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## EIGHTH INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODIES AGENDA

Tuesday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	
09:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b><u>Opening session</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. the Hon. Errol Miller, OJ, CD, Chairman, Electoral Commission of Jamaica</li> <li>• Kevin Casas-Zamora, PhD, Secretary, Secretariat of Political Affairs, OAS</li> <li>• Hon. Julian Robinson, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining (with responsibility for Electoral Matters)</li> </ul>
10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<b>Official photo</b>
10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:15 a.m. 01:15 p.m.	<b><u>Panel I: "The role of EMBs in candidate selection processes"</u></b> <b>Moderator:</b> The Hon. Mrs. Dorothy Pine-McLarty O.J, Commissioner, Electoral Commission of Jamaica <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eugenio Chicas, President, Supreme Electoral Tribunal, El Salvador</li> <li>• Enrique Ortez Sequeira, Magistrate, Supreme Electoral Tribunal, Honduras</li> <li>• Sandra Etcheverry, Minister, Electoral Court, Uruguay</li> </ul>
01:15 p.m. 02:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
02:30 p.m. 04:30 p.m.	<b><u>Discussion Panel I: "The role of EMBs in candidate selection processes"</u></b> <b>Moderator:</b> The Hon. Mrs. Dorothy Pine-McLarty O.J, Commissioner, Electoral Commission, Jamaica  Suggested questions for the debate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should electoral authorities play a role in encouraging social participation or should they abstain in order to protect the organizational autonomy of political parties?</li> <li>• To what extent have reforms increasing the role of electoral authorities in organization of political parties been effective?</li> <li>• In what capacity do electoral authorities have the means to ensure compliance with the reforms, guaranteeing that legitimately democratic competition within political parties is a practical reality?</li> <li>• How can electoral authorities promote the inclusion of female candidates?</li> </ul>
06:30 p.m.	<b>Welcome cocktails – Place: Gazebo, West Lawn</b>



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### Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

09:00 a.m.

#### **Panel II: "Vote counting, data transmission, and preliminary results reporting"**

11:00 a.m.

**Moderator:** Maria Teresa Mellenkamp, Chief, Electoral Technical Cooperation Section, DECO, OAS

- Roberto Rosario Marquez, President, Central Electoral Board, Dominican Republic
- Orrette Fisher, Director of Elections, Electoral Commission of Jamaica
- Rafael Riva Palacio, Director of International Cooperation, Federal Electoral Institute, México
- Michael Flood, Commissioner, Electoral Commission, Saint Lucia

11:00 a.m.

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Suggested questions for the debate:

- What models for the composition of polling stations provide the highest levels of impartiality and oversight of the vote count?
- What measures should be adopted to improve the training and performance of poll workers?
- What are the features that would best ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the transmission of preliminary results?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of publishing preliminary results on Election Day?

01:15 p.m.

#### **Lunch**

02:30 p.m.

02:30 p.m.

#### **Closing session**

04:30 p.m.

**Summation of good practices: The role of EMBs in candidate selection processes and vote counting, data transmission, and preliminary results reporting**

- Marie-Laurence Lasseague, Head of Programme, Latin America & Caribbean, International IDEA

#### **OAS initiatives on the electoral field**

- Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, PhD, Acting Director, DECO, OEA

#### **American electoral jurisprudence project: advances and next steps**

- Hector Fernandez Masis, General Director of Electoral Registries and Political Financing, Supreme Electoral Tribunal, Costa Rica

#### **Closing Remarks**

- Prof. the Hon. Errol Miller, OJ, CD, Chairman, Electoral Commission of Jamaica