

III LATIN AMERICAN THINK TANK SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2015

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Wednesday, November 11

19:00- 21:00 Welcome Cocktail

- Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, incumbent Mayor of Buenos Aires City, *to be confirmed*
- James Mc Gann, Think Tanks and Civil Society Program Director, Upenn
- Rubén Ramírez, Argentina Representative Director, CAF
- Fernando Straface, Executive Director, CIPPEC

Thursday, November 12

Regional Policy Agenda

8:30 – Registration of participants

9:00–9:30

Summit Opening

Objectives:

Formal inauguration of Summit; Welcoming to participants.

Format: Official welcoming (5' each participant)

Participants:

- James Mc Gann, Think Tanks and Civil Society Program Director, University of Pennsylvania.
- Christian Asinelli, CAF Institutional Development Director, Argentina
- Jesko S. Hentschel, World Bank Director for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay
- Fernando Straface, Executive Director, CIPPEC
- Jose Maria Lladós, Academic Director, CARI

9:30 – 10:30

Panel I: “Balance and results: Building a Latin American agenda based on equality”

Objectives:

Round table on the social and economic situation of the region considering new international agreements on sustainable development; presentation of national agendas of participants’ think tanks. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) vis-à-vis Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Format: (3/4 panelists 10’ each followed by commentator and debate)

Participants:

Moderator: Marlos Lima, Executive Director, Latin American Public Policy Center, FGV, Brazil

- Jesko S. Hentschel, World Bank Director for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay
- Pablo Sanguinetti, Economic and Knowledge for Development Director Area, CAF
- Commentator: Lucio Castro, Economic Development Director Area, CIPPEC

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45

Panel II: “State capacity in Latin America. Reflections on a continuous learning process”

Objectives:

To discuss the evolution of governments’ role in the region, to analyze strengths and weaknesses, and to visualize opportunities and challenges to consolidate States capacities to improve the quality of public policies. To present thematic agendas of participants’ think tanks.

Format: (3/4 speakers 10’ each followed by commentator and debate)

Participants:

Moderator: Orazio Bellettini Cedeño, Grupo FARO Executive Director, Ecuador

- Miguel Jaramillo Banaante, Executive Director, GRADE, Peru
- Eduardo Engel, President, Espacio Público, Chile
- Pablo Brassiolo, Senior Economist, Socioeconomic Research Division, CAF.
- Commentator: Christian Asinelli, CAF Institutional Development Director, Argentina

11:45 – 13:15

Panel III: “Analyzing new Latin American geopolitical scenario”

Objectives:

From a global perspective, to generate an open debate about new geopolitical scenario in Latin America and its impact in the think tanks agendas. Growing China-LAC commercial relationships; Brazil leadership as an emerging economy and BRICS member vis-à-vis current political and economic crisis; restored bilateral relationships USA-CUBA and its impact in the region. A new scenario as a challenged opportunity for Latin American think tanks; could it lead to new international alliances among think tanks?

Format: (4 speakers 10' each followed by commentator and debate)

Participants:

Moderator: José Octavio Bordón, President, International Advisory Board, CIPPEC

- Yang Wanming, Ambassador of the Republic of China to Argentina
- Everton Vieira Vargas, Ambassador of Brazil to Argentina
- Ted Piccone, Senior Fellow Latin America Initiative, Brookings Institution
- Félix Peña, Advisory Council Member, CARI

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Jorge Fontevecchia, CEO Editorial Perfil

14:45 – 16:15

Panel IV: “Media & think tanks. Possibilities and limits to cooperation in current regional context”

Objectives:

To analyze the relationship between media and Latin American think tanks. Collaboration and independence. Emerging tensions for public policies advocacy.

Format: (3/4 speakers 7' each followed by commentator and debate)

Participants:

Moderator: José Luis Chicoma, Executive Director, Ethos Laboratorio de Políticas Públicas, México

- Martín Echevers, External Relations Manager, Grupo Clarín
- Carmen Ortiz, Vicepresident ASIÉS, Guatemala
- Simone Haf, Institutional Development Coordinator, FUNDAR, México
- Commentator: Sonia Jalín, Audiovisual Director, Sociopúblico

16.15 -16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 -17.30

Panel IV: “Youth: ¿Demographic bonus for development in Latin America?”

Objectives:

To analyze challenges for rights guarantee and propose an academic, social and labor agenda .To analyze youth role in knowledge production and its impact on regional development.

Format: (3/4 speakers 10' each followed by commentator and debate)

Participants:

Moderator: Ana Tijerino, Adjunct Deputy Director, FUNIDES, Nicaragua

- Mariano Machado, Coordinator Youth Group, CARI
- Joaquín Tomé, Regional Projects Manager, Organización Iberoamericana de Juventud (OIJ)
- Fabián Repetto, Director of Social Protection Program, CIPPEC

18.00 hs Group photo

20.00-22.00 Dinner

Keynote Speaker

Carlos Iván Simonsen Leal, President, Fundación Getulio Vargas, Brazil

Friday, November 13th

Institutional strengthening agenda

9:00 – 10:00

Conference: Latin American think tanks observed by *GoTo Think Tank* Global Index 2015.

- James Mc Gann, Director of the Think Tanks and Civil Society Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

10:00 – 11:00

Working Groups sessions

Working Group I: “From regional cooperation to the institutional strengthening of Latin American think tanks. Towards an enhanced coordination of working agendas?”

Objectives:

To analyze good practices and lessons learned of South-South processes of exchange and cooperation.

Format: (Working groups/ 3 or 4 speakers 7' each followed by moderator and debate

Participants:

Moderator: Ricardo Córdoba, Executive Director, FUNDAUNGO

- Roxana Barrantes, Executive Secretary, Iniciativa Latinoamericana para la investigación para las Políticas Públicas (ILAIPP)
- Ha-Yan Lee, Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute, Japón
- Mark Lewis, Director of ELLA Program, Evidencias y Lecciones desde América Latina, Perú
- Paul Villaroel, Executive Director, Fundación ARU, Bolivia

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-12.15

Working Group II: “New technologies for public policies influence”

Objectives:

To debate about “innovation to influence”. The role of evidence in communication. Getting to know new ways of interaction between knowledge and public policies. To discuss the scarce scientific and technologic integration of think tanks as knowledge producers and the global geopolitical dimensions of this problem. To analyze new roles and challenges for Latin American think tanks for the promotion and development of applied research platforms, researchers’ exchange programs and innovative integrated practices of knowledge.

Format: Working groups \3/4 speakers 7' each followed by moderator and debate

Moderator: Natalia Aquilino, Evaluation and Monitoring Program Director, CIPPEC

- Mauricio Díaz Burdett, Coordinator, FOSDEH, Honduras
- Cristina Galíndez Hernández, Executive Coordinator, CLEAR, México
- Haydeé Pérez Garrido, Executive Director, FUNDAR

12.15 – 13:15

Working Group III: “Lessons learned by *think tanks* during electoral processes”

Objectives:

To compare strategies and results achieved by think tanks throughout various different electoral campaigns. Current affairs and adapting to changing electoral scenarios. Coordination between *think tanks*: allies and expectations. The aftermath: strategies to adopt according to each situation;

capitalizing positive outcomes and lessening negative ones. Institutional changes and outer positioning of *think tanks* in light of electoral processes experiences.

Format: Working groups \3/4 speakers 7' each followed by moderator and debate

Moderator: Cynytia Arnson, Latin American Program Director, Wilson Center

- The *Paraguay Debate* experience, Fernando Massi, Executive Director, CADEP, Paraguay
- The *Argentina Debate* experience, Fernando Straface, Executive Director, CIPPEC
- The Ecuadorian experience, Orazio Belletini Cedeño, Executive Director, Grupo FARO, Ecuador
- The Guatemala experience, Carmen Ortiz, Vice President ASIES, Guatemala

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14.30 -15.30

Plenary Session: Conclusions and Recommendations

- Fernando Straface, Executive Director, CIPPEC.
- James Mc Gann, Director of the Think Tanks and Civil Society Program at the University of Pennsylvania.