



**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND
AGENCIES ON THE
CONNECT THE AMERICAS EVENT**

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Washington, DC

OBJECTIVE

To promote the coordination of actions to connect the Americas and Caribbean Region.

BACKGROUND

In the framework of the XIX Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (PCC.I: Telecommunications/ICT), the First Meeting of Organizations and/or Agencies to Promote Telecommunications/ICT Development was held (August 31, 2011, Mar del Plata, Argentina), where actions were identified that are being carried out by the different participating organizations and agencies of the region in development-related areas.

The Meeting identified various areas of opportunity for joint efforts and coordinated actions in keeping with the work lines and experience of each participating organization. Therefore, we see the Connect the Americas Summit, to be held in Panama City, Panama, from July 17 to 19, 2012, as a major opportunity to coordinate efforts. Accordingly, it was decided to program a Round Table Discussion of Organizations and Agencies on the Connect the Americas Event, whose aim is to identify specific actions and forms of regional collaboration.

AGENDA

- 09:00 am – 09:10 am **Welcoming Remarks**
Mr. Clovis Baptista, Executive Secretary of CITEL
Mr. Erick Huerta, President, Chair of the Working Group on Development PCC.I of CITEL
- 09:10 am – 09:30 am **Presentation of the objectives of the Connect the Americas Summit**
- Mr. Héctor Huerta, Director, ITU Regional Office for the Americas, of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
 - Ms. Zelmar Rodríguez Crespo, Director, Autoridad Nacional de los Servicios Públicos (ASEP)
 - Mr. Edwin Castillo, National Director of Telecommunications, Autoridad Nacional de los Servicios Públicos (ASEP)
- 09:30 am – 09:50 am **Presentation of the results of the First Meeting of Organizations and/or Agencies to Promote Telecommunication Development**
Mr. Erick Huerta, Chair of the Working Group on Development of PCC.I of CITEL
- 09:50 am -10:30 am **Identification of areas of opportunity and mechanisms for collaboration**
- For this space, participation by organizations will be requested to identify possible joint actions in areas that participants deem relevant and, if applicable, collaboration on specific projects would be analyzed
- The initial list of areas would be:
- a) Reducing Internet access costs
 - b) Deployment of regional Internet backbones
 - c) Access to broadband in remote or underserved areas
 - d) Capacity building
 - e) Digital transition (broadcasting)
 - f) Emergency communications
 - g) ICT and climate change
 - h) Internet and cybersecurity
- Mr. Rafael Anta, Lead Specialist in the Competitiveness and Innovation Division at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
 - Mr. Josef Stig Trommer, Acting Project Manager of *infoDEV*, Senior Development Officer, World Bank
 - Ms. Eva Clemente Miranda, ICT Policy Analyst, World Bank
 - Mr. Arturo Muelle, World Bank
 - Ms. Salma Jalife, Red Clara (Virtual Access)
 - Mr. Roy Thomasson, Chief Executive Officer, Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) (Virtual Access)

- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Continuation of previous session**
- Mr. Patrick Imbasciani, Director of Educational Programs, Pan American Health and Education Foundation,
 - Ms. Kim I. Mallalieu (PhD), Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of West Indies (UWI), (Virtual Access)
 - Ms. Ana Lucia Ruggiero, Knowledge Translation, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)
 - Mr. Eric White, USAID/Global Broadband and Innovations (GBI), INTEGRA Government Services International
 - Mr. Hernán Galperín, Director, Regional Dialogue on the Information Society (DIRSI) (Virtual Confirmed)
 - Ms. Julieta Maroni, Program Coordinator, Educational Portal of the Americas, Department of Human Development Education and Culture (OAS)
 - Ms. María Liliana Mor, Program Manager, The Trust for the Americas (OEA)
 - Mr. Raúl Etcheverría, Executive Director / CEO, Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC)
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch**
- 02:00 pm – 03:30 pm **Continuation of previous session**
- 03:30 pm – 04:00 pm **Break**
- 04:00 pm – 04:30 pm **Questions and Answers**
- 04:30 pm – 05:00 pm **Final remarks and closing of event**
- Mr. Héctor Huerta, Director, ITU Regional Office for the Americas, of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
 - Mr. Erick Huerta, President, Chair of the Working Group on Development PCC.I of CITEL
 - Mr. Clovis Baptista, Executive Secretary of CITEL