# 2014 OAS YOUTH CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS MIGRATION & EDUCATION: A CONVERSATION WITH YOUTH OF THE AMERICAS

# **SPEAKERS**

## **HOSTS OF THE CONFERENCE**



José Miguel Insulza Secretary General

José Miguel Insulza was elected OAS Secretary General on May 2, 2005, and reelected March 24, 2010. The Chilean politician has an accomplished record of public service in his country. At the beginning of his first five-year term as Secretary General, he pledged to strengthen the Organization's "political relevance and its capacity for action."

A lawyer by profession, he has a law degree from the University of Chile, did postgraduate studies at the Latin American Social Sciences Faculty (FLACSO), and has a master's in political science from the University of Michigan.

Insulza is married to Georgina Núñez Reyes. He has a daughter (Francisca), two sons (Javier and Daniel) and seven granddaughters.



Albert R. Ramdin
Assistant Secretary General, Organization of American States

Ambassador Albert Ramdin has a long and distinguished career in international relations, diplomacy and government negotiations in the Americas. A citizen of Suriname, Ambassador Ramdin began his career in the private sector and was soon appointed advisor on foreign trade by his government. In 1997, he became Suriname's

Ambassador to the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. Following his tenure as Ambassador, he was appointed Assistant Secretary General of CARICOM. After serving CARICOM from 1999-2001, he became senior political adviser of then OAS Secretary General Cesar Gaviria for three years.

Ambassador Ramdin was elected Assistant Secretary General of the OAS on June 7, 2005. He was unanimously re-elected to serve a second five-year term on March 24, 2010.

Assistant Secretary General Ramdin has advocated for social and economic opportunities for youth as Chair of the OAS Interdepartmental Working Group on Youth.

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**



**Ana García de Hernández** *First Lady of the Republic of Honduras* 

Ana Rosalinda Garcia Carías was born to and raised by Mr. Guillermo García Castellanos and Carlota Carías Pizzatti on September 21, 1969, in the city of Tegucigalpa, Central District Municipality.

The Garcia Carías family comprised four siblings: Julia Marina, Lottie Eugenia, Guillermo Francisco and Ana Rosalinda, being the second.

Being a product of Christian principles and values instilled by her family, and the love she always received from her parents, Ana stood out as a restless, disciplined and very applied child. She completed primary school and graduated from sixth grade at Children's World.

She completed her secondary education at the Sacred Heart Institute of Tegucigalpa, where she earned a bachelor's degree in science and letters. Then she pursued her studies at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH), where she excelled due to her dedication, graduating with academic excellence as a graduate in law and social sciences with specialization in business law Year 1991.

#### **DEBATE 1: YOUTH MIGRATION- TRANSFORMING THE AMERICAS**



Marcia Bebianno (MODERATOR) Senior Specialist on Migration, OAS

Marcia Simoes Bebianno is a senior specialist on migration in the Department of Economic and Social Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development of the OAS. She received her Ph.D in American Studies at the University of Maryland, and her Masters in Applied Anthropology at the same institution. In her

previous work experience, she served as manager of research and evaluation at

Identity, Inc., and at Mayland House. Both NGOs are dedicated to the care of Latino migrants in the region. She also worked at the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Maryland, as a researcher and instructor.



**Luca Dall'Oglio**Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Luca Dall'Oglio was appointed Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Washington office effective 1 October 2012. Prior to this assignment, he was Special Envoy of the Director General of the International Organization for

Migration (IOM) for Haiti from January 2010 and assumed the functions of resident Chief of Mission in June 2010.

A sociologist by training, Mr. Dall'Oglio has dedicated a large part of his career to issues related to population stabilization, post-crisis transition and recovery, with extensive field assignments in the Horn of Africa, Mozambique, Haiti, Guatemala and Kosovo. He was also IOM's regional representative in Washington D.C. and Rome.

Prior to IOM, he worked for UNESCO's regional office for social sciences in Bangkok promoting teaching and research in the area of human rights, population, youth and migration. Before joining the international civil service, Mr. Dall'Oglio conducted teaching and research activities with the University of Rome and national and international research organizations. He has authored several published papers on migration and international cooperation.



Jacqueline Mazza, IDB

Principal Labor Markets Specialist, Multilateral Investment Fund,
Inter-American Development Bank

Jacqueline Mazza is a lead labor markets specialist in the Labor Markets and Social Security Unit of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). She has over 20 years of research and operational experience in the fields of labor intermediation, training, labor

migration, social inclusion and labor policy. She is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Western Hemisphere Program of Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.



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#### **Hugo Zertuche Guerrero**

Director General of Geostatistical Information, Analysis and Evaluation, National Coordination of Human Development Opportunities Program (CNPDHO), PROSEPRA, Ministry of Social Development, Mexico

Hugo is the Chief of Geostatistical Information, Analysis and Evaluation of the National Coordination of Human Development Opportunities Program (CNPDHO). He is responsible for

analyzing and geo-referencing different information for decision-making, and determining the eligibility of families in the program. He also coordinates external evaluation and proposes new actions, strategies and program design changes. He also serves as technical coordinator in receiving Opportunities loans with the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.



#### **Javier Sagredo**

Regional Adviser, Democratic Governance and Public Security, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme

He worked for nearly 15 years as a consultant, section chief and project coordinator at the Inter-American Commission for the Control of Drug Abuse of the Organization of American States (CICAD / SMS / OAS), institutional

development and policy drugs in Latin America and the Caribbean.

He also has 7 years of prior experience as Director of international relations in local government and university, as well as legal adviser in the private sector, both in Belgium and Spain.

Javier has a Diploma in Decentralization and Local Development in Latin America by Alberto Hurtado University (Chile), with a Master of Laws and Institutions of the European Union at the Free University of Brussels (Belgium) and a Bachelor of Law from the University Salamanca (Spain) and University College Galway / National University of Ireland.

## **DEBATE 2: CREATING OPPORTUNITY AT HOME & ABROAD**



**Max Campos (MODERATOR)** 

Chief, Integrated Water Resources, Management, Department for Sustainable Development, OAS

Since October 2009, Max has served as the Senior Chief for the Integrated Water Resources Management Division at the Organization of American States (OAS). Prior to that he was the Executive Secretary for the Regional Committee on Hydraulic

Resources (CRRH), which is an agency for the Central America Integration System (SICA), specialized on integrated water resources management, hydro meteorology and climate.

Besides his actual position as Senior Chief for Water Resources at the OAS, he is a member of the Executive Council for the Inter American Water Resources Network (IWRN) and also to Technical Committees for several projects. Under the Department of Sustainable Development of OAS he has the responsibility to promote and coordinate regional activities on water/climate, peace and democracy with all countries of the Americas.



His Excellency Pablo Barahona Kruger

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the OAS

Ambassador Pablo Barahona Kruger is the current Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the OAS. Ambassador Barahona has been a speaker at numerous academic activities at the national and international level on the topics of corruption, impunity, organized

crime, forensic accounting, special legislation (administrative criminal law, constitutional y), administration of justice, democratic governance, right to information, electoral law, youth, education and philosophy (ethics), among others.



Lori Kaplan

President & CEO, Latin American Youth Center

Lori Kaplan is the President & CEO of the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC). She has lead LAYC to its national prominence as an award-winning network of youth programs in Washington DC since 1987. Under Kaplan's direction, LAYC has helped guide thousands of low-income

youth to better opportunity, while creating pioneering organizations and schools.



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Kaplan serves on the board of DC Alliance for Youth Advocates, and Youth Radio and Youth Media International, and she has served on the board of Leadership Washington, the Nonprofit Roundtable, and served as an advisor to the Clinton Global Initiative conference and as a panelist on the Reconnecting Youth work group. Kaplan has received numerous awards including Washingtonian of the Year in 1997, and the Lewis Hine Award for her work on child labor issues.



#### Winnette McIntosh-Ambrose

Owner, The Sweet Lobby

An accomplished scientist specializing in vision research, Dr. Winnette McIntosh Ambrose is also an award winning pastry chef and the owner of The Sweet Lobby, Washington DC's hottest boutique bakery. Born and raised in the twin island republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Winnette holds bachelor's degrees in both

Chemical Engineering and French Language & Literature from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



#### **Belkis Vicente**

Coordinator, Generations Program, Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung

Belkis Vicente is a 25 year-old Honduran national. She has a degree in Elementary Education and currently works as a coordinator of the Generations Program: a holistic intervention for the development of peoples. Through training in job counseling and training, as well as through labor mediation, the program aims to strengthen labor skills of rural youth in Trifinio in Central America and the Municipality of San Antonio in Minas Gerais, Brazil.

# <u>DEBATE 3: THE WAY FORWARD - THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR</u>

#### Her Excellency Jacinth Lorna Henry-Martin

Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United States and Permanent Representative

Jacinth Lorna Henry-Martin was born in the town of Sandy Point, St Kitts & Nevis on July 28, 1961.

By her very nature, Jacinth is a servant of her people. She enjoys writing, motivational speaking, and 'keeping her feet on the ground'. Her creative indulgences attest to her passion for all things artistic and cultural, and to her individual commitment to the preservation and promotion of the values which engender pride in the cultural heritage and patrimony of her twin islands and her Caribbean region. Among other areas of service to which she has dedicated her energies, Jacinth has been a Modern Language Teacher, Director of Culture, and in early 2000, she was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Culture. Later that year, she became the first female to be elected on a Labour Party ticket, and served until October 2004 as the federally elected parliamentarian for Sandy Point, Fig Tree and La Valley, and Minister of Information, Culture, Youth & Sports. She has served as the Federation's Deputy High Commissioner in the United Kingdom, and in the United States of America as Director of US Operations for the St Kitts Tourism Authority.

In February, 2011, Jacinth was appointed the Federation's first female Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary to the United States of America, and serves in the dual role of Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States. She is married to Michael Martin, and has three adult sons.



#### Lisa Ramirez

Director of Migrant Education in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education

As the Director of Migrant Education in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education, Dr. Lisa R. Ramírez brings a unique combination of personal and professional experiences to help improve the academic success of migrant students across the country.

A daughter of migrant workers and a former migrant worker herself, Dr. Ramírez left the fields to serve in the United States Army Reserves. She financed much of her college education through the GI Bill and began her career as an educator in 1992, first as a middle and high school teacher in English and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in Texas, then serving as an assistant principal and principal. In 2004, Dr. Ramírez took on the challenge of opening the Lubbock Independent School District's first charter campus, the Ramirez Charter School. She successfully led all aspects of the new school, from writing and evaluating grant applications, to selecting and training a new staff, to building an effective learning community for students and staff.

Born in Chicago, but a true Texan at heart, Dr. Ramírez received her B.A., M.Ed., and Ed.D. degrees from Texas Tech University. She is an alumna of an Executive Leadership program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dr. Ramírez enjoys cycling, hiking, and writing. She currently lives with her husband and two children in Alexandria, Virginia.



John Burchett

Director Public Policy & Government Relations US St

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John Burchett is the Director of Public Policy for US States, Latin America and Canada for Google. He is responsible for Google's state and local government affairs in the United States, Canada and

Latin America. He is based in Google's Washington, DC office. Prior to joining Google in 2007, he was Chief of Staff to Governor Jennifer Granholm where he acted as the Chief Operating Officer for the State of Michigan. He has also served Governor Granholm as Director of Michigan's Washington, DC Office, and as the Deputy Director of her Transition Team in 2002.

Burchett received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame.



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Valerie Lorena, Executive Director Young Americas Business Trust



Valerie is responsible for design, implementation and expansion of hemispheric and Subregional programs on youth entrepreneurship, leadership and innovation involving multiple sectors and international stakeholders in Latin America and the Caribbean. Before joining YABT

in 2005, Lorena worked for the International Affairs Department of Universidad UCO in Queretaro, Mexico where she was in charge of students' mobility and institutional agreements. Lorena has a background on international business and holds a Trilateral-MBA from the following universities Western Illinois University in the U.S., Université de Moncton in Canada and Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro in Mexico.

## **MASTER OF CEREMONY**



**José F. Clautier** *Young Americas Business Trust* 

José holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Buenos Aires, where he also obtained the position of Assistant Professor in Advanced Mathematical Statistics. Previously, he

worked at the Embassy of El Salvador in Argentina where he developed a project to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries. Currently, he is a volunteer at the Young Americas Business Trust where he is leading the diffusion of the TIC Americas program in Central America.