





FOURTH INTER-AMERICAN ELECTORAL SEMINAR November 14-18, 2011

Location: Headquarters of the Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico								
Monday 11/14	Tuesday 11/15	Wednesday 11/ 16	Thursday 11/17					
9:15 Depart hotel	9:00 Depart hotel	9:00 Depart hotel	9:00 Depart hotel					
9:45 to 10:15 Words of welcome <i>Leonardo Valdés Zurita, President Counselor, IFE</i>	9:20 to 9:30 Previous Day Summary	9:20 to 9:30 Previous Day Summary	9:20 to 9:30 Previous Day Summary					
Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, OAS	9:30 to 10:50 Panel: Transparency mechanisms in electoral systems	9:30 to 10:50 Panel: The transmission of electoral results	9:30 to 12:45 Project formulation session 4: Project revision					
Raúl Ávila, International IDEA 10:15 to 11:00 Keynote speeches: The role of electoral organisms in the strengthening of democratic governability Ricardo Becerra, coordinator of advisors, Executive Secretariat, IFE Moderator: Manuel Carrillo, IFE Break 11:10 to 12:40 Panel discussion: 1. Current challenges for electoral democracies in the Americas Raúl Ávila, International IDEA 2. Social accountability in contemporary democracies Flor Zamora, electoral advisor in Federal District, IFE	1. The importance of access to information: towards a reliable electoral system. Lynn Fraser, Federal Election Commission, United States of America 2. The creation of transparency mechanisms: laws and procedures. Alejandro Urizar, Consultant, OAS/DECO 3. Electoral organisms and electoral transparency: structure, principal functions, budget. Luis Emilio Giménez Cacho, Coordinator of the Technical Unit of Information and Documentation, IFE-México Moderator: Jorge Guzmán, International IDEA 10:50 – 11:30 Discussion Break	1. The importance of systematizing voting to reflect the popular will. Gustavo Aldana, Consultant OEA/DECO 2. Mechanisms of immediate results transmission: The case of IFE and its Program of Preliminary Electoral Results René Miranda, Coordinator of the Unity of Information Technology Services, IFE-Mexico 3. Use of technology, security mechanisms and training of those responsible. Franklin Frías, Information Technology Director, Junta Central Electoral, Dominican Republic 4. The importance of a communication strategy to accompany results transmission. Fausto Camacho, Adviser. Consejo Nacional Electoral, Ecuador Moderator: Carlos Navarro, IFE	12:45 – 13:30 Role playing Game: Demolatina: Session 1 Lunch 14:30 to 15:00 Speech: The Challenge of professionalization in electoral organisms Rafael Martínez Puón, executive director of Professional Electoral Service, IFE Moderator: Rebeca Omaña Peñaloza, OEA 15:00 to 15:40 Exchange of participant experiences 17:00 Individual project development sections (optional in Hotel Lobby)					
3. Political implications of technical electoral processes Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Chief of Electoral Projects and Studies Section, Department of Electoral	11:45 to 13:30 Exchange of participant experiences	10:50 – 11:30 Discussion Break	20:00 Presentation of proposals for final projects					
Cooperation and Observation, OAS	24.15.1		Friday 11/18					
Moderator: Carlos Navarro, IFE	14:30 – 14:45 Group activity	11:45 to 13:30 Exchange of participant experiences	9:00 Depart hotel					
12:40 to 13:00 Presentation of agenda and facilitating team	14:45 – 17:15 Project formulation session 2: Activities and Indicators	Lunch	9:20 to 9:30 Group activity					
Lunch 14:00 to 15:30 Participant introductions 15:30 to 16:00 Presentation of group session methodology Pablo Bravo, Methodological consultant Break 16:15 to 17:30 Project formulation session 1: defining	17:15 – 17:30 Closing	14:30 – 14:45 Group activity 14:45 to 17:15 Project formulation session 3: Suppositions and coherence 17:15 – 17:30 Closing	9:30 to 10:30 Role playing Game: Demolatina: Session 2 10:30 - 12:00 Role playing Game: Demolatina: Session 3 12:00 - 13:00 Individual Presentations (Session I) Lunch 14:00 - 15:45 Individual Presentations (Session II)					
objectives 17:30 to 17:45 Closing			15:45 – 16:15 Follow-up to the training seminar 16:15 – 16:30 Closing					