Second Plenary Assembly of the Global Network on Electoral Justice
Cancun, State of Quintana Roo, Mexico
3rd and 4th of December 2018

Sunday, 2 December

Arrival of participants throughout the day

19:00   Welcome cocktail

Monday, 3 December

09:00	**Opening ceremony** - Justices of the TEPJF - Government of the State of Quintana Roo (to be defined) - Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission - Francisco Guerrero Aguirre, Secretary for the Strengthening of Democracy of the Organization of American States (OAS) - Katyna Argueta, Country Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Mexico - Daniel Zovatto, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) - Chad Vickery, Director of the Center for Applied Research and Learning of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
10:00	**Official photo**
10:30	**Progress and achievements of the GNEJ** Objective: Address the progress and changes that have been made since the First Plenary Assembly and the agreements resulting from the Scientific Committee meeting. Format: General forum Speakers: - Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico (Presidency)

	- Constitutional Court of South Korea (Vice-presidency) - Electoral Court of South Africa (Vice-presidency) - Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic (Vice-presidency)
11:30	**Plenary Session 1: Universal and equal electoral justice** Objective: Analyze the mechanisms of protection of political-electoral rights and the citizens' access to electoral justice. Format: Plenary session Speakers: - Martin Okumu-Masiga, Secretary-General of the Africa Judges and Jurists Forum - Snježana Bagić, Vice-president of the Constitutional Court of Croatia - Johann Kriegler, Retired Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa - Ishwor Prasad Khatiwada, Superior Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal - **Monica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Justice of the TEPJF**
12:30	**Lunch**
13:30	**Working Group Sessions** Format: There will be 7-minute interventions to guide the discussion and then the moderator will encourage discussion among the participants. **Room A. Mechanisms for the inclusion of political minorities (non-partisan candidacies, indigenous normative systems, disabled persons)** Coordinator: Katherine Ellena, Legal Advisor of the Center for Applied Research and Learning of IFES Speakers: - Odbayar Dorj, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia - Álvaro Pop, Technical Secretary, Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC)

	- Samira Guiza, Judge-President of the Appeal Chamber of the Administrative Tribunal of Tunisia - Alberto Yepes Barreiro, Magistrate of the Fifth Section of the Contentious Administrative Chamber of the Council of State of Colombia **Room B. Political participation with a gender perspective** Coordinator: Carmen Morte Gómez, Head of the Jurisprudence Information and Publications Division of the European Court of Human Rights Speakers: - Bryan Sykes, Justice of the Supreme Court of Jamaica - Socorro Inting, Commissioner of the Commission on Elections of the Philippines - Bengt-Anders Johansson, Member of the Electoral Review Board of Sweden - María Elena Wapenka, Justice of the Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay
15:30	Coffee break
15:45	**Plenary Session 2: Protecting democratic principles in elections from a comparative global perspective: judicialization or other dispute resolution mechanisms?** 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. Format: General forum Speakers: - José Thompson, Director of the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center (CAPEL) of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights - Ilona Tip, Operations Director of the Electoral Institute for the Sustainability of Democracy in Africa (EISA)

	- Pat Merloe, Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) - 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) - **Janine M. Otálora Malassis, Chief Justice of TEPJF**
16:45	Coffee break
17:00	**Working Group Sessions** <u>Format:</u> There will be 7-minute interventions to guide the discussion and then the moderator will encourage discussion among the participants. **Room A. Successful and legitimate elections: an international perspective** <u>Coordinator:</u> Miguel Ángel Lara Otaola, Head of Program for Mexico and Central America of International IDEA <u>Speakers:</u> - Hugo Concha, Researcher, Institute of Legal Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) - Thomas Hicks, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission - Johann Kriegler, Ret. Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa - Jesús Orozco Henríquez, Researcher, Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM - Ellen Weintraub, Commissioner, U.S. Federal Election Commission **Room B. Good practices in electoral reforms** <u>Coordinator:</u> Maximo Zaldivar, Resident Program Director, Mexico Office, of the International Republican Institute (IRI) <u>Speakers:</u> - Marco Lipari, President of the Jurisdictional Third Section of the Council of State of Italy - Annie Mwewa Mulenga Sitali, Judge of the Constitutional Court - Abhan, President of Bawaslu, the Election Supervisory Board of Indonesia - **Felipe Alfredo Fuentes Barrera, Justice of TEPJF**

	Room C. Models for the resolution of electoral disputes and effective protection of rights Coordinator: Andrea Pisaneschi, Professor, Department of Law of the University of Sienna Speakers: - Boissie Henry Mbha, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of South Africa - Wilfredo Penco, Vice-president of the Electoral Court of Urugay - Sanjiv Kumar, Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka, India - Patrick Sensburg, Chairman of the Committee for the Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure of the Bundestag of Germany
19:00	End of the day's work
20:00	Official dinner

Tuesday, 4 December	
09:00	**Plenary Session 3: Digital revolution and electoral processes** Objective: 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. Format: General Forum Speakers: - Francisco Guerrero Aguirre, Secretary for the Strengthening of Democracy of OAS - Herdís Thorgeirsdóttir, First Vice-president of the Venice Commission - Goodwin H. Liu, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California, United States - Catalina Botero, Law Dean of the University of the Andes
10:00	Coffee break
10:15	**Working Group Sessions** Format: There will be 7-minute interventions to guide the discussion and then the moderator will encourage discussion among the participants. **Room A. Use of social media, freedom of expression and equity in electoral processes.** Coordinator: UNDP Mexico Speakers: - Samira Guiza, Judge-President of the Appeal Chamber of the Administrative Tribunal of Tunisia - Fadhila Gargouri, Judge of the Court of Accounts of Tunisia - Farouk Bouasker, Magistrate of the Independent Superior Electoral Body of Tunisia - Manuel Delgado-Iribarren, Director of the Technical Ministry of the Central Electoral Board of Spain and Lawyer of the General Courts

	- Lotfi Blel, Senior Legal Adviser of the Electoral Project of UNDP in Tunisia **Room B. Use of technologies for access to justice and for citizen interaction and participation** Coordinator: Rafael Rubio, Member of the Venice Commission and of the Scientific Committee of the GNEJ Speakers: - Ann Scott Timmer, Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, United States - 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 - Michael Mohallem, Coordinator of the Center for Justice and Society of the Getulio Vargas Foundation and Member of the Scientific Committee of the GNEJ
12:15	**Electoral Dispute Resolution Mechanisms before the Global Situation: A Summary of Shared Experiences** - **José Luis Vargas Valdez, Justice of TEPJF** - Chad Vickery, Director of the Center for Applied Research and Learning of IFES - Daniel Zovatto, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of International IDEA
13:00	**Lunch**
14:00	**Report of the working group sessions of the Second Plenary Assembly** Objective: Each coordinator of the working sessions will share the conclusions of each working group session with the other participants. Format: General Forum Description: 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.
16:00	**Plenary Session 4. General Assembly of the GNEJ and resolutions**
17:00	**Closing ceremony**
17:45	**Private meeting: GNEJ Scientific Committee** Participants: Presidency, Vice-presidencies and members of the GNEJ Scientific Committee
20:30	Informal (optional) dinner