



## Second Plenary Assembly of the Global Network on Electoral Justice

Cancun, State of Quintana Roo, Mexico

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2018

### Sunday, 2 December

Arrival of participants throughout the day

19:00 Welcome cocktail

### Monday, 3 December

09:00	<p><b>Opening ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carlos Joaquín González, Government of the State of Quintana Roo (to be confirmed)</li> <li>- José Luis Vargas Valdez, Justice of the TEPJF</li> <li>- Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Justice of the TEPJF</li> <li>- Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission</li> <li>- Francisco Guerrero Aguirre, Secretary for the Strengthening of Democracy of the Organization of American States (OAS)</li> <li>- Niall McCann, Policy and Election Support Advisor in the Bureau of Policy and Program Support</li> <li>- Daniel Zovatto, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)</li> <li>- Chad Vickery, Director of the Center for Applied Research and Learning of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)</li> <li>- Janine M. Otálora Malassis, Chief Justice of the TEPJF</li> </ul>
10:00	<p><b>Official photo</b></p>
10:30	<p><b>Progress and achievements of the GNEJ</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Address the progress and changes that have been made since the First Plenary Assembly and the agreements resulting from the Scientific Committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Format:</u> General forum</p>





	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico (Presidency)</li> <li>- Constitutional Court of South Korea (Vice-presidency)</li> <li>- Electoral Court of South Africa (Vice-presidency)</li> <li>- Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic (Vice-presidency)</li> </ul>
11:30	<p><b>Plenary Session 1: Universal and equal electoral justice</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Analyze the mechanisms of protection of political-electoral rights and the citizens' access to electoral justice.</p> <p><u>Format:</u> Plenary session</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Martin Okumu-Masiga, Secretary-General of the Africa Judges and Jurists Forum</li> <li>- Snježana Bagić, Vice-president of the Constitutional Court of Croatia</li> <li>- Johann Kriegler, Retired Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa</li> <li>- Ishwor Prasad Khatiwada, Superior Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal</li> <li>- <b>Monica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Justice of the TEPJF</b></li> </ul>
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30	<p><b>Working Group Sessions</b></p> <p><u>Format:</u> There will be 7-minute interventions to guide the discussion and then the moderator will encourage discussion among the participants.</p> <p><b>Room A. Mechanisms for the inclusion of political minorities (non-partisan candidacies, indigenous normative systems, disabled persons)</b></p>





	<p><u>Coordinator:</u> Katherine Ellena, Legal Advisor of the Center for Applied Research and Learning of IFES</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Odbayar Dorj, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia</li> <li>- Álvaro Pop, Technical Secretary, Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC)</li> <li>- Samira Guiza, Judge-President of the Appeal Chamber of the Administrative Tribunal of Tunisia</li> <li>- Alberto Yepes Barreiro, Magistrate of the Fifth Section of the Contentious Administrative Chamber of the Council of State of Colombia</li> </ul> <p><b>Room B. Political participation with a gender perspective</b></p> <p><u>Coordinator:</u> Carmen Morte Gómez, Head of the Jurisprudence Information and Publications Division of the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bryan Sykes, Justice of the Supreme Court of Jamaica</li> <li>- Socorro Inting, Commissioner of the Commission on Elections of the Philippines</li> <li>- Bengt-Anders Johansson, Member of the Electoral Review Board of Sweden</li> <li>- María Elena Wapenka, Justice of the Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay</li> </ul>
15:30	Coffee break
15:45	<p><b>Plenary Session 2: Protecting democratic principles in elections from a comparative global perspective: judicialization or other dispute resolution mechanisms?</b></p> <p>Objective: General introduction to the topic, its implications for electoral procedures and its effects on democratic disaffection. This session is a prelude to the case studies.</p>





	<p><u>Format:</u> General forum</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- José Thompson, Director of the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center (CAPEL) of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights</li> <li>- Ilona Tip, Operations Director of the Electoral Institute for the Sustainability of Democracy in Africa (EISA)</li> <li>- Pat Merloe, Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs of the National Democratic Institute (NDI)</li> <li>- Ulvi Akhundlu, Advisor of the Elections Department of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)</li> <li>- <b>Janine M. Otálora Malassis, Chief Justice of TEPJF</b></li> </ul>
16:45	Coffee break
17:00	<p><b>Working Group Sessions</b></p> <p><u>Format:</u> There will be 7-minute interventions to guide the discussion and then the moderator will encourage discussion among the participants.</p> <p><b>Room A. Successful and legitimate elections: an international perspective</b></p> <p><u>Coordinator:</u> Miguel Ángel Lara Otaola, Head of Program for Mexico and Central America of International IDEA</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hugo Concha, Researcher, Institute of Legal Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)</li> <li>- Thomas Hicks, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission</li> <li>- Johann Kriegler, Ret. Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa</li> <li>- Jesús Orozco Henríquez, Researcher, Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM</li> <li>- Ellen Weintraub, Commissioner, U.S. Federal Election Commission</li> </ul>







	<p><b>Room B. Good practices in electoral reforms</b></p> <p><u>Coordinator:</u> Maximo Zaldivar, Resident Program Director, Mexico Office, of the International Republican Institute (IRI)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marco Lipari, President of the Jurisdictional Third Section of the Council of State of Italy</li> <li>- Annie Mwewa Mulenga Sitali, Judge of the Constitutional Court</li> <li>- Abhan, President of Bawaslu, the Election Supervisory Board of Indonesia</li> <li>- <b>Felipe Alfredo Fuentes Barrera, Justice of TEPJF</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Room C. Models for the resolution of electoral disputes and effective protection of rights</b></p> <p><u>Coordinator:</u> Andrea Pisaneschi, Professor, Department of Law of the University of Sienna</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Boissie Henry Mbha, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of South Africa</li> <li>- Wilfredo Penco, Vice-president of the Electoral Court of Uruguay</li> <li>- Sanjiv Kumar, Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka, India</li> <li>- Patrick Sensburg, Chairman of the Committee for the Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure of the Bundestag of Germany</li> </ul>
19:00	End of the day's work
20:00	Official dinner





## Tuesday, 4 December

09:00	<p><b>Plenary Session 3: Digital revolution and electoral processes</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> General introduction to the implications that new technologies have had on electoral processes, from a perspective of electoral justice, as well as the challenges that are faced by authorities and the citizens in general.</p> <p><u>Format:</u> General Forum</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Francisco Guerrero Aguirre, Secretary for the Strengthening of Democracy of OAS</li> <li>- Herdís Thorgeirsdóttir, First Vice-president of the Venice Commission</li> <li>- Goodwin H. Liu, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California, United States</li> <li>- Catalina Botero, Law Dean of the University of the Andes</li> </ul>
10:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
10:15	<p><b>Working Group Sessions</b></p> <p><u>Format:</u> There will be 7-minute interventions to guide the discussion and then the moderator will encourage discussion among the participants.</p> <p><b>Room A. Use of social media, freedom of expression and equity in electoral processes.</b></p> <p><u>Coordinator:</u> Gabriela NONES, Programme Specialist Governance Team, UNDP Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Samira Guiza, Judge-President of the Appeal Chamber of the Administrative Tribunal of Tunisia</li> <li>- Fadhila Gargouri, Judge of the Court of Accounts of Tunisia</li> <li>- Farouk Bouasker, Magistrate of the Independent Superior Electoral Body of Tunisia</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manuel Delgado-Iribarren, Director of the Technical Ministry of the Central Electoral Board of Spain and Lawyer of the General Courts</li> <li>- Lotfi Blel, Senior Legal Adviser of the Electoral Project of UNDP in Tunisia</li> <li>- Niall McCANN, Policy and Election Support Advisor in the Bureau of Policy and Program Support</li> </ul> <p><b>Room B. Use of technologies for access to justice and for citizen interaction and participation</b></p> <p><u>Coordinator:</u> Rafael Rubio, Member of the Venice Commission and of the Scientific Committee of the GNEJ</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ann Scott Timmer, Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, United States</li> <li>- Jean-Philippe Derosier, Professor of Public Law at the Legal/Judicial Research Centre of the University of Lille and Member of the Scientific Committee of the GNEJ</li> <li>- Michael Mohallem, Coordinator of the Center for Justice and Society of the Getulio Vargas Foundation and Member of the Scientific Committee of the GNEJ</li> </ul>
12:15	<p><b>Electoral Dispute Resolution Mechanisms before the Global Situation: A Summary of Shared Experiences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>José Luis Vargas Valdez, Justice of TEPJF</b></li> <li>- Chad Vickery, Director of the Center for Applied Research and Learning of IFES</li> <li>- Daniel Zovatto, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of International IDEA</li> </ul>
13:00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14:00	<p><b>Report of the working group sessions of the Second Plenary Assembly</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Each coordinator of the working sessions will share the conclusions of each working group session with the other participants.</p> <p><u>Format:</u> General Forum</p>





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	<p><u>Description:</u> The coordinators of the working sessions will be present the conclusions in a maximum of 7 minutes. Afterwards, a space will be opened for additional comments with a maximum of 2 minutes per participant.</p>
16:00	<b>Plenary Session 4. General Assembly of the GNEJ and resolutions</b>
17:00	<b>Closing ceremony</b>
17:45	<b>Private meeting: GNEJ Scientific Committee</b>  Participants: Presidency, Vice-presidencies and members of the GNEJ Scientific Committee
20:30	Informal (optional) dinner

