

# **Access to Justice in Criminal, Commercial and International Courts and Tribunals**

The following have indicated that they may be able to assist with experts: DPK – Haiti and Dominican Republic; Chemonics – Chile, International Development Bank – Latin America; MSI – Mexico; MSD – Columbia; IJI – Chile and Latin America; World Bank – Latin America and Africa; Open Society – Latin America.

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## Monday

- 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Information Sessions  
International and Regional Tribunals
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Reception – Markus Zimmer makes introductions  
President of IACA, Jeff Apperson  
President of Caribbean Court of Justice

## Tuesday

- 8:30 a.m. Opening and Welcome – Markus Zimmer to Introduce  
President of IACA, Jeff Apperson  
Vice-President of North America, Pamela Ryder Lahey  
Conference Co-Host, Christie-Anne Morris-Alleyne
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker Address Chris to Introduce  
Chief Justice Archie, Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago
- 9:45 a.m. President Moise, Supreme Court of Haiti (Christian Ahlund)
- 10:30 a.m. Health Break
- 11:00 a.m. Criminal Justice Reform Comparative Analysis  
Focus on pre-trial criminal procedures  
(Include President, Open Society moderate help with panelists)  
Judge Robert Hyslop: Suggested Moderator
- Mexico – Rommel Morenos, Attorney General for Baja Norte
  - Chile
  - Colombia

- Costa Rica Daniel Gonzales, former Clerk of the Supreme Court of Costa Rica
- Gerry Lynch (?) Canada

12:30 p.m. Lunch

**2:00 PM: ACCESS TO JUSTICE:** This panel discussion session explores priority access-to-justice challenges in the Americas from four perspectives: Those imposed by geography, by expense and corruption, by inadequate representation, and by lack of knowledge.

**WALEED HAIDER MALIK**, *Senior Public Sector Management Specialist, Public Sector Group, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank, and*

**GREGORY GERARD**

Challenges imposed by geography: How to provide equal geographical access to justice facilities and services for all

**JORGE GARCÍA GONZÁLEZ**, *Director of the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the Organization of American States* Challenges imposed by expense and corruption: How to provide access to justice that is affordable and minimizes corrupt practices by judges, court staff and law enforcement

**GREG BERMAN**, *Director, or RAYE Barbieri*, *Director of Implementation, Center for Court Innovation* Challenges imposed by inadequate representation: How to provide equal access to competent legal representation to impoverished litigants in urban and rural environments (I also have a request in for suggested speakers to Mike McCullough, ABA-ROLI Director for Latin America and the Caribbean

**SESSION MODERATOR: MARKUS B. ZIMMER**, *Chair, IACA Advisory Council*

3:15 p.m. Health Break

3:30 p.m. Approaches to Court Administration: What is the Right One?

Alternative Approaches to Court Administration (different title)

Moderator: Richard Foster – CEO, Family Courts of Australia

- Carl Baar and Bob Hann from Canada
- They can do an umbrella approach and do overview of various models of court administration systems
- Others will have shorter presentations
- Mark Hatcher from NCBC
- Christie-Ann Morris-Alleyne
- John Stacey, UK, VP of Council of Europe’s Committee on Efficiency of Justice
- Important to know diff. between common law and civil law systems
- Extremely important topic in Caribbean
- Tie this into the independence of the judiciary

5:00 p.m. Concluding Comments Day 1

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Plenary speaker on Court Innovations (Possibly Sandra Day O'Connor)

9:00 a.m. Comparative Commercial Court Models (Moderator John Stacey)

John Marston

- Possible name change: Commercial Court Trends of the Americas
- Barbara Howser, President, National Bankruptcy Judges
- NCBJudges have a leadership role in commercial justice – they would have the network to help us manage this part of the agenda
- ECF in US is good innovation to add to discussion – who recommend?
- Small courts could show what they are doing without using a commercial partnership
- Include IP case management

10:00 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. Alternative Approaches to Justice Moderator: Louisa

- Restorative justice is important area for many countries
- Lawyers without Borders would be good here
- Haiti would be interested here
- Mexico, Argentina, US, Cuba
- Centre for Court Innovation, New York
- Family Court, Trinidad
- Cuba (Andrew Dekany, Canada)

12:00 p.m. Lunch Update on IACA activities

1:30 p.m. Call for Papers/Bottom Up Approach/interactive session (Moderator – Sheryl Loesch)

Have others in audience prepared to speak in event no one volunteers

3:00 p.m. Health Break

3:15 p.m. Challenges Facing Courts in the Twenty Teens

- Budget issues in courts: doing more with less
- Green Designs – Ross Eiserman, Assistant Director, Administrative Office of U.S. Courts
- Big challenge: Reform transitions
- Central America—Belize, Costa Rica, Chile (CEPJ)
- Brazil

- Mexico
- Barry Mahoney, US (PRL to email Barry)
- Jamaica
- Paraguay, Uruguay
- International Justice: Chris to think of something for here

4:45 p.m.

Official Conference Closing and Wrap Up

Note: At the last ACCA (Canada) conference we had a Supreme Court of Canada Justice sit through the conference and then offered a wrap up of the various sessions that he had attended. It was excellent and really a neat way to wrap up the conference. Any interest in that idea for this conference? It was felt that this was generally a good idea. Carlene to think about whether a judge from their court could do this.

Where does Venezuela fit into this agenda?

It was determined that CCC staff would be asked to be reporters for each session for the newsletter.

Agenda should be finalized by June 15th