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**LIST OF OBSERVERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE**

**NINTH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF CULTURE AND**

**HIGHEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES**

Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala

October 27-28, 2022

(Approved during the regular meeting held September 27, 2022 and revised during the regular meeting held October 25, 2022)

In accordance with Articles 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) (CIDI/doc.258/18), that governs the participation in the sectoral ministerial meetings, the Secretary General will send, with CIDI’s authorization, invitations for the Ninth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology indicated below:

Organs and Agencies of the Inter-American System

Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“The representatives of the organs and agencies of the inter-American system may attend the meetings with the right to speak.”

Permanent Observers

Article 16 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“Permanent observers to the Organization or their respective alternates, as appropriate, may attend meetings of CIDI and of its committees. Permanent observers may also speak at meetings when it is so decided by the Chair.”

Other Observers

Article 17of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“Observers to the meetings may also be sent by:

1. Governments of members of the United Nations or of its specialized agencies, when they express an interest in attending, with the authorization of the regular monthly CIDI meeting;
2. Inter-American regional or subregional governmental entities or agencies that are not included among the organs or agencies of the Organization, with the authorization of the regular monthly CIDI meeting; and
3. Specialized agencies of the United Nations and other international agencies, when agreements concluded with the Organization and in force so establish or, absent such agreements, subject to prior authorization by the regular monthly CIDI meeting.

The observers referred to in this article may speak in the meetings of CIDI or of its committees when invited to do so by the Chair.

For the purposes of this article, the Secretary General of the Organization and/or the Executive Secretary for Integral Development will transmit the appropriate communications.”

 Organizations and entities under the above-mentioned articles of the Rules of Procedure may include:

1. Andean Community of Nations (CAN)
2. Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
3. Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
4. Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
5. Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO)
6. Central American Bank for Economic Integration Bank (CABEI)
7. Central American Integration System (SICA)
8. Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)
9. Council of Europe
10. Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
11. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
12. *Instituto Social del MERCOSUR* (ISM)
13. Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
14. International Labor Organization (ILO)
15. Latin American Economic System (SELA)
16. Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO)
17. MERCOSUR-Cultura
18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
19. Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
20. Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI)
21. *Secretaría General Iberoamericana* (SEGIB)
22. *Secretaría de la Integración Social Centroamericana* (SISCA)
23. United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
24. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
25. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
26. United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
27. UNESCO Institute for Statistics
28. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
29. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
30. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
31. UN Women
32. World Bank (WB)
33. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
34. World Trade Organization (WTO)

Special Guests

Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“With the authorization of the regular monthly CIDI meeting and the consent of the government of the host country, national or international governmental agencies or entities and persons of recognized standing in the matters to be considered may attend sectoral and specialized meetings of CIDI as special guests, when they express an interest in doing so.

The special guests referred to in this article may speak at sectoral and specialized meetings of CIDI when invited to do so by the Chair.

Requests to attend meetings as special guests shall be presented to the General Secretariat of the Organization at least 15 days in advance of the opening of the CIDI meeting.

For the purposes of this article, the Secretary General of the Organization and/or the Executive Secretary for Integral Development will extend the corresponding invitations.”

Special guests may include:

1. Mr. Ismael Cala, journalist, author, radio and television producer, and former correspondent for CNN *en español*, United States

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