**FORTY-FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS**

**“PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES”**

**CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES**

Representatives of civil society, workers and private sector organizations, youth and other social actors participating in the XLV OAS General Assembly will be able to attend the plenary sessions and the General Committee sessions of the General Assembly as observers. In addition, the following three events will be specifically held with these organizations and their representatives:

1. **COORDINATION MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY, WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, YOUTH AND OTHER SOCIAL ACTORS**

**Date and Time:** Saturday, June 13, 2015, 1:00pm – 5:30pm

**Place:** OAS Main Building, Hall of the Americas

17th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20006

The Dialogue of the Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General with civil society will focus on the theme of the General Assembly: “**Present and future of the Organization of American States**.“ More specifically and taking into consideration that there will not be a Declaration to be negotiated by the Member States at this General Assembly, the Dialogue will focus exclusively on the four Pillars of the OAS:

* Promoting Democracy;
* Defending Human Rights;
* Ensuring a Multidimensional Approach to Security; and,
* Fostering Integral Development and Prosperity.

In preparation for the Dialogue, the Department of International Affairs of the OAS will be facilitating a Coordination Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday, June 13 at OAS Headquarters.

The objective of the Coordination Meeting will be to provide a space to civil society and workers representatives as well as other social actors, to discuss and formulate recommendations on the four pillars of the OAS and the relations between the OAS and social actors within each of these pillars.

At the end of the Meeting, participants will further be invited to select spokespersons who will present the recommendations of the participants on each of the four pillars during the Dialogue of the Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General with representatives of civil society, labor unions, the private sector and other social actors scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 14, 2015.

There will be a space for **1 civil society spokesperson per pillar**. In addition, 2 representatives from workers organizations, 2 from the private sector and 1 youth representative will have a space in the dialogue to present their recommendations to the Member States on these four pillars.

1. **DIALOGUE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND OTHER SOCIAL ACTORS**

**Date and Time:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 – 9:00am – 10:30am

**Place:** OAS Main Building, Hall of the Americas

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On the morning of Sunday, June 14, 2015, a conversation will take place between the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General with civil society representatives and other social actors.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for civil society, social actors and workers representatives, among others, to dialogue with the OAS Secretary General and OAS Assistant Secretary General and offer their points of view on the theme of the XLV General Assembly “Present and Future of the Organization of America States,” as well as other topics of the Inter-American agenda.

1. **DIALOGUE OF THE HEADS OF DELEGATION, THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY, WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND OTHER SOCIAL ACTORS**

**Date and Time:** Sunday, June 14, 2015, 11:00am – 12:30pm

**Place:** OAS Main Building, Hall of the Americas

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The aim of this Dialogue will be to provide the representatives of the different groups (civil society, workers´ representatives, private sector and other social actors) with an opportunity to present their recommendations to the Member States, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General on the theme of the General Assembly: “Present and Future of the Organization of American States”.

The Dialogue will provide time for 4 civil society, 2 workers´, 2 private sector and 1 youth representatives to present the recommendations of their respective working groups.

After welcoming addresses by the Secretary General of the OAS and the Chair of the General Assembly, 20 minutes will be allocated for a first round of 3 to 4-minute statements each by one youth representative, two civil society representatives, one workers representative, and one private sector representative.

At the end of this first round of remarks by social actors, the Heads of Delegation of the Member States will be given 40 minutes to comment on the recommendations received. Next, there will be a second 15-minute round of interventions, 3 to 4-minutes each, by one representative of the private sector, one workers representative, and two civil society representatives. Then, the Heads of Delegation will be given the floor once again to share their comments and thoughts. The Dialogue will conclude at 12:30 pm