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SCHEDULE

“Harnessing the Power of Transformative Science and Technologies

 to Drive our Communities Forward”

(Adopted during the first plenary session held on December 7, 2021)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. Platform opens for connection tests

09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m. INAUGURAL SESSION

Opening Remarks by:

* Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS)
* Ambassador Audrey P. Marks, Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the OAS
* The Most Honorable Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP, Prime Minister of Jamaica

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. FIRST PLENARY SESSION

 Election of the Chair

 Formalization of Agreements Reached during the Preparatory Meeting

Report from the Technical Secretariat of the COMCYT

* Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development (SEDI), OAS

10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. SECOND PLENARY SESSION: Youth: Improving Skills and Readiness for Industry 4.0

* Science, Technology, Innovation (STI) and Entrepreneurship to reduce the digital divide and promote the inclusion of women and girls, rural and indigenous communities, and other populations in vulnerable situations
* Lynne Genik, Director, High Throughput and Secure Networks Challenge Program, National Research Council Canada (NRC), Canada
* Jannixia Villalobos Vindas, Director of Social Appropriation of Knowledge, Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT), Costa Rica
* Dr. Claire Saundry, Director of International and Academic Affairs, National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST), United States
* Cynthia Delgado, Executive Secretary, National Council of Science, Technology and Innovation (CONACYT), Paraguay
* Marleen Lord-Lewis, President, National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST), Trinidad and Tobago
* Launch of the Americas Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies
* Honorable Daryl Vaz, Minister of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET), Jamaica

Ministerial Dialogue (3-5 minutes per delegation)

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Lunch Break

2:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. THIRD PLENARY SESSION: Technology Foresight as Input for Public Policy Decisions and Science for Decision Making

* Technology Foresight as Input for Public Policy Decisions (Prospecta Americas)
* Juan Rodriguez, Executive Director, National Research and Advanced Studies Program, PROCIENCIA, Peru
* Science for Decision Making
* Honorable Daniel Filmus, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MINCYT), Argentina
* Astrid Harsch, Advisor, Ministry of Science, Technology, Knowledge and Innovation (MinCiencia), Chile
* Presentation on Centers of Excellence of Prospecta Americas
* Laman Carranza Ramirez, Head, Strategic Planning and Foresight Unit, Government of the State of Hidalgo, Mexico
* Dr. Paola Amar, Vice Chancellor for Research, Outreach and Innovation, Simon Bolivar University (USB), Colombia

Ministerial Dialogue (3-5 minutes per delegation)

Wednesday December 8, 2021

08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. Platform opens for connection tests

09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. FOURTH PLENARY SESSION: Levelling the Playfield for Active Participation in the Global Economy by Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through STI

* Levelling the playfield for active participation in the global economy by Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through STI
* The Honorable Dr. Louis Zabaneh, Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, Belize
* Doralisa Niachimba, Deputy Secretary of Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer, National Secretariat of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (SENESCYT), Ecuador
* Ana Romero, Executive Deputy Director, Honduran Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation (IHCIETI), Honduras
* Julian Ferro, Director of Knowledge Transfer and Use, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MINCIENCIAS), Colombia
* Science and Technology to Build Resiliency in the framework of Sustainable Development and COVID-19 Recovery
* Alberto Majo, Head of the National Directorate for Innovation, Science and Technology (DICYT), Ministry of Education and Culture, Uruguay
* Dr. Genaro Rodríguez Martínez, Vice Minister of Science and Technology, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MESCyT), Dominican Republic

Ministerial Dialogue (3-5 minutes per delegation)

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. FIFTH PLENARY SESSION: Effective Public-Private-Academia Collaboration to Enhance Competitiveness and Quality of Life

* Effective public-private-academia collaboration to enhance competitiveness and quality of life
* Ana Chan, National Secretary of Science and Technology (SENACYT), Guatemala
* Alberto De Ycaza, Director, Business Innovation, National Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation (SENACYT), Panama
* Presentations and dialogue with COMCYT partners from academia and the private sector
* Dr. Ignacio De Leon, CEO of IPP Block, President of the Kozolchyk National Law Center, University of Arizona, United States
* Jared Yarnall-Schane, Director of Innovation, Biomimicry Institute, United States
* Andrea Escobedo, Government and Regulatory Affairs Leader, IBM Mexico
* Dr. Omar Costilla-Reyes, Senior Research Scientist at the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Ministerial Dialogue (3-5 minutes per delegation)

12:15 p.m. –12:30 p.m. SIXTH PLENARY SESSION: Draft Declaration of Jamaica: Harnessing the Power of Transformative Science and Technologies to Drive our Communities Forward

* Consideration of the Draft Declaration of Jamaica: Harnessing the Power of Transformative Science and Technologies to Drive our Communities Forward

 Ministerial Dialogue (3-5 minutes per delegation)

12:30 p.m. – 12 45 p.m. CLOSING SESSION

 Closing Remarks by:

* Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development (SEDI), OAS
* Honorable Daryl Vaz, Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, Jamaica

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