

Para: Los participantes en la conferencia internacional del Centro Carter sobre el derecho a la información pública

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Ref.: Objetivos y sinopsis de la conferencia

Estamos dichosos de saber que estarán con nosotros para hablar acerca de los éxitos y desafíos del ejercicio del derecho a la información alrededor del mundo, y sobre todo para analizar de qué forma podemos promover este derecho. La conferencia estará dirigida por Jimmy Carter, Ex Presidente de los Estados Unidos. Contaremos además con la presencia de dos jefes de estado, Evo Morales, actual Presidente de Bolivia, y Amadou Toumani Touré, actual presidente de Mali, como también con Alejandro Toledo, Ex Presidente del Perú. Nos sentimos satisfechos de contar con tan alto nivel de representación de todos los sectores de la sociedad –el político, el gubernamental, el empresarial, el de los medios de comunicación, el de las organizaciones no gubernamentales, como también el de las organizaciones internacionales y las fundaciones más prominentes–. En total tendremos 125 participantes provenientes de 40 países.

Antecedentes

El Centro Carter celebró una conferencia preparatoria en mayo de 2007 que sirvió para identificar los temas centrales de esta conferencia y esclarecer sus objetivos. Durante la fase u

e el proceso se estanque o retroceda.¹ Si bien es cierto que ha habido

¹ En los Estados Unidos, el gobierno Bush ha llevado a cabo una serie de ataques contra la Ley para el Libre Acceso a la Información (“Freedom of Information Act”), como por ejemplo memorandos enviados por el Departamento de Justicia instando a mantener las cosas en secreto, o el hecho de que el vicepresidente Cheney declare que él no hace parte de la rama ejecutiva y que por ende

avances claros, particularmente en el número de países que ha promulgado leyes integrales de acceso a la información, es probable que no se haya mirado realmente cómo les está yendo a estas leyes en la práctica, y en qué medida se están implementando, haciendo cumplir y utilizando.

Además, no se sabe si los beneficios del derecho a la información están alcanzando a los más desfavorecidos y creando las transformaciones sociales esperadas. Aunque el derecho a la información tiene el potencial de ser un fuerte mecanismo para garantizar la responsabilidad y promover el desarrollo, existe un consenso en torno a la necesidad de llevar a cabo investigaciones minuciosas que demuestren el efecto del derecho a la información para así poder persuadir a los gobiernos de que en general, los beneficios de la transparencia sobrepasan los costos de seguir en la opacidad.

Meta y objetivos:

La meta de esta conferencia internacional es avanzar en el desarrollo de sistemas efectivos de acceso a la información pública en todo el mundo.

Los objetivos principales de la conferencia son:

1. Reflexionar acerca del estado actual del derecho a la información pública en el mundo
2. Considerar el efecto del acceso a la información en áreas como el desarrollo y la gobernanza
3. Explorar las acciones prioritarias para promover la promulgación y total implementación de leyes de acceso a la información pública, sin olvidar las consideraciones de *realpolitik* que influyen a todas las partes interesadas

Esto se logrará mediante los presentadores principales, las exposiciones de cada panel, los grupos de trabajo y las discusiones plenarias. Al reunir a tan ilustre grupo de pensadores, personas influyentes y practicantes en un contexto informal, esperamos poder crear un espacio para el logro de esta meta. Los participantes harán recomendaciones detalladas y delinearán un plan de acción para promover el derecho a la información alrededor del mundo al cierre de la conferencia.

Metodología

Exceptuando las sesiones plenarias iniciales y las conclusiones del último día, llevaremos a cabo nuestras deliberaciones a puerta cerrada y de manera extraoficial para así crear un ambiente en el que todos los presentes puedan expresar sus opiniones e ideas con tranquilidad. Tampoco tendremos discursos ni actuaciones formales. Los presentadores del almuerzo y la cena y las plenarias iniciales del miércoles en la tarde proporcionarán el contexto de las deliberaciones a través de presentaciones muy cortas cuyo objetivo será el de estimular un debate sensato. Confirmaremos el resumen o la declaración de la conferencia durante la sesión de clausura.

El jueves nos dividiremos en cinco grupos de trabajo para analizar los problemas específicos que se identificaron en una reunión preparatoria que tuvimos en mayo del 2007 y durante innumerables consultas con muchos de ustedes. El objetivo de cada uno de los grupos de trabajo es el de proponer recomendaciones de cómo proceder. Les pedimos que consideren diferentes pasos a seguir con base en las distintas partes interesadas –¿qué es lo que pueden hacer todos y cada uno de los actores: la sociedad civil, el gobierno nacional, las organizaciones internacionales, el sector privado, los medios de comunicación, los académicos, y las instituciones financieras y los donantes internacionales? Todos somos iguales en estos pequeños grupos de trabajo, en los que contaremos con los mejores y más comprometidos expertos y practicantes de todo el mundo en el área del derecho a la información. Sus facilitadores y relatores son los mejores en el campo, y ellos nos ayudarán a lo largo del día para que produzcamos recomendaciones claras.

El viernes en la mañana nos reuniremos en un solo grupo para hablar acerca de nuestras conclusiones y recomendaciones, las cuales pasarán a hacer parte del plan de acción que quedará



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El Centro Carter
Febrero 27 al 29 de 2008

Memorando sobre la logística de la conferencia

Nos sentimos dichosos de darle la bienvenida a la ciudad de Atlanta. A continuación encontrará información útil para su arribo y estadía en nuestra ciudad.

Transporte del aeropuerto

El Centro Carter tiene el gusto de ofrecer transporte en grupo entre el Aeropuerto Internacional de Hartsfield y el hotel de la conferencia o el Centro Carter, siempre y cuando usted llegue durante los horarios en los que contaremos con personal en el

Si llega en un vuelo nacional de American Airlines, por favor baje por las escaleras mecánicas y pase por las puertas de vidrio para llegar al área de equipaje. Ahí encontrará a uno de los representantes del Centro Carter sosteniendo un aviso que dirá “Carter Center”. Esta persona le indicará a dónde tiene que ir para coordinar el transporte.

Salida:

Habrá transporte disponible para las personas que salgan del Centro Carter el viernes 29 de febrero. Por favor no olvide cancelar la habitación del hotel y llevarse su equipaje. El horario de transporte con las horas de salida se pondrá en cartelera en el Centro Carter. También contaremos con transporte en grupo para aquellos que salgan directamente del hotel al aeropuerto el viernes 29 de febrero. Más adelante le informaremos el horario de salida del transporte en grupo del hotel.

Les reembolsaremos el costo del taxi del hotel Georgian Terrace al aeropuerto a aquellas personas que partan después del viernes. Por favor no olvide guardar su recibo.

Si decide irse al aeropuerto por sus propios medios (y no utilizar el transporte en grupo), desafortunadamente no podremos reembolsarle el costo.

Equipaje

Tendremos un área designada para guardarle el equipaje a aquellos que lleguen directamente al Centro Carter o planeen salir desde allí.

Hotel

Le hemos reservado una habitación en el hotel Georgian Terrace. Por favor tenga en cuenta que los cambios que desee hacerle a la reservación los debe realizar directamente a través del Centro Carter. El hotel le pedirá la información de su tarjeta de crédito en el momento de registrarse para cubrir cargos incidentales o personales. Si no puede presentar una tarjeta de crédito, el hotel le pedirá un depósito reembolsable de \$100 en efectivo.

The Georgian Terrace
659 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30308
Tel: 404-897-1991
Fax: 404-724-0642

El clima y la vestimenta apropiada

El mes de febrero es considerado como mes de invierno en Atlanta a pesar de que las temperaturas pueden ser templadas y oscilar entre los 60 grados durante el día y los 37 grados Fahrenheit en la noche (14-3 grados centígrados). Se recomienda traer gabardina o paraguas. La vestimenta para los eventos de la conferencia debe ser traje de negocios o atuendo tradicional.

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Memorando acerca del transporte en grupo

Martes, 26 de febrero – programa opcional

- 6:20 PM Salida del Hotel Georgian Terrace hacia el Centro Carter para conversar un poco
- 8:45 PM Salida del Centro Carter hacia el Georgian Terrace

Miércoles, 27 de febrero

- 11:20 AM Salida del Georgian Terrace hacia la conferencia en el Centro Carter
- 8:00 PM 1^{era} salida del Centro Carter hacia el Georgian Terrace
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- 8:30 PM 2^{nda} salida del Centro Carter hacia el Georgian Terrace

Jueves, 28 de febrero

- 8:00 AM Salida del Georgian Terrace hacia la conferencia en el Centro Carter
- 5:45 PM Salida del Centro Carter hacia la cena en el Banco de la Reserva Federal
- 9:00 PM Salida del Banco de la Reserva Federal hacia el Georgian Terrace

Viernes, 29 de febrero

- 8:30 AM Salida del Georgian Terrace hacia la conferencia en el Centro Carter
- 1:15 PM Salida por grupos en taxi del Centro Carter hacia el Georgian Terrace o el aeropuerto

Laura Neuman, Gerente de Proyecto de Acceso a la Información, Centro Carter
Tom Blanton, Director Ejecutivo, Archivo de Seguridad Nacional
Kevin Dunion, Comisario de Información, Escocia
Michelle Roberts, Periodista, El Oregonian

Miércoles 27 de febrero

12:00 p.m.

Almuerzo y conferencistas – Salón Cyprus

Jennifer McCoy, Directora, Programa de las Américas, El Centro Carter
Juez Diego García-Sayan, Vicepresidente, Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos

Sesiones plenarias – Capilla Cecil B. Day

2:00 p.m.

Sesión de apertura

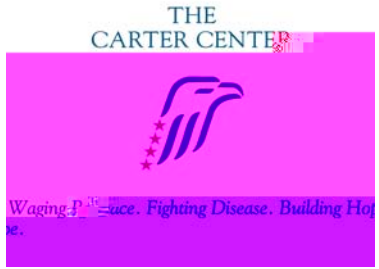
7:00 p.m. **Cócteles – vestíbulo de la biblioteca del Museo Presidencial de Carter**
Tour del Museo Presidencial de Jimmy Carter disponible

8:00 p.m. **Buses comienzan a salir para el hotel**

Jueves 28 de febrero

8:00 a.m. **Salida del hotel**

- 11:15 a.m. **Receso**
- 11:45 p.m. **Discusión plenaria y conclusiones de la conferencia**
Moderador: Ex Presidente Jimmy Carter
- 12:30 p.m. **Conclusiones finales y próximos pasos**
- 12:45 p.m. **Almuerzo (opcional) o transporte al aeropuerto**



Conferencia Internacional sobre el

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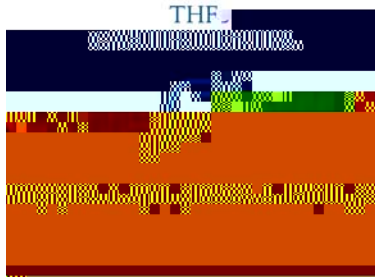
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Rodolfo Aldea

Rodolfo Aldea M is a lawyer and magister in political science. From 1981 until 1990 he served as judge and speaker of the court, after which he served as an attorney for the Ministry of Economy. From 1991 until 1995 he participated in the “Capacity-building, Management, and Judicial Policy” project for the Chilean government, financed by USAID. He went on to be a professor in the judicial academy, and taught political science in the Chilean government’s “Program on International Cooperation for Policemen”. He also taught political science in the

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Rodolfo Aldea, abogado, magister en ciencia política. De 1981 a 1990, fue juez y relator de Corte. De 1990 a 1991, fue Fiscal en el Ministerio de Economía. De 1991 a 1995, participó en el proyecto "Capacitación, Gestión y Política Judicial", financiado por USAID. De 1997 a 2003, fue profesor en la Academia Judicial. En 2004 y 2005, impartió cursos de ciencia política, en el "Programa de Cooperación Internacional de Policías" del Gobierno de Chile. De 2003 a 2006, impartió clases de ciencia política en la Universidad Alberto Hurtado. En 2006, impartió clases sobre ética social (Rawls y Sen) en curso de postgrado del Instituto de Asuntos Públicos de la Universidad de Chile. Desde 2006, imparte cursos de Teoría Política en la Universidad San Sebastián y en la Universidad Tecnológica Metropolitana. Desde 2007, imparte el curso "El Estado y Reformas de Nueva Generación", en programas de postgrado de la Escuela de Economía de la Universidad de Chile. Desde 1991, es abogado del Consejo de Defensa del Estado. Desde 1998 es consultor del Banco Mundial en justicia y defensa judicial del Estado. Desde 2007 es asesor gubernamental en probidad, transparencia y acceso a la información pública.

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Paloma Baena is a Public Governance specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), where she focuses on anticorruption and strategic public management issues. She has participated in the revision of the Bank's anticorruption strategy and the launching of its first anticorruption trust fund. She has also conducted political economy analysis for growth diagnostic studies and participated in modernization of the state projects in South America and the Caribbean. Prior to joining the IDB, Paloma worked at the World Bank, advising on issues relating to the business climate and public-private partnerships, and in the private sector, as a strategic management consultant for public sector entities. Paloma holds a J.D. from Complutense University (Madrid, Spain) and an M.P.A. from Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts), focused on political and economic development and

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Press, Leusden, The Netherlands, 2006. Dr Bropleh has presented several academic papers, including *Freedom from Fear—In search of Global Peace and Security*—UN General Assembly High-level Civil Society Hearings—UN Headquarters, (2005) and *Refugees and Uprooted People: Advocating for God’s Justice and Household* – United Nation, New York, NY, 2001.

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Maximiliano Campos Rios

conflict mediation in Ethiopia and Eritrea, North Korea, Liberia, Haiti, Bosnia, Sudan, Uganda, the Great Lakes region, Venezuela, and Nepal. The author of twenty-three books, he is University Distinguished Professor at Emory University. On December 10, 2002, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to President Carter “for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development.

Rosalynn Carter

Rosalynn Carter, as First Lady of Georgia and First Lady of the United States, took on a continuing role as leader and advocate for positive change in the field of mental health. She created and chairs The Carter Center’s Mental Health Task Force. She is president of the Board

the past twenty years. His community involvement includes his role as Chief Commissioner for Scouts in the Cayman Islands. He was named as a Member of the British Empire on June 16, 2003. He is also an avid cyclist and road safety advocate.

Damian Cox

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Nelson de Freitas

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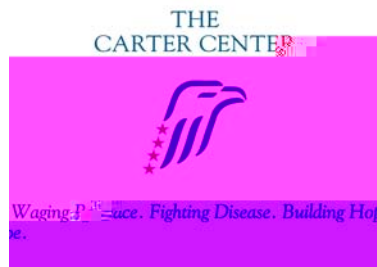
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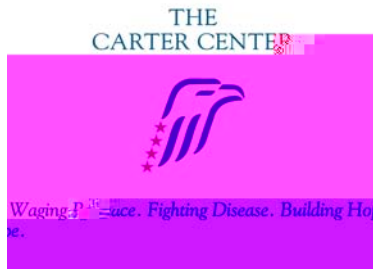
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Pautas para los grupos de trabajo

Metodología

El segundo día de la conferencia, el jueves 28 de febrero, estará dedicado a los grupos de trabajo. Cada grupo de trabajo contará con un facilitador y un relator que ayudarán a dirigir las discusiones del grupo y llevar un registro de las mismas. El objetivo para la mañana y las primeras horas de la tarde de este día será el de analizar los problemas, las lecciones aprendidas, los éxitos, y los desafíos pertinentes al grupo. El resumen y la identificación de los pasos a seguir para avanzar en el tema del derecho a la información se llevarán a cabo al finalizar el día. Todos los grupos contarán con un formato de tres diapositivas en Power Point para presentar lo siguiente:

1. La determinación del tema
2. Las consideraciones
3. Qué hacer/Pasos a seguir

El facilitador del grupo les presentará el trabajo en Power Point al Presidente Carter y a todos los participantes en la conferencia para fomentar la discusión de la plenaria el viernes 29 de febrero. El arduo trabajo y las intensas discusiones de los grupos, las diapositivas presentadas y las discusiones finales de los grupos se integrarán en la declaración de la conferencia que además incluirá un plan de acción específico para avanzar en el desarrollo del derecho a la información pública a nivel internacional.

Configuración de los grupos

La designación de los grupos se decidió cuidadosamente con base en los siguientes criterios:

1. Preferencias individuales sobre los distintos grupos de trabajo
2. La intención de fomentar la unión del grupo

Por esto, es indispensable que todos y cada uno de los miembros del grupo permanezcan con el grupo de trabajo al que fueron asignados. Por favor no cambie de grupo de trabajo bajo ningún motivo. Nos disculpamos con anterioridad si no pudimos asignarlo según sus preferencias iniciales.