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**FIFTY-FOURTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE
OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
June 26 to 28, 2024
Asunción, Paraguay

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VENUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) will be held in Asunción, Paraguay, from June 26 to 28, 2024. The meetings will take place in the CONMEBOL Convention Center, located at Avenida Sudamericana 110917, Luque, Gran Asunción, Paraguay.

The Dialogues with Civil Society and Permanent Observers will be held at the Paraguayan Olympic Committee.

ACTIVITIES

DIALOGUE WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

The main activity planned at the General Assembly for Civil Society is the Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Workers, the Private Sector and Other Social Actors ("Dialogue") and will take place in Asunción, Paraguay, on June 26, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All persons, representatives of civil society organizations, duly accredited, will have access to the Dialogue.

Venue: CEO Room, Paraguayan Olympic Committee. Address: Autopista Ñu Guasu, Parque Olímpico Gran Asunción I Luque, Paraguay

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 26th, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This activity seeks to provide civil society, social actors, and workers an opportunity to interact with the Heads of Delegations of the OAS Member States, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General, in an open and proposition-based dialogue.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Due to space limitations and the number of people registered, one person per Coalition will be allowed access to the General Committee with a floating pass. We request the coordinators of the Coalitions participating in the Dialogue to confirm the name of the person.

PLENARY SESSIONS

A limited number of representatives of civil society organizations will be allowed access to the Plenary Sessions. Seats will be granted to the first 150 organizations to complete their registration on the Cvent platform. Passes will be floating and can therefore be exchanged among participants.

PROCEDURE TO APPLY TO ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Civil Society Organizations, Indigenous Peoples and Communities of African Descent:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the OAS General Assembly and the call for participation issued, civil society organizations interested in participating in the General Assembly under the category "Civil Society Organization" submitted the corresponding request to the OAS General Secretariat. The list of organizations that registered in due time and form was submitted for approval by the OAS Permanent Council.

Only those to whom an official invitation has been sent and who have properly registered on the Cvent platform may be accredited to participate in the General Assembly.

2. Workers

The OAS General Secretariat coordinates with the Trade Union Technical Advisory Council (COSATE, for its acronym in Spanish) –which comprises trade-union confederations from the region- all aspects related to workers' participation in the General Assembly. The Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA) supports this process.

Invitations to workers organizations are made through COSATE, which internally selects its representatives and spokespersons. The Chair of COSATE will send the GS/OAS a list of the workers representatives who are to attend the General Assembly. Only persons whose names appear on that list may receive accreditation.

The participation of civil society organizations, social actors and workers in the General Assembly of the Organization of American States is free of charge and has no registration or accreditation cost.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS

The delegates of the civil society organizations and social actors approved by the Permanent Council must upload the individual letter of official invitation to their registry on the CVENT platform, according to the indications provided in said letter.

You may consult the list of invited organizations at the following link:
https://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_24/cp49845e03.docx

ACCREDITATION AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VENUE

Participants will be able to pick up their credentials starting on Sunday, June 23, 2024:

Place: Copa America Room of the Hotel Gran Bourbon Asuncion, located at Avenida Sudamericana 3104, Luque, Paraguay.

Time: from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., continuous day.

This credential is required to enter the facilities of the General Assembly.

For security reasons, credentials will be required in all areas and activities of the General Assembly.

To receive their accreditation badges, participants will be required to bring a **copy of the confirmation email they will receive after uploading their official invitation to CVENT, as well as their official invitation letter and identity papers.**

PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In preparation for the 54th OAS General Assembly, participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the following documents:

[OAS Charter](#)

[Inter-Democratic Charter](#)

[Social Charter of the Americas](#)

[Draft Declaration of Asunción](#)

Participants are requested to carefully read Annex to this document: Rules for Participation in the Activities and Spaces of the General Assembly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Accommodations

The participants will be responsible for covering the expenses related to their stay in the City of Lima, including their accommodation, transportation, food and other unforeseen expenses.

The following is a list of selected hotels offering affordable rates and convenient locations in the Executive Center area of Asunción, especially for civil society groups and social actors participating in the sessions:

<https://paraguay24.notion.site/HOTELES-OFICIALES-Y-TARIFAS-OSC-PRENSA-090ed10fda954d2c81d81b646f98fc35?pvs=4>

It is important to note that there have been no room blockages at any of these establishments.

We recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible, as room availability may be limited during the dates of the event.

2. Requirements for entering and leaving the country

Duly accredited persons who intend to participate in the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) and who, because of their nationality, require a visa to enter the country, will be granted visas upon arrival at the Silvio Pettirossi International Airport, and may also apply to the diplomatic and consular representations of the Republic of Paraguay in their countries of residence, if such a possibility exists.

For this purpose, the following documents must be submitted:

Confirmation of accreditation to the event and official invitation note.
Passport valid for at least six (6) months.

We remind you that it is the responsibility of each participant to confirm with the airlines that they can travel without a visa, presenting only the confirmation of accreditation to the event and the official invitation note.

3. Transportation

The Government of Paraguay will offer complimentary collective transportation from some of the suggested hotels to the General Assembly venue and vice versa. Routes and schedules will be published on the website: www.oas.org/54GA

4. Working languages and documents

The working sessions of the General Assembly will be held in the official languages of the Organization: Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese, with simultaneous interpretation provided in them all. The Dialogue with civil society will be interpreted into international sign language.

To protect the environment and reduce paper waste, document printing will be limited. Therefore, participants are kindly requested to keep their documents at all meetings and to obtain the General Assembly documents online at www.oas.org/54GA

5. Medical assistance

The Government of Paraguay will make available ambulance services to participants with the necessary health staff for any medical attention and first aid needs that may arise during the General Assembly.

6. General Data

Currency

The official currency of Paraguay is the guarani. International credit cards are accepted at most hotels and commercial establishments.

Weather

At the time of year the General Assembly will be held, the average temperature range is between 23 °C (73 °F) and 12 °C (54 °F).

Electricity

The electric current is 220 volts, AC.

Local time

GMT -4

Additional information

For queries regarding the information provided in this bulletin or for further information, please write to civilsociety@oas.org or visit www.oas.org/54GA

APPENDIX

RULES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE VENUES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A large number of representatives from civil society and other social actors will participate in the 54th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), which will provide with an open forum for dialogue and exchange of views of this sector with OAS Member States.

The organizers of the General Assembly want this to be a safe and productive space of dialogue for all participants. To this end, this document sets forth the rules of conduct expected from each one of the participants at the General Assembly:

1. We are committed to having diverse points of view represented, as well as rich and constructive discussions based on plurality and respect. Thus, participants must commit to making these working forums welcoming and respectful places for all participants, regardless of their national origin, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, or physical appearance.
2. **No harassment of any kind or disrespect toward General Assembly participants (Member State Delegates, Civil Society) or organizers will be tolerated.** Examples of harassment or disrespect include: offensive comments, verbal threats, intimidation, stalking, harassment through photographs or recording or through phone calls or texts, disruptive behavior at sessions, events, or inside and outside of the bathrooms and unwanted physical contact.
3. **Banners, flags or other objects that promote a particular position on an issue are not allowed inside the venue.**
4. **During the Dialogue**, representatives of civil society and social actors **must remain in their seat at all times.**
5. During the **Plenary and General Committee sessions**, representatives of civil society and social actors can be present as **observers**. This implies that they may not approach or interrupt the work of the Delegates of the Member States for any reason.
6. Access to the designated spaces of the General Assembly will be strictly reserved for accredited persons. The accreditations will be delivered only to persons whose organizations have been approved by the Permanent Council and who have received an official letter of invitation from the General Secretariat of the OAS.
7. In the event a participant violates these rules, the 54th General Assembly organizers reserve the right to bar participants involved from remaining, inviting them to leave

without a right to continue to participate, as well as to consider adopting the measures they deem appropriate to safeguard the principles of pluralism and respect.

8. **Participants must always follow these rules of participation.** If participants are requested to desist from any inappropriate behavior, they must immediately comply with the request or they may be removed from the venue.