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***First OAS-CAF High-Level Dialogue on***  
**TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME**

Addressing the challenges of collaboration and coordination in combating  
Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas

**Side event at the 54th OAS General Assembly in Paraguay**

*By invitation only*

**Tuesday, June 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Asunción, Paraguay. CAF Integration House**

**Organizers:**

- Organization of American States (OAS)
- Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)
- Government of the Republic of Paraguay

## **CONCEPT NOTE:**

The First OAS-CAF High-Level Dialogue on Transnational Organized Crime aims to promote discussion among different national and international actors about the challenges of collaboration and coordination needed to address the expansion of Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas, operating with growing violence in increasingly diversified illegal markets.

Criminal groups in the region have been evolving and expressing themselves through a multitude of modalities, which enhance the illegality of their businesses and money laundering; in addition to the impact generated by violence on previously peaceful territories, which are now added to the traditional red zones of urban crime as risk areas.

Meanwhile, prisons have become critical scenarios for the reproduction, recruitment, and regular operation of these organizations, which accumulate resources and power through increasingly sophisticated methods of extortion, illegal trade, tax evasion, and human trafficking.

The social, economic, and environmental costs of crime are growing in the region, with young people as the main victims of the system - both in terms of the increasing number who are incorporated as labor by Transnational Organized Crime and as victims of the homicidal violence it perpetrates.

In this context, the dynamics have exceeded the capacity of the State in many cases, generating fear that turns into terror among the population.

Transnational Organized Crime, thus, expands, taking advantage of the disorganization of the State and society; the weaknesses of institutions - political, judicial, security, educational, community-; and the inability of a coordinated and effective action.

Furthermore, insecurity is no longer only a relevant problem for the families directly affected, but also for society as a whole, the democratic stability, and the sustainability of development.

Given this scenario, the path to resolution requires different actors to assume maximum commitment, but above all, a greater and more effective collaboration and coordination through an intersectoral approach, as established by the Hemispheric Strategy against Transnational Organized Crime of the OAS adopted in 2021.

Therefore, it is crucial to promote a genuine and effective dialogue between the main governmental, judicial, and law enforcement actors, international organizations, the private sector, civil society, and academia that participate in this inter-institutional framework for the prevention and fight against Transnational Organized Crime.

This is the objective of the first High-Level Dialogue promoted by the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) of the Organization of American States (OAS), through its Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC), in strategic partnership with the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean CAF.

This Dialogue was approved as a side event to the 54th General Assembly of the OAS, as addressed by its Permanent Council in a session on June 5, 2024, in the city of Washington DC, with official sponsorship from the government of the Republic of Paraguay.

In this regard, the Dialogue is aligned with the theme 'Integration and Security for the Sustainable Development of the Region' of the 54th General Assembly of the OAS, and for this purpose, it has the commitment of the host country, Paraguay, through its Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Interior.

The efforts of the OAS are complemented by the recognition of the work that CAF has been carrying out at the subnational level and with local governments in the region in terms of security, aimed to enhance joint synergies.

This activity will also serve as a precursor to the 27th Annual OAS-CAF-Inter-American Dialogue Conference, which this year will focus on 'Security in the Americas' and will take place on September 5th at the OAS headquarters in Washington, DC.

## AGENDA

*3:00 pm – 3:15 pm. Reception coffee*

*3:15 pm – 3:30 pm. Opening*

**Luis Almagro**, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS).

**Sergio Díaz Granados**, Executive President at CAF Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.

*3:30 pm – 4:10 pm. Dialogue of Ministries*

**Enrique Riera**, Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Paraguay.

**Martin Verrier**, Secretary against Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime of the Argentine Republic.

**Mario Luiz Sarrubbo**, National Secretary of Public Security of Brazil.

Moderator: **Christian Asinelli**, Corporate Vice President of Strategic Programming of CAF Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.

*4:10 pm – 4:55 pm. Interagency Dialogue*

**Emiliano Rolón Fernández**, Attorney General of the State of the Republic of Paraguay.

**Fausto Patricio Iñiguez**, Vice Minister of Public Security of Ecuador.

**Luis Eduardo Llinás Chica**, Director of the Financial Information and Analysis Unit (UIAF) of Colombia.

**Alejandra Flores**, Legal Advisor of the Secretariat against Sexual Violence, Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons (SVET) of Guatemala.

Moderator: **Gastón Schulmeister**, Director of the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the OAS.

*4:55 pm – 5:40 pm. Dialogue with civil society, academia, and the private sector*

**Daniel F. Runde**, Senior vice president and director of the Project on Prosperity and Development at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

**Juan Carlos Pinzón Bueno**, Visiting Professor at Princeton University – Former Minister of Defense of Colombia.

**Marcela Rios Tovar**, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) and former Minister of Justice and Human Rights of Chile.

**Jose Miguel Fernandez**, Director of Legal Affairs of CBA Group.

Moderator: **Susana Edjang**, Representative of CAF - Development Bank of Latin America in Argentina.

*6:00 pm - 6:15 pm. Conclusions*

**Ruben Ramírez**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay.

**Ivan Contente Marques**, Secretary for Multidimensional Security of the OAS.

**Jorge Srur**, Southern Regional Manager of CAF Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.

*6:15 pm – 6:20 pm: Delivery of the official statement on the First High-Level OAS-CAF Dialogue on TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME*

*6:20 pm – 6:30 pm: Closing remarks*

**Santiago Peña**, President of the Republic of Paraguay.

*6:30 pm: Closing coffee*

Master of Ceremony: **Andrea Bernal**, journalist, presenter at Noticias RCN Colombia, and Director of the program Desde Adentro on NTN 24.