



LEGISLATIVE SECTOR MEETING

Mexico F.D. April 20 and 21 of 2015

Presentation

One of the fundamental decisions of PSI's World Congress-2012 was to strengthen its work by sectors, through efficacious sectorial structures in all regions.

Later on, the political document "*Working for the alternative*", approved in 2013, also highlighted some important guidelines, such as:

- PSI's priorities will be conducted through our sectors;
- PSI affiliates will propose the practical and appropriate ways on how the sub regions and regions can establish sector structures and do the sectorial work.

Over the last years, PSI has strengthened organizations such as ULATOC (State control organizations), CLTPJ (Judicial) and CONTUA (Universities administrative bodies). On the other hand it has promoted regional confederations such as CONTAGUAS (Water) and CONTRAMA (Municipal). In the Central Administration sector, PSI works as a Network.

Every sector has had a history and dynamics of its own, all of them very positive for PSI, given that in their different modalities, both as integrated crosscutting structures such as Networks or as independent structures, a very good political articulation and coordination has been achieved, which has resulted in mutual strengthening.

Argentina's Legislative Personnel Association - APL, on its behalf, has started a process of construction of an organization structure of legislative workers of the Americas. For that purpose, they have carried out visits and established contact with various organizations, with whom they have collectively strengthened the political will of assembling a regional organization.

Along these lines, PSI and its affiliate APL have agreed that previous the realization of the IAMRECON 2015, a meeting of the legislative sector will be held, in order to contribute to consolidate this mutual initiative.



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Agenda

Monday April 20

- 09:00 Welcoming greeting and Formal opening
Omar Autón –PSI Inter-Americas Co-president
- 09:15 Introduction of participants and agreement on the Agenda
Female speaker: Carolina Pereyra Rozas – Argentina
- 09:30 Diagnosis of the labour and union situation of the Legislative Sector in the Americas (Union composition, rate of unionization, labour regime, freedom of association, collective bargaining, representation inside institutions and influence)
Presentation by country/organization
Summary of the diagnosis
Male Moderator: Juan Carlos Kozow - Argentina
- 11:30 Break
- 12:00 Regional strategies to strengthen the legislative sector
Work by commissions
(COTLAC – Confederation of Legislative Workers of the Americas and the Caribbean)
Principles and objectives
Structure
Link with PSI
Strategic priorities
Relationship with inter-parliamentary instances (Parlatino, Grulac, UIP)
Relationship with ILO
It coordinates: Diego Araya – Chile
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Plenary session and Agreements on commission's work
It coordinates: Liz Escoto Aráuz – Nicaragua

- 16:00 Writing the Foundation Act (COTLAC – Confederation of the Legislative Workers of the Americas and the Caribbean)
It coordinates: Edwin Chávez – Guatemala
- 17:00 Adjournment and conclusions for the day
Verónica Montúfar – ISP Project Coordinator
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Tuesday April 21

- 09:00 PSI Regional Action Plan for the Americas 2015-20
Jocelio Drummond – PSI Interamerican Regional Secretary
Legislative sector priorities
It coordinates: México
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Conformation process of COTLAC (Confederation of Legislative Workers of the Americas and the Caribbean)
Working mechanisms and commissions
Constitution document and Regulations
Place and Date of its constitution
It coordinates: José Vicente Rivero – Venezuela
- 12:30 Defining responsibilities and commitments
It coordinates: Juan Carlos Kozow - Argentina
Conclusions and Formal closing
Verónica Montúfar
- 13:00 Closing ceremony
Carolina Pereyra Rozas - Argentina