

THE INTERN-AMERICAN

21st MOAS-PC MODEL OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

April 14th – 15th



Schedule

TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2015

9:30 – 10:30am	Opening Ceremony of the MOAS-PC
9:30 – 10:30am	First Session of the 21 st MOAS-PC
10:45 – 1:00pm	Committees meet in assigned rooms
2:00 – 3:00pm	Working group sessions of the Committees

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2015

9:00 – 9:30am	Final Working Group Sessions
10:50 – 1:00pm	Final Sessions of the Committee
2:00 – 3:45pm	Second Session of the MOAS-PC
4:00 – 4:20pm	Closing Session of the 21 st MOAS-PC

WELCOME

The time has come, the internship is almost over but the MOAS is just getting started. It is your time to get suited up, show your leadership and diplomacy skills, your oratory preparation and deliberate at the House of the Americas; and as the Madame Chair would say:

“The floor is yours Ambassadors”

THE TOPIC

Youth Education and Competitiveness



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How to prepare for the MOAS

Introducing **Adriana Bonilla**

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ADVICE for STARTERS

It's important to know and understand as much as possible the operation and type of dialogue that takes place in the regular and special meetings of the Permanent Council. Thus, proposals and how to intervene can be more constructive and respond to realistic scenarios. **If possible, try to meet with your country's Ambassador; they will give you great advice.**

PREPARING the TOPIC

To investigate the issue of competitiveness and entrepreneurship, I suggest the **Global Competitiveness Rankings**, which are collected from every year for the past decade, and compare them with existing data to gain a perspective of how it has progressed and what challenges we face now. Look for data from Latin America and the Caribbean compared to the

global data, particularly OECD countries and the Asian Tigers. Some global rankings that may offer useful information are the **Global Competitiveness Report of the World Economic Forum** and **Doing Business Reports of the World Bank**.

To investigate the issue of competitiveness I suggest looking at the **10 General Principles of Competitiveness of the Americas**, approved by Ministers and High Authorities on **October 5, 2011 during the V**

FOR MORE INFO GO TO:
Competitiveness Network (RIAC) - www.riacnet.org



Competitiveness Forum of the Americas. The Decalogue contains guidance on the key areas in which countries should take action to become more competitive and innovative. The 10 principles are found on the website of the Inter-American Competitiveness Network.

COUNTRIES to NOTICE

According to the overall ranking of the World Economic Forum, countries like **Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru and the United States** are those who have had a positive experience in terms of competitiveness considering the period 2006 - 2015. The

remaining countries in the region have lost ground in this global ranking coming out every year.

Taking reference from the **rankings of Doing Business for the period 2008 - 2015**, countries that have been observed to have improved their way of doing business

and that offered a more favourable business and investment climate are: **Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Dominican Republic.** In 2015, Colombia was ranked as the best country in Latin America and the Caribbean as ranked by ease of doing business.

TAKE into CONSIDERATION: EDUCATION

Countries should promote quality **education as a key element to improve the competitiveness and development of our countries.** It is one of the pillars of development in which you invest today to ensure a better future development. Further analysis should incorporate other issues such as technology education / technological illiteracy and / or what is called the digital gap. This is essential to study the current and global outlook, as technologies are advancing rapidly and the countries of the region should incorporate these tools as pillars of their education systems, in order avoid falling behind relative to other

countries. Additionally, if you ensure this aspect, in the years to come we could have more entrepreneurs and innovations, less unemployment and increased foreign investment; particularly from OECD countries and the Asian tigers. Some global rankings that may offer useful information are the **Global Competitiveness Report of the World Economic Forum** and the **Doing Business Reports World Bank.**

GOVERNMENTS' ROLE

Governments are those who can **allocate budget** and make key decisions to promote or redirect actions. **The private sector and academia can contribute** and support the effective implementation of the proposals. Ideally, the three parties: **government-private sector-academia would meet and work together** to achieve better results. There are many infrastructure projects of great magnitude, such as **Panama City's Metro, Bogotá's Transmilenio,** bridges, roads, etc, where the government has worked together and

joined forces with the private sector to provide better quality of life for citizens.

WHAT about RESULTS?

For ongoing projects and efforts that have been shared between the public and private sector, or between two or more countries, I recommend visiting the **Competitiveness Landmark Reports,** in which more than 150 successful experiences and lessons learned are collected.

The Signs Reports from 2012, 2013 and 2014 are available at www.riacreport.org



The best of luck,
Adriana Bonilla



A few words from **YADIRA SOTO** ASG Senior Advisor

A TIP FOR EVERYONE AT MOAS...

I think it's very important to have an adequate preparation; **preparation** is the key to a successful Model and to an enriching experience. I feel that the most important thing is to understand how the OAS works, and that is what the OAS has done in relation to the issues being addressed within the Model and knowing the country's position on the issue.

IS OUR ADVICE APPLIED AT THE PC?

Some ideas for resolutions can be shared with the authorities of the OAS, in terms of resolutions and conclusions. So I think it's very important to pursue this type of activity so that authorities realize

and take into account **young people's ideas, proposals and innovative solutions that can be shared.**

TO THE ELECTED AUTHORITIES

Be patient, until you are there you cannot imagine the challenge and the skills that are needed to manage the Commission, the Permanent Council or the General Assembly of the OAS and how complex it can be, but it is so satisfactory when achieved.

TAKE A LOOK AT OTHER YOUTH PROJECTS

Scholarships Program

For Latin America for Masters and Bachelors.

The Annual Youth Conference

A forum for the youth of the Americas.

YABT - The Young Americas Business Trust

An initiative for young entrepreneurs.

AN INSPIRING MESSAGE

Utilize the expertise of the OAS, the MOAS and internship in Washington DC. You only live once and this will be an unforgettable experience and I think you have to enjoy it to the fullest, build beautiful memories, friends, links and possibilities, HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

Meeting our authorities



Juana Martínez

Colombian, 24.

Lawyer.

History student.

Spanish , English , German.

Interested in Human Rights , International Humanitarian Law , working with vulnerable populations.

How are you preparing for the MOAS?

The MOAS requires understanding holistically the subject being treated. In this sense, as Secretary General, beyond the particular focus on each of the countries of the OAS policies I focused on researching about the guidelines and international standards that have occurred in this area of International Organizations.

Thus, the preparation was based on understanding from a comparative perspective of how international cooperation is addressing the issue of education for young people and competitiveness in the Americas.

Suggestions for Delegates:

Understand the general guidelines of the country they represent is key. There are cases where finding specific information about certain countries is complicated, but in these cases they should see the context of public policies on education and youth that are being developed there. This, to take a position in the MENA match the country would have to the OAS.

How will you commit to assisting in the process of MOAS?

I am committed to helping representatives to reach consensus with other countries. I am also available to those who want to discuss the issue or need support in understanding the modus operandi of the MOAS.

“Make a career of humanity, commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal Rights, you will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer World to live in” Martin Luther King, Jr. 1959.

Chairs



Mihwa Park

Korean, 23.

International Relations

English, Spanish, Korean

Interested in Politics, women's issues, environmental issues

In order to prepare for the MOAS I created a facebook page for the committee I am chairing. I have been updating it with documents from the MOAS webpage along with the schedules of the week.

In addition, I have been researching on OAS's position regarding our topic. In order to be prepared for chairing, I have been studying all the documents regarding MOAS-PC rules while attending several sessions of Permanent Council to get some ideas on how the PC functions.

I am always open for any questions, concerns, or thoughts regarding the MOAS. As a chair, I dedicated my time on studying about procedures of the PC—which could cause confusion to people who are not familiar with these types of activities, I can provide explanations on that as well. Also, coming from a non-Latin American country, I could be able to share different perspectives of the issue, coming from the 3rd person's view.

Before you start anything, set your country of origin's ideas aside and approach the issue from the perspective of the country that you are representing. It is really important for the delegations to "think, speak, act" based upon the ideas of the countries assigned.

Talk to your intern friends who came from the country you are representing, they might have new ideas that enlighten you! Be creative as you are preparing, and do not get stressed. Remember, we are here to learn and to have fun.

Andrea Caicedo

How are you preparing for the MOAS?

I'm watching videos of the meetings of the Permanent Council to understand its dynamics.

What suggestions would you give to your peers toward the MOAS ?

Similarly, watch videos of the meetings of the Permanent Council to get an idea of how it works in practice. We also investigate the positions of States that were assigned on the issue to debate accordingly, to develop good proposals to be subject to such positions.

How will you commit to assisting in the process of MOAS ?

Guiding the debate on the topic for discussion and supporting during discussions of the committees and in the process of drafting the resolution.

Any message or phrase that you identify yourself?

"We must be willing to let go of the life We have planned , so as to Have the Life That Is waiting for us" - Joseph Campbell



Colombian, 23

Lawyer

English, Spanish.

Interested in Human Rights and Criminal Law.

Secretaries



Robert Fain

Intern at the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism.

23,
Spanish, English.
Studies: History and Music – Swarthmore College (PA). Focus on Modern Latin America.

Experience: Writing Associate in the writing program assisting students in forming written arguments and revising papers. From June – August 2013 traveled to Buenos Aires to take classes on Argentinean History and Culinary and to conduct an oral history Project on post dictatorship as an assistant campaign manager in memories and youth. Worked with a small team in a successful State Assembly Campaign in New York.

Bernarda Ordoñez

Ecuadorian, 24.

Spanish, English, French.

Lawyer

Interested in Human Rights
Gender Studies and
International Commercial
Arbitration



How are you preparing for the MOAS?

As Secretary Committee of the INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT - CIDI, I am studying the modus operandi of the 21st MOAS / PC, legislative techniques for helping in the elaboration of good Resolutions. Also I made a search of the main politics of the countries that will be represented by the interns and are related with the topic "Development of new educational models and training for youth to meet the needs of the Evolving labor market".

"Nations march towards greatness at the same pace as their education progresses."
Simón Bolívar

What suggestions would you give to your peers toward the MOAS?

I would recommend to my coworkers for the 21th MOAS / PC to study in a global way the country that they are going to represent, because the topic is related with the economy, public political, development, technology and it's Important to know the overall conditions of the country they Will Represent for the Negotiations and Resolutions. I would like to recommend to my coworkers to search for strategic, economic or political alliances like CARICOM, UNASUR, NAFTA, and others.

Public Information Officers

Melanie Molina & Fernanda Silva



Melanie Molina,

Ecuadorian, 24

Corporate Communicator with
minor in Public Relations,
Journalism and International
Negotiations.

Interested in Human Rights,
Communication, Volunteering

María Fernanda Silva.

Ecuadorian, 22

Major in Media and Communications –
Journalism with minor in Audiovisual
Media. – Argentina

Loves to travel, document the world,
meeting new places and cultures.

**GOOD LUCK AND BE
PREPARED!**

**“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and
become more, you are a leader.”**

John Quincy Adams