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PROFILES

Tuesday, June 28
Welcome Remarks
09:00 - 09:15 hrs



Anthony Banbury, president and CEO of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) since 2018. Started his UN career in 1988, holding various positions. Worked in the United States government as Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights and International Operations at the National Security Council (2000-2003). Holds a master's degree in law and diplomacy from Tufts University, a graduate degree in international relations from the University of Geneva, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Tufts University. Is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Public Impact and received a Distinguished Service Award from the President of the United States for service on 9/11.

Keynote lecture:
“Reflections on the State of Democracy in a Global Perspective”
09:20 - 10:00 hrs



Luis Guillermo Solís, former president of Costa Rica (2014-2018). He holds a master's degree in Latin American Studies from Tulane University. He has been a professor and held various positions at the University of Costa Rica. He was director of the Center for Peace and Reconciliation of the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress and regional coordinator of research and cooperation of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). He is the author of numerous specialized works and holds five honorary doctorates from universities in the USA, China, France, the Republic of Korea and Costa Rica. He was chief of staff of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, ambassador for Central American Affairs, director general of Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representative of the Ibero-American General Secretariat for Central America and Haiti. He served as head of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission for the general elections of Guatemala in 2019 and head of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission for the general elections of Honduras in 2021.



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General topic session 1: “Bottom line of representative democracies” 10:15 - 11:45 hrs



Ángeles Fernández, president of the Hay Mujeres Foundation, consultant on gender equality issues and teaching at the Center for University Studies of Galicia, advisor to the Laboratoria Foundation and the Global Fund for Women, and political analyst in the media. She holds a degree in Political and Administrative Studies from the Universidad Central de Venezuela, a Master’s degree in Political Science from the Universidad Católica de Chile and a PhD in Contemporary Political Processes from the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela. She was president of the Chilean Association of Political Science (2000-2002) and executive director of the Chile 21 Foundation. She was a member of the “Working Group for Electoral Reform” (Boeninger Commission) (2006), as well as the executive committee of the Consortium for State Reform (2007). She was appointed director of “Puerto Madero Impresores” (2009), was advisor to the ministerial cabinet of the Ministry General Secretariat of the Presidency of Chile (2014-2015). Author of academic articles and opinion columns, including “Bienvenida paridad”, “Sueños de igualdad: Crónicas sobre feminismo en Chile” and “La transtienda del gobierno El eslabón perdido en la modernización del Estado chileno”. Her areas of interest are political reforms and the quality of democracy, public innovation, the functioning of the “center of government” (presidentialism), political communication and the relationship between gender and political life, with a particular focus on female political leadership.



Eduardo Núñez, director of NDI’s Regional Program for Central America. He served from 2002 to 2006 as coordinator of the Organization of American States (OAS) program on democratic values and political management in Guatemala, as well as the OAS program on institutional strengthening and governance with the Guatemalan Congress. He served for eight years as director of electoral technical assistance programs for the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH/CAPEL), including two years as coordinator of the program on governance and the right to political participation. He is the author of more than 25 articles and publications, being regularly invited to lectures at universities in Guatemala and other Central American countries, as well as an international lecturer in more than 15 countries in the Americas and Europe.



Delia Ferreira, president Transparency International, is a lawyer from the National University of Cordoba (Argentina) and holds a PhD in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain). She is a member of the Steering Committee of Open Government Partnership (elected in 2018) and of the Steering Committee of PACI Vanguard, (World Economic Forum). She co-chairs the Global Future Council on Transparency and Anti-corruption of the World Economic Forum. She has been a senior advisor to several representatives and senators in the Argentine National Congress from 1990 to 2005, advised the Constitutional Committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate and was an advisor at the National Accounting Office. She has served as a consultant on political finance, anti-corruption and transparency issues for several international organizations (IFES, UNDP, UNDP, OAS, IDB, IDEA, NEEDS, ERIS, CAPEL, DEMOCRACY INTERNATIONAL, COUNTERPART, UNWomen among others) and NGOs around the world. She is the author of numerous publications on Transparency and Anti-Corruption, Political Corruption, Public and Parliamentary Ethics and Comparative Politics among other topics.



Hugo Picado, Magistrate of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Costa Rica (TSE). Lawyer and political scientist. PhD in Rule of Law and Global Governance from the University of Salamanca, Master in Latin American Studies with emphasis in Politics from the Institute of Iberoamerican Studies of the University of Salamanca. Officer of the TSE since 1993, in which he has held various positions. Since 2010 he has served as General Director of the Institute for Training and Studies in Democracy. He has taught at the University of Costa Rica, Universidad Latina de Costa Rica and Universidad San Judas Tadeo. He is the author of the book “Electoral Reform: Actors, Procedure and Discourse” and of more than twenty academic articles on the rule of law, democracy and elections in specialized publications in Costa Rica, Spain, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia and Colombia. He is coordinator of the Editorial Board of the Electoral Law Journal. He has been a lecturer on Rule of Law, democracy and elections in national and international forums.

General topic session 2:

“The role of electoral bodies in the preservation of the democratic order and the threats to their independence”

12:00 - 13:45 hrs



Lorenzo Córdova, appointed as Mexico's National Electoral Institute's (INE) first President Councillor on 3 April, 2014. From December 2011 until April 2014—when INE was created—, he served as Electoral Councillor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). He is a lawyer and an academic who has been professor at the Faculty of Law and researcher at the Institute of Legal Research, both belonging to the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). He is a member of the National System of Researchers. He collaborates in the newspaper El Universal, as well as in magazines such as Nexos [Nexuses] and Voz y Voto [Voice and Vote].



Eugenia Zamora, president of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Costa Rica (TSE). Lawyer and notary from the University of Costa Rica, she has a master's degree from Harvard Law School. She has been vice minister in the Ministry of Justice and Grace, director of the Office of the Presidency of the Republic, general director of the Inter-American Children's Institute (OAS), assistant to the Presidency of the Supreme Court of Justice and consultant of the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress. She was appointed Proprietary Magistrate in the TSE in 2005, where she has served as vice-president on several occasions. She has participated in international electoral observation missions in Bolivia, Panama and Paraguay. She has written several articles and essays on electoral matters, as well as participated in courses, congresses, weeklies and national and international forums.



Rafael López Pintor, he is Professor of Sociology at the Autonomous University of Madrid, PhD in Political Science from the University of North Carolina and Doctor of Law from the Complutense University of Madrid. He was general director of the Center for Sociological Research (CIS) as well as founder and first director of Demoscopia. He has collaborated with the UN, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the International Electoral Systems Foundation (IFES) and other international organizations in the organization of elections and support for peace processes in more than 30 countries such as Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Angola, Mozambique, Liberia, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Albania, Kosovo, Cambodia, Nepal, Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt.



José Thompson, he is the Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IHR), an institution in which he has collaborated for more than 30 years in various positions, including Director of the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center (CAPEL). He holds a degree in Law from the University of Costa Rica and a specialization in International Law from the Università degli Studi, Perugia, Italy. From 1994 to 1998 he collaborated in the Embassy of Costa Rica in the United States of America where he served as Minister Counselor, Consul General and Chargé d’Affaires a. i.. Author of several works on comparative electoral matters. He serves as Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Union of Electoral Authorities and the Association of Electoral Magistrates of the Americas, among other regional electoral mechanisms.

Wednesday, June 29
General topic session 3:
“Democracy, digital platforms, and freedom of expression”
09:00 - 10:45 hrs



Frederico Franco Alvim, Head of the Countering Disinformation Unit of Brazil’s Superior Electoral Court. PhD in Legal and Social Sciences (UMSA). PhD in Political Science (ULISBOA). Master in Law (UNIMEP). Expert in the Electoral Law and Process (UFG). Expert in Electoral Law (UNAM). Founding member of the Brazilian Academy of Electoral and Political Law (ABRADEP).



Lisa Reppell, IFES' Senior Global Social Media and Disinformation Specialist. She has collaborated in providing technical assistance and research initiatives in more than 25 countries. She also facilitates relationships with private sector technology companies and serves on the Board of the Social Media Observatory of the Global Network for Electoral Justice. She is the author of "Election Management Body Approaches to Countering Disinformation," "Legal and Regulatory Responses to Disinformation," "Disinformation Campaigns and Hate Speech: Exploring the Relationship and Programming Interventions," and "COVID-19 Briefing Series: Preserving Electoral Integrity During and Infodemic." She was an Open Society Foundations Fellow at the Institute for Security Studies of Pretoria, South Africa. She was a consulting researcher in Istanbul (2012-2016), where she collaborated on projects on topics such as democratic governance, political extremism, and women's professional development. She holds an MA in Political Science from Sabanci University, Istanbul and a BA in Comparative Religion, Fine Arts, and Gender Studies from Washington and Lee University.







Pedro Vaca, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). He is a lawyer from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He has a Master's Degree in Law and a Specialization in Constitutional Law. He has litigated on behalf of victims of serious violations of freedom of expression. He served as executive director of the Foundation for Press Freedom (FLIP) in Colombia. He is a professor of the Master's Degree in Journalism at Universidad de los Andes. He has led regional processes in defense of freedom of expression. He was a member of the Advisory Network of the Media Freedom Coalition and the Global Council of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX). He was part of the Unesco team for the training of judges in Bolivia, Mexico and Colombia. He was a consultant to Freedom House for the Colombia chapter of the global report on Internet freedom and is co-founder of Presunto Podcast.







Laura Matjošaitytė, former chairwoman of the Lithuanian Central Election Commission, where she also served as vice-chairwoman. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in law from Mykolas Romeris University. She was a member of the Central Election Commission since 2012. From 2017 to 2021 she was chair of the Executive Council of the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO). She is an electoral expert and has published articles on electoral management and electoral systems.

Regional topic session 1:
**“Advances, risks and dilemmas of the political-electoral
 agenda in the region”**
11:00 - 12:45 hrs




	<p>Harry Brown, director of the International Center for Political and Social Studies (CIEPS) AIP-Panama. He holds a PhD in Political Science and Sociology from the Complutense University of Madrid. He is the author of the books “The winner does not appear on the ballot” and “Political parties and elections in Panama: an institutionalist approach”, and editor and co-author of the book “Electoral reforms in Panama: human development keys to decision-making”. He has been a professor of political analysis in the Senior Management Program and in the Executive MBA INCAE. Member of the Advisory Council of the Observatory of Political Reforms in Latin America of UNAM and the OAS and of the Advisory Council of the State of the Region Report based in Costa Rica. He was elected director through international competition by the CIEPS board of directors in 2018.</p>
	<p>Flavia Freidenberg, PhD in Political Science from the University of Salamanca and Master in Latin American Studies from the same University. Professor of the Graduate Program in Political and Social Sciences at UNAM. Coordinator of the Observatory of Reforms in Latin America of the Institute of Legal Research of UNAM and the Organization of American States. Founder and Coordinator of the Network of Women Political Scientists - #NoSinMujeres.</p>
	<p>Alejandra Barrios is the national director of the Civil Society Electoral Observation Mission, MOE Colombia, since its creation in 2006. She holds a degree in Finance and International Relations from the Externado University of Colombia with a specialization in Conflict Resolution. She currently chairs the Board of the Global Network of Domestic Election Observers. She was advisor to Latin American integration groups at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and deputy director at the Ministry of Foreign Trade. From 2010 to 2013 she was secretary general of the Lima Agreement. She has been a consultant for the Ombudsman’s Office and in different projects for the protection and monitoring of Human Rights.</p>
	<p>Patricio Gajardo, Regional Program Director of the International Republican Institute (IRI) in Costa Rica. International Relations expert with experience in democracy since 1992, promoting free and fair elections, good governance and strengthening of civil society throughout the world (mainly in Latin America and the Caribbean). He worked at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) for over thirteen years, and he has worked for IRI since 2008. He has consulted and collaborated with international organizations such as Accenture, Creative Associates, The QED Group, IFES, DFID, OAS, USAID, CAPEL among others. He specializes in political/ electoral evaluations, technical/political advisor, campaign financing, anti-corruption, open government, municipal strengthening, electoral administration, civil registries and voter lists, electronic voting, voting abroad, poll-worker and poll-watcher training, NGO advisor. Mr. Gajardo has observed more than sixty electoral processes in Latin America and Spain.</p>

Messages from institutional representatives

13:00 - 13:30 hrs

	<p>Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for the Strengthening Democracy at the Organization of American States (OAS). He is Mexican, with a background in laws and international studies. He has worked for several academic institutions, including the Anahuac University (Northern campus) and the College of the Northern Border, both in Mexico City. As a public servant, he has worked for the Attorney General of the then-Federal District—now Mexico City—and the Secretary of Labour and Social Welfare. He was General Director of the Centre of Social Studies and Public Opinion, and Electoral Councillor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE)—for which he was appointed by Mexico’s Lower Chamber.</p>
	<p>José Thompson, he is the Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IHR), an institution in which he has collaborated for more than 30 years in various positions, including Director of the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center (CAPEL). He holds a degree in Law from the University of Costa Rica and a specialization in International Law from the Università degli Studi, Perugia, Italy. From 1994 to 1998 he collaborated in the Embassy of Costa Rica in the United States of America where he served as Minister Counselor, Consul General and Chargé d’Affaires a. i.. Author of several works on comparative electoral matters. He serves as Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Union of Electoral Authorities and the Association of Electoral Magistrates of the Americas, among other regional electoral mechanisms.</p>
	<p>Dolores Gandulfo, director of Institutional Policy of the Ombudsman’s Office of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Director of the Electoral Observatory of the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL). She has a degree in International Relations (USAL) and a Masters in Development Management and Public Policy (Universidad Nacional de San Martín - Georgetown University). She has been director of Democracy and Government of the Argentine American Network for Leadership (REAL), member of the Association of International Relations Studies of Argentina (AERIA). In the academic field, she is a professor of the Master’s Degree in International Relations and the Bachelor’s Degree in International Relations (USAL). Coordinator of the Gender Studies Area of the Social Sciences Research Institute (IDICSO - USAL). Professor at the Political Training Institute of the Ministry of the Interior of Argentina (INCAP).</p>
	<p>Máximo Zaldivar, serves as regional director for the Americas at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems. He has over 20 years of experience in democracy, elections and political processes. he has led democracy and governance programs around the world. He has served in Colombia, Guatemala, Iraq, Mexico, South Sudan, Timor-Leste and Venezuela, on programs funded by the United States Agency for International Development, Office for Transition Initiatives, U.S Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs and the National Endowment for Democracy. He previously worked for the International Republican Institute, Social Impact, Union of Latin American Parties, Central American Parliament and Salvadoran Embassy in Guatemala. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in human rights, both from the Rafael Landivar University in Guatemala.</p>

Thursday, June 30
Regional topic session 2:
“Representation, parity, and gender-based political violence”
09:00 - 10:45 hrs.

	<p>Maricarmen Plata, Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity (OAS). She holds a degree in Law and Political Science from the Universidad Santa María La Antigua, and a Master's degree in International Law from the University of Cambridge. Throughout her professional career she has participated in initiatives related to the study and promotion of public international law and human rights, from an academic and professional perspective. She has participated in various dialogues, working groups and negotiations related to public policies with a focus on equity. She is the founding director of the women lawyers association Fundación WIP Panamá and is a member of the board of directors of the Asociación Directoras de Panamá and the Fundación Democracia y Libertad, whose flagship project is the Museum of Freedom and Human Rights.</p>
	<p>Claudia Zavala, Electoral Councilor of Mexico's National Electoral Institute (INE) since 2016. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree, both from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Her previous positions include: Justice Salvador Olimpo Nava Gomar's—of the Superior Courtroom of the Electoral Court of the Federal Judicial Branch (TEPJF)—law clerk (March 2013 – 4 November 2016); member of the Electoral Council at the then Electoral Institute of the Federal District (IEDF, 2008 – 2012)—which she chaired from 2008 to 2010—, where she presided the Commissions on Rules and Transparency, and for the Citizenry's Participation, and, during the 2011-2012 local electoral process, was commissioner of IEDF's Oversight, Political Associations, and Sanctioning (responsible for the procedures against district electoral councillors' alleged irregularities) Commissions; from 1996 to 2006 she was part of Justice Mauro Miguel Reyes Zapata's team; and, from 1994 to 1996 she worked at the then Federal Electoral Tribunal.</p>
	<p>Karolina Gilas, professor at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at UNAM. She holds a PhD in Social Sciences from UNAM and a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Szczecin, Poland. She is a member of the National System of Researchers, Level I. She has been a Researcher at the Electoral Judicial Training Center and advisor at the General Coordination of Advisors of the Presidency (TEPJF). She has several publications, including books and articles in academic journals in Mexico, Brazil and Colombia on women's political representation, freedom of expression, electoral systems and electoral law. She is a member of the Research Team of the Observatory of Political Reforms in Latin America of the IIJ-UNAM and the OAS and of the External Advisory Committee of the Center for Comparative Studies of the National University of Rosario (Argentina). She has been Secretary of Liaison and Communication of the Board of Directors of SOMEE and is a member of several Political Science associations (SOMEE, IPSA, ALACIP).</p>



Katia Uriona, UN-Women advisor. Former President of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Bolivia. Degree in Social Communication, with studies in Gender and Public Policy. She worked at the Institute for Democracy and Assistance IDEA-International, as responsible for Gender, in the country office. She was executive secretary of the National Women's Coordinating Network, and responsible for the National Women's Project and Constituent Assembly. She has extensive experience in management and strengthening of leadership and women's organizations, generation of proposals, advocacy and mobilization for the recognition and inclusion of gender perspective and women's rights and public policies.

Regional topic session 3:
**“New preaching on electoral fraud and its implications for
the integrity of elections”**
11:00 - 12:45 hrs.



Gerardo de Icaza, has been director of the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation. He has led more than 80 Electoral Observation Missions in more than 27 countries. In 2018, he served as Acting Secretary for Strengthening of Democracy. At the National Electoral Institute of Mexico (INE) he served as Deputy Legal Director for Overseas Voting and as Coordinator of the Technical Committee of Specialists on Overseas Voting. He was a law clerk, and then Head of the International Affairs Unit in the Electoral Tribunal of Mexico. He studied Law and has a Master's Degree in International Relations and Communication. He has taught at several universities and is a well-known speaker in the democracy circuit. His most recent publication "International Law of Democracy" coordinated with Luis Almagro, is one of his numerous publications on democracy and electoral systems.



Tammy Patrick, is a Senior Advisor to the Elections program at Democracy Fund. In 2013 she was selected by President Obama to serve as a Commissioner on the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. Prior to that she was the Federal Compliance Officer for Maricopa County Elections Department. She serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Policy and has represented the National Association of Election Officials to the United States Postal Service's Mailers Technical Advisory Committee. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies from Purdue University and is certified by Auburn University as a Certified Elections Registration Administrator.



Salvador Romero, project manager of International IDEA in Paraguay. He obtained a bachelor's, master's and doctorate in political sociology at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris. He has twice held the Presidency and the vocal of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Bolivia (2004-2008; 2019-2021). He was director of the NDI in Honduras. He directed the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center of the IIHR. He was a member of the Special Electoral Mission, created by the Peace Agreement in Colombia. He was a consultant responsible for the electoral division of the Support Mission against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras. On two occasions, he has been executive secretary of the technical accompaniment to the Mexican electoral process organized by CAPEL/IIIDH and the electoral bodies (2018, 2021). His books include "Elections in Latin America" (2021), "Democracy, Elections and Violence in Latin America" (2017), and "Latin American Electoral Atlas" (2007). He has published articles in newspapers, magazines and books in several countries in Latin America and Europe. He conducted research for international organizations (IDEA, UNDP, OAS, KAS, FES, etc.). He has taught at the main universities in Bolivia, as well as in several in Latin America. He has been an international speaker. He has participated in electoral observation missions in several countries in the Americas and Africa.



Mónica Pachón is an academic at Universidad de los Andes (Uniandes). She holds a Master's degree in Political Science from Universidad de los Andes and a Master's degree in Latin American Studies from St. Antony's College (Oxford) as well as a PhD in Political Science (San Diego, California). She has focused on Colombian political history, the relations between the president and the Congress, the performance of the electoral system, and the relations between different power brokers in the Colombian political system. She was director of Congreso Visible (Uniandes), visiting professor at Rice University (Houston), director of the Masters in Public Policy at the School of Government (Uniandes), Dean of the School of Political Science, Government and International Relations at Universidad del Rosario and Tinker Fellow at the Institute of Latin American Studies at Columbia University in New York.

Messages from institutional representatives 13:00 - 13:30 hrs.



Percy Medina, project manager of International IDEA in Peru. He is one of the main spokespersons for institutional activities, maintains constant contact with journalists and political leaders and his opinion on public affairs is regularly requested by the media. He is an expert on political parties and electoral processes. He has extensive experience participating in international missions as an observer in nine countries and as a consultant for electoral and civic organizations and local observation groups in twelve countries. He has served two terms as Executive Secretary of the Lima Agreement for the Latin American Network of Electoral Observation Organizations. He was Secretary General of Transparencia - Peru. He has worked as a consultant on issues related to democracy and elections for the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank, the National Democratic Institute and the International Republican Institute. He is the author of several publications on democracy and elections.



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Katya Rimkunas, Regional Deputy Director, Latin America and the Caribbean (IRI). She brings more than 17 years of experience in international development and democratic governance. She oversees the development and implementation of a wide range of programs including on civic engagement, legislative strengthening, inter-government coordination, and elections and political processes in 20 countries. She's a regular commentator for the Inter-American Dialogue's Latin America Advisor on regional issues and is a member of the Global Advisory Council for the McCain Institute's Global Leaders Program. She has led the launch and expansion of programs in Panama, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. She has also observed elections in Nigeria, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. Prior to joining IRI, worked in the office of Senator John McCain. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in Political Science and Latin American studies. She is also a graduate of the Campaign School at Yale.



Yara Ivette Campo, Alternate Magistrate of the Electoral Tribunal of Panama (TE). She has a degree in Law and Political Science from the University of Panama and a master's degree in Procedural Law from the Interamerican University. In the TE she has held the positions of legal advisor (1990-1992), assistant magistrate (1992-1998), and institutional executive director (since 1998). She has participated in the Tikal Protocol and UNIORE Conferences, in the Meeting of Women Magistrates of the Electoral Justice of Iberoamerica (2009) and in the Meeting of Specialists of Statistical Information Systems of the Electoral Bodies, with a Gender Perspective (2010). She has been a speaker at various national and international conferences. She is a postgraduate professor in the Master's Degree in Electoral Studies at the Universidad Especializada de las Américas (Panama). She has participated as an electoral observer in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Chile and Spain.

