive Anti-Drugs Policy in the Americas”.

The participants selected to receive the support will be contacted by the OAS General Secretariat in order to coordinate travel arrangements. All participants will be solely responsible for any penalties or additional charges incurred as a result of changes to flight itineraries or hotel reservations. The following hotels are recommended for those civil society and social actor representatives who will participate with their own resources:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Courtyard Marriott</u></p> <p>515 20th Street NW Washington, DC 20052 Tel: +1 (202) 296-5700 Página Web: http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasfb-courtyard-washington-dc-foggy-bottom/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Washington Plaza Hotel</u></p> <p>10 Thomas Circle Northwest Washington, DC 20005-4106 Tel: +1 (202) 842-1300 or +1 (800) 424-1140 Website: www.washingtonplazahotel.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hotel Lombardy</u></p> <p>2019 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20006 Tel: +1 (202) 828-2600 or +1 (800) 424-5486 Website: www.hotellombardy.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>State Plaza Hotel</u></p> <p>2117 E Street, NW Washington DC 20037 Tel: +1 (202) 861-8200 or +1 (800) 424-2859 Website: www.stateplaza.com</p>

All participants will be responsible for costs associated with domestic transportation in their respective countries, meals, local or international phone calls made during their stay in Washington, D.C., as well as incidental costs or possible damage to hotel rooms.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES

A visa is required to enter the United States. Visas must be requested at the US Consulate of the respective countries. Each participant will be responsible for the requirements and costs of obtaining a visa.

DRIVING DISTANCE FROM AIRPORTS TO WASHINGTON, DC

Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA)	15 minutes	Taxi US\$20.00
Dulles International Airport (IAD)	40 minutes	Taxi US\$65.00

Other transportation services, such as shuttle buses and metro lines, are available at a lower cost. For more information, please visit: <http://www.wmata.com/>

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ◆ **Weather Conditions:**
The weather forecast for Washington, DC during the meeting will range from a low of 53°F to a high of 75°F (12° and 24°C).
- ◆ **Power:**
110 watts are used in the Washington D.C.