



PROGRAM

**Regional Conference on the International Year for People of African Descent
*The Situation of Afro-descendants in the Americas: Prospects and Challenges***

Hall of the Americas, OAS Main Building, Washington D.C. (March 14, 2011)

<p>OPENING REMARKS 9:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>María Silvia Guillén, IACHR – Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination</p>	<p>María Clara Martín, UNOHCHR – Chief, Americas Section</p>	<p>Susan Farnsworth, Global Rights, Interim Executive Director</p>	<p>Mario Lisboa Theodoro, Executive Secretary, Special Secretariat on Policies of Promotion of Racial Equality (Brazil)</p>	<p>Thomas Edward Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice (USA)</p>
<p>Break (15min)</p>					
<p>PANEL I Affirmative Actions 11:15 – 12:30</p> <p>Moderator: María Clara Martín, Chief, Americas Section - UNOHCHR</p>	<p>11:15 – 11:30 Mario Lisboa Theodoro, Executive Secretary, Special Secretariat on Policies of Promotion of Racial Equality (Brazil)</p>	<p>11:30 – 11:45 Pastor Elías Murillo Martínez, CERD Member (United Nations)</p>	<p>11:45 – 12:00 Noelia Maciel – Afro-Uruguayan Movement UBUNTU/Afro-descendant Assembly (Uruguay)</p>	<p>12:00 – 12:30pm Q&A</p>	

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<p>PANEL II Racial Discrimination in the justice systems 14:00 – 15:15</p> <p>Moderator: Carlos Quesada, Regional Director for Latin America – Global Rights</p>	<p>14:00 – 14:15 Michele Crawford – U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (USA)</p>	<p>14:15 – 14:30 Prof. Tanya Hernandez – Fordham University Law School (USA)</p>	<p>14:30 – 14:45 Carlos Quesada, Regional Director for Latin America – Global Rights</p>	<p>14:45 – 15:15 Q&A</p>
Break (15min)				
<p>PANEL III Collective Rights 15:30-16:45</p> <p>Moderator: Santiago Canton, Executive Secretary – IACHR</p>	<p>15:30 – 15:45 Libia Grueso – International Consultant (Colombia)</p>	<p>15:45 – 16:00 Douglas Quintero Tenorio – Afro America XXI (Ecuador)</p>	<p>16:00 – 16:15 Sr. Federico Guzmán Duque, IACHR – Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</p>	<p>16:15 – 16:45 Q&A</p>
<p>CLOSING REMARKS 16:45 – 17:15</p>	<p>María Silvia Guillén, IACHR – Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination</p>			