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Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Session 1: Opening Remarks

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| Victoria Donda | Director, National Institute Against Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism, Argentina |
| Magdalena Talamas | Director, Department for the Promotion of Peace at the Organization of American States |
| Karin Santi | Regional Team Leader HIV, Health and Development, UNDP's Regional Bureau on Latin America and the Caribbean |
| Fernand de Varenes | United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues |
| Chair: Anna-Mária Bíró, | Director, Tom Lantos Institute |

High-Level State Panel

Invited Speakers

Tania Reneaum, Executive (Moderator)	Secretary, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
Salomé Grunblatt	Director, Migrant Policies and Ethnic Racial Equity
Edgar Rodrigo Rojas	Director of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia

List of participants who took the floor

1. Luminare Group
2. International Association Maylé Sara Kalí
3. Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo (Uruguay)
4. ZOR Argentina asociación por los derechos del pueblo Gitano Romani
5. Santiago Albarracin Escribas

Thematic Session 1: Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations

Invited Speakers

Michael Lieberman (Moderator)	Senior Policy Counsel on Hate & Extremism, Southern Poverty Law Center
Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves	Professor at the Law School of the Federal University of Uberlândia
John Packer	Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa

List of participants who took the floor

1. International Association Maylé Sara Kalí
2. Native Council of Nova Scotia
3. Congreso Judío Latinoamericano
4. Southern Poverty Law Center
5. Santiago Albarracin Escribas

Thematic Session 2: Implementation: Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and Programmes

Invited Speakers

Leilane Reis (moderator)	Race and Gender Officer, International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights
Nihad Awad	Executive Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations
Beneco Enecia	Director, Center for Sustainable Development (CEDES)
Federico Fernando Pita	Founder of the African Diaspora of Argentina (DIAFAR)
Pedro L. Cortes-Ruiz	Advisor, International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights

List of participants who took the floor

1. Diaspora Africana de la Argentina

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a procedural and substantive right and process

Invited Speakers

Gina Romero (Moderator)	Executive Director, Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy
Yimene Calderón	Board of Directors of ODECO and Vice-President of ONECA
Dwight Newman	Professor, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Rights in Constitutional and International Law
Gay McDougall	Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Leitner Center on International Law and Justice, Fordham University Law School; Member, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Vice Chair 2018-2019), and former UN Special Rapporteur on Minorities

List of participants who took the floor

1. ZOR Argentina asociación por los derechos del pueblo Gitano Romaní
2. International Association Maylê Sara Kalí
3. Phylomène Zangio
4. Observatorio de Mujeres Gitanas
5. Santiago Albarracin Escribas

Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming the Protection and Implementation of the Minority Rights Framework

Invited Speakers

Meredith Preston McGhie (Moderator)	Secretary General, Global Centre for Pluralism
Angie Cruickshank	Co-founder of the Latin American Alliance for the African Descendant Decade (ALDA)

**Ana Dalila
Gómez Baos** General Coordinator, Organizational Process of the Rom
People of Colombia

Yves Goguen, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Moncton

List of participants who took the floor

1. ZOR Argentina asociación por los derechos del pueblo Gitano Romaní
2. The Inclusivity Project
3. Phylomène Zangio
4. Observatorio de Mujeres Gitanas

Presentation of Recommendations

Marcus Oda Programme Manager, Tom Lantos Institute

Anna-Mária Bíró Director, Tom Lantos Institute
(Chair)

Concluding Remarks

Fernand de Varennes UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues