

## Program of the Third Plenary Assembly

5-8 November 2019  
Mexico

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER	
THROUGHOUT THE DAY	ARRIVALS AND DINNER IN THE HOTEL

  

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER	
09:00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
09:15 - 10:15	OPENING CEREMONY
<p><b>Objective.</b> Welcome the participants to the Third Plenary Assembly, speak on the importance of the GNEJ, present the progress and changes made since the Second Plenary Assembly. Present and summarize the discussion topics.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justices of the TEPJF</li> <li>• Armida Castro Guzmán, President of the Municipality of Los Cabos</li> <li>• Gianni Buquicchio, President, Venice Commission</li> <li>• Anthony Banbury, President, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)</li> <li>• Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy, Organization of American States (OEA)</li> <li>• Daniel Zovatto, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)</li> </ul>	
10:15 - 10:45	OFFICIAL PHOTO

10:45 - 11:45	ELECTORAL PROCESSES OF THE YEAR
<p><b>Objective.</b> Present the achievements and challenges of the main elections in each country and emphasize the strategies that increase the access to electoral justice.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Zovatto, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, International IDEA</li> <li>• Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary, Venice Commission</li> <li>• Ilona Tip, Operations Director, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA)</li> <li>• Katherine Ellena, Senior Global Legal Adviser, IFES</li> </ul>	
11:45 - 14:00	SOCIAL MEDIA: PLENARY WORKSHOP WITH TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES
<p><b>Objective.</b> To facilitate direct dialogue between election arbiters and industry leaders on how social media and technology can positively contribute to (and not undermine) electoral integrity – including through thoughtful regulatory approaches.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Closed session according the Chatham House Rules.<sup>1</sup> <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Lisa Reppell, Senior Research Officer, IFES</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy, OEA</li> <li>• Crystal Patterson, Head of Global Civic Partnerships, Facebook</li> <li>• Theodore Wilhite, Civic Partnerships Associate Manager, Facebook</li> <li>• Anna Mekanju, Public Policy Manager, Global Elections, Facebook</li> <li>• Jan Neutze, Senior Director, Digital Diplomacy &amp; Head, Cybersecurity &amp; Democracy Team at Microsoft</li> <li>• Matthew Sanderson, Political Law Expert, Caplin &amp; Drysdale</li> <li>• John Tass-Parker, Head of Politics and Government, Instagram.</li> <li>• Chad Vickery, Vice President of Global Strategy and Technical Leadership, IFES</li> <li>• Ellen Weintraub, Chair, Federal Election Commission of the United States</li> <li>• Hugo Rodriguez Nicolat, Latin America Public Policy Lead, Twitter (via Skype)</li> </ul>	

<sup>1</sup> When a meeting is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

14:00 - 15:15	LUNCH
15:15 - 16:15	PLENARY 1. MECHANISMS OF REPRESENTATION
<p><b>Objective.</b> Analyze the mechanisms of exercising the political-electoral rights of the citizens, focusing on electoral justice processes. Specifically, introduce the topics of independent candidacies, both political movements and those alternative to political parties, and internal mechanisms within political parties (directive bodies and selection of candidates).</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Josep María Castellà, Member, Venice Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Hardin Young, Electoral expert</li> <li>• Chad Vickery, Vice President of Global Strategy and Technical Leadership, IFES</li> </ul>	
16:15 - 16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30 - 17:30	PLENARY 2. EQUAL ACCESS TO ELECTORAL JUSTICE
<p><b>Objective.</b> Analyze judicial and legal strategies that develop and promote the exercise of political-electoral rights of the citizens and how these tackle the challenges to modern democracies, from an academic perspective. Also, link the theoretical part with the practical experiences that are shared in the working groups.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Justice of the High Chamber of TEPJF</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Electoral expert</li> <li>• Álvaro Pop, Technical Secretary, Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC)</li> <li>• Yolima Carrillo, Electoral expert</li> </ul>	

17:30 - 18:30	PLENARY 3. DEMOCRACY AND CORRUPTION
<p><b>Objective.</b> General introduction to the theme, its implications for electoral processes and effects on the democratic disaffection, from an academic perspective, as well as link the theoretical part to the practical experiences shared in the working groups.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Catalina Botero, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Los Andes</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruno Brandão, Executive Director, Transparency International, Brazil</li> <li>• Ellen Weintraub, Chair, Federal Election Commission of the United States</li> <li>• Emanuele Sapienza, Specialist in public policies, Regional bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP Panama</li> </ul>	
19:30 - 22:00	OFFICIAL DINNER

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER	
09:30 - 11:00	<b>WORKING GROUPS 1. MECHANISMS OF REPRESENTATION</b>
<p><b>Objective.</b> Each working group will focus on the sub-topics of the “Mechanisms of Representation”: primary and internal elections within political parties, independent candidacies, and social movements and alternatives to political parties.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Brief presentations to guide the discussion, followed by the moderator coordinating the debate among the participants.</p> <p><b>Room A. Internal mechanisms within political parties: primary and internal elections</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 1.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Dong Nguyen Huu, International expert</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roberto Izurieta, Director of Latin American Projects for the Graduate School of Political Management, George Washington University</li> <li>• Dora Martínez de Barahona, Chief Justice, Supreme Electoral Tribunal of El Salvador</li> <li>• Chinbat Namjil, Senior Officer of the Research Center, Constitutional Court of Mongolia</li> </ul> <p><b>Room B. Independent candidacies</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 2.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Máximo Zaldívar, Resident Program Director, International Republican Institute (IRI)</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wolfgang Brandstetter, Justice, Constitutional Court of Austria</li> <li>• Myrtha Varela de Durán, Substitute Justice, Electoral Tribunal of Panama</li> <li>• Andrii Zohorodniuk, Justice, Supreme Court of Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><b>Room C. Social movements and alternatives to political parties</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 3.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Dickson Omondi, Regional Director for Southern and East Africa, National Democratic Institute (NDI)</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Scott Timmer, Vice Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Arizona</li> <li>• Michael Rubbestad, Substitute Member, Election Review Board of Sweden</li> </ul>	

11:00 - 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 - 12:45	WORKING GROUPS 2. EQUAL ACCESS TO ELECTORAL JUSTICE
<p><b>Objective.</b> Each working group will focus on the sub-topics of “Equal access to electoral justice”: political minority participation (gender equality, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI+). This, with a special focus on the achievements and proactive strategies.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Brief presentations to guide the discussion, followed by the moderator coordinating the debate among the participants.</p> <p><b>Room A. Cultural diversity</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 1.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Betsabé Dulcinea Apocada Ruíz, Chief Justice, Electoral tribunal of the State of Baja California Sur, Mexico</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madiena Bakoum Diallo, Chief of Staff, Constitutional Council of Senegal</li> <li>• Rudy Marlon Pineda Ramírez, Justice, Supreme Election Tribunal of Guatemala</li> <li>• Sushil Chandra, Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India</li> </ul> <p><b>Room B. Equality for political inclusion of groups in situations of vulnerability</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 2.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Miguel Ángel Lara Otaola, Director, Subregional Office for Mexico and Central America, International IDEA</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Felipe de la Mata Pizaña, Justice of the High Chamber of TEPJF</li> <li>• Frank McLoughlin, International Legal Adviser</li> <li>• María Mercedes Delgado López, Justice, Supreme Court of Spain</li> </ul> <p><b>Room C. Gender equality in political participation</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 3.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> María Elena Wapenka, Justice, Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Justice of the High Chamber of TEPJF</li> <li>• George Evans, Senior Program Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)</li> <li>• Laura Hasse, in charge of the Committee for the Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure, Germany</li> </ul>	



12:45 - 14:15	LUNCH
14:15 - 15:45	WORKING GROUPS 3. DEMOCRACY AND CORRUPTION
<p><b>Objective.</b> Each working group will focus on the sub-topics of “Democracy and Corruption”: the impact of corruption in the election results and the democratic disaffection, the political financing/election campaigns, and financing and social media: <i>bitcoin</i>, <i>blockchain</i> and advertising in social networks.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Brief presentations to guide the discussion, followed by the moderator coordinating the debate among the participants.</p> <p><b>Room A. Democratic disaffection</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 1.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Sol Sánchez, Program Manager for Effective Governance and Democracy, UNDP Mexico</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niall McCann, Policy Advisor and Project Manager on Legal Identity, Bureau for Policy and Program Support, UNDP New York</li> <li>• Emanuele Sapienza, Specialist in public policies, Regional bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP Panama</li> <li>• Gabriela Nones, Specialist of Governance and Peacebuilding, UNDP Panama</li> <li>• Jeffrey Staton, Director, Judiciary Project Manager, Varieties of Democracy (V-DEM)</li> </ul> <p><b>Room B. Political financing</b>  <b>Venue.</b> Arcos 2.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Gabriela Mendoza, Country Manager, Mexico Office, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niall McCann, Policy Advisor and Project Manager on Legal Identity, Bureau for Policy and Program Support, UNDP New York</li> <li>• Emanuele Sapienza, Specialist in public policies, Regional bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP Panama</li> <li>• Gabriela Nones, Specialist of Governance and Peacebuilding, UNDP Panama</li> </ul>	

**Room C. Private interests during political campaigns**

**Venue.** Arcos 3.

**Presidency.** Allan Best, Director, Delian Project

**Speakers.**

- Ingrid Bicu, National Expert from Romania, International IDEA
- Bryan Sykes, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Jamaica

15:45 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 17:30	JUDICIAL AND ELECTORAL TRAINING: AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
<p><b>Objective.</b> Raise awareness of the importance of developing specific models for judicial training and, specifically, in the electoral field. Regional insights will be shared and so will the usefulness of new technologies for exchanging knowledge. The overall objective is to emphasize the importance of having a global civic and democratic education.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> Felipe de la Mata Pizaña, Justice of the High Chamber of TEPJF</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gabriela Ruvalcaba García, Director, Electoral Judicial School of TEPJF</li> <li>• Gomolemo Moshoeu, Director, South African Judicial Education Institute (SAJEI) via Skype</li> <li>• Jeffrey Staton, Director, Judiciary Project Manager, Varieties of Democracy (V-DEM)</li> <li>• Antonio López Vega, Director, University Institute Ortega y Gasset</li> <li>• José David Aroesti, Director of Education, Platzi</li> </ul>	
17:30	CLOSURE OF THE DAY
19:00	COCKTAIL



FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER	
09:30 - 11:00	DISCUSSION REPORTS
<p><b>Objective.</b> Summarize the analytical discussions of each thematic and regional session, with an emphasis on sharing best practices, strategies and proactive actions that address today's challenges, before the General Assembly of the GNEJ, with the possibility to participate in an interactive space for questions and answers.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> José Luis Vargas Valdez, Justice of the High Chamber of TEPJF</p> <p><b>Speakers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean-Philippe Derosier, Professor of Public Law, University of Lille</li> <li>• Andrea Pisaneschi, Professor of Law, University of Sienna</li> <li>• Michael Freitas Mohallem, Head, Center for Justice and Society, Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV)</li> <li>• Lisa Reppell, Senior Research Officer, IFES</li> </ul>	
11:00 - 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 - 12:30	AGREEMENTS OF THE THIRD PLENARY ASSEMBLY
<p><b>Objective.</b> Propose the agreements derived from the discussions of the Third Plenary Assembly, and the commitments and topics programmed by the Governing Council of the GNEJ, before the whole plenary.</p> <p><b>Format.</b> Plenary discussion. <b>Venue.</b> Cristal.</p> <p><b>Presidency.</b> José Luis Vargas Valdez, Justice of the High Chamber of TEPJF</p>	
12:30 - 13:00	CLOSURE OF THE THIRD PLENARY ASSEMBLY
13:30 - 15:00	LUNCH