

AmericasBarometer 2010:

Startup Conference

November 12-14, Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites

San Salvador, El Salvador, CA

Agenda



Thursday November 12, 2009

Afternoon-evening	Arrival/check-in of Participants
5:00 - 7:00 pm	<p>Mérida Initiative Impact Evaluation for participating Central American Missions and Caribbean Missions and Washington staff.</p> <p>MesoAmérica III</p>
8:00 pm	<p>Reception for all participants hosted by Vanderbilt</p> <p>Snacks (“bocas”) provided by Vanderbilt; Cash bar available</p> <p>Location: MesoAmérica III</p>

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8:00-8:15am	<p>Welcome and Introductions, Mitch Seligson, Director of LAPOP, Liz Zechmeister, Assistant Director of LAPOP and Dominique Zéphyr, LAPOP Chief of Staff</p>
8:15-9:00	<p>The Washington Perspective and The Utility of the DIMS Surveys for USAID Democracy and Governance Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Kite, Team Leader, Democracy and Human Rights, USAID/Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean • Vanessa Reilly, Democracy Specialist, USAID/Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean • Stephen Brager (USAID Dominican Republic)
9:00-9:30	<p>The AmericasBarometer: Accomplishments, Goals and Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitch Seligson, Vanderbilt • Liz Zechmeister, Vanderbilt
9:30-10:15	<p>2010 Country Report Theme: Economic Shocks and Democracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luis Felipe López-Calva, Chief Economist, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP New York
10:15-11:00	<p>Ethnicity, Race, Inequality and Democracy: Respondent and Interviewer Skin Color as a New AmericasBarometer Feature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Edward Telles, Princeton University
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break

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11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30pm	<p>Breakout panels: Organizing the 2010 Country reports</p> <p><i>The goal of this session is to produce a schematic outline for the 2010 country reports, following the basic structural organization of the 2008 reports, but introducing new themes and chapters based on the overall theme (economic crisis) and the new modules in the core questionnaire. Each panel should produce a matrix of themes/topics specifying the dependent variables to be explored and the main independent variables, beyond the standard demographic and socio economic set.</i></p> <p>Important: Each conference participant is encouraged to preselect the breakout panel on which he/she would like to sit. In order to achieve balance in numbers and regional representation, LAPOP Central will need to make the ultimate assignment of conferees to panels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel I: Economic Crisis and its Effects on Democracy (MesoAmérica I)<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Conveners: Luis Felipe López-Calva, Denia Chávez, USAID, and Abby Córdova, LAPOP • Panel II: Rule of Law, Crime and Corruption (MesoAmérica II)<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Conveners: Jennifer Link, USAID, Jana Morgan, Dominican Republic/ University of Tennessee, Juan Carlos Donoso, FLACSO, Ecuador, François Gélinau, Université Laval (Canada) • Panel III: Developing Themes for Special topics chapters (three special topic chapters are mandatory for each country report) (MesoAmérica III)<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Conveners: Sasha Parke, USAID, Dinorah Azpuru, Wichita State University and ASIES, Guatemala, Kirk Hawkins, Brigham Young University, and Liz Zechmeister, LAPOP • Panel IV: Legitimacy, Civil Society and Political Participation Under Crisis Conditions (Reception area, MesoAmérica)<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Conveners: Lucrecia Tola, USAID, John Booth, University of North Texas, and Dominique Zéphyr, LAPOP

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12:30-2:30	Working Lunch: Location: Reception area, MesoAmérica Purpose # 1: Country teams meet with DG staff from their respective countries and/or with Washington staff to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Final discussion on country-specific questionnaire items✦ Expectations for dissemination Purpose # 2: Continued discussion of 2010 country report organization
2:30-3:15	Experiments and the LAPOP Mérida Randomized Trials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liz Zechmeister, Vanderbilt (Experiments)• Abby Córdova, Vanderbilt (Randomized Trials)
3:15-3:45	A. Human subjects protection issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Distribution of IRB approval of survey2. Review of informed consent form3. Confidentiality issues4. Importance of “deidentification” of responses and dissemination of data set.5. Recertification of IRB tests B. The new LAPOP training procedures and manuals <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New pretest and training manual2. Exams for interviewers, required passing grades, what to do with those who fail the tests C. Data falsification detection and penalties <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair: Mitch Seligson
3:45-4:00	Coffee break
4:00-5:45	Country Report Content and Format: Presentation of Breakout Panels I, II, III, and IV. Discussion and debate on overall outline to be followed by each country team for report <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Major chapters for the country reports✦ Agreement on common format for major sections within each report.✦ Discussion of specialized chapters for each country report. Note: each country team should specify at this session the title/theme of their country-specific chapters. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Chairs: Ricardo Córdova, FUNDAUNGO, El Salvador, and Jorge Vargas, Estado de la Nación, Costa Rica
5:45 pm	Adjourn for day

Saturday November 14, 2009

8:30-9:00am	New programming for STATA 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presenter: Dominique Zéphyr
9:00-10:30	How to maximize dissemination impact: Presentation and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Model # 1: Ongoing Dissemination: Maggy Morales, USAID Bolivia, Ciudadanía, Cochabamba, Bolivia (Daniel Moreno), Universidad de los Andes, Colombia (Juan Carlos Rodríguez-Raga); Denia Chávez (USAID Honduras)✦ Model # 2: Concentrated Dissemination: Universidad de Montevideo [Uruguay] (Rosario Queirolo); Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (Julio Carrión), Maricela Ramírez (USAID, Dominican Republic); ASIES, Guatemala (Dinorah Azpuru)• Chair: Juan Pablo Luna, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Chile
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:00	Review of Schedule for the 2010 round of surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Chairs: Mitchell Seligson and Liz Zechmeister
11:00-12:00	New PDA Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeisson Hidalgo Céspedes, Universidad de Costa Rica
12:00	Conference ends
12:15 pm	Minibus leaves for Comalapa International Airport (SAL) for those on flight leaving at 3:00pm and later