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May 17–20, 2007
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Goals

♦ To share information about the programs, projects, and activities conducted through the Civitas International Programs
♦ To celebrate the achievements of the Civitas International Programs, with a specific emphasis on the theme “Civic Conscience and Citizen Engagement”
♦ To learn about the work conducted by Asociación Conciencia in the area of education for democratic citizenship
♦ To strengthen and expand the Civitas International Programs network

Wednesday, May 16

All Day: Arrivals and Registration

Check in at: Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center
San Martin 1225/1275 · Buenos Aires 1104 · Argentina
Phone: (54)(11) 43189000

6:20 PM Meet at Leandro Alem exit of Sheraton hotel
6:30          Buses depart for reception
7:00–10:00   Reception at Museum of Decorative Arts

Thursday, May 17

7:00–9:00 AM  Breakfast  
              Salon Libertador A

9:00–Noon    Character Education Meeting (By invitation. All other participants may use this time for planning and meetings.)
              Salon Libertador B

12:30–2:00 PM  New Participant Welcome Lunch and Orientation Session
                (All other participants may lunch on their own and use this time for planning/meetings.)
                Salon Atalaya (24th Floor)

2:00–3:00   Meeting for Countries Participating in the International Project Citizen Showcase
            Salon Libertador B

3:00–3:30   Conference Opening
            Charles N. Quigley, Executive Director, Center for Civic Education
            Silvia Rueda de Uranga, Civitas Program Director, Asociación Conciencia
            Deborah Price, Assistant Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
            Salon Libertador B

3:30–4:15   Keynote Address: Civic Conscience and Citizen Engagement
            Frank Greer, Founding Partner, Greer, Margolis, Mitchell, Burns, & Associates Political Consulting

4:15–5:00   Plenary Session: Historical and Political Introduction to Argentina
            Sergio Berenstein, Director, School of Public Policy, University Di Tella, Argentina
Carlos Germano, Political Consultant, Carlos Germano and Associates

5:00–5:30 Ambassador’s Welcome Address
   Introduction: Alan Bersin, Secretary of Education, Office of the Secretary of Education, California
   Earl Anthony Wayne, United States Ambassador to Argentina

5:30–6:00 Small-Group Discussion

8:00–10:00 Conciencia’s Noche Ciudadana (by invitation)

**Friday, May 18**

7:00–9:00 AM Breakfast
   *Salon Libertador A*

9:00–9:45 Welcome
   Daniel Filmus, Minister of Education, Argentina
   Alicia Kirchner, Minister of Social Development, Argentina
   *Salon Libertador B*

9:45–10:30 Plenary: *The Argentine Experience in Education: The State and Civil Society*
   Nieves Tapia, Coordinator of National Service Learning Programs, Ministry of Education, Argentina
   Maria Esther Altube, Minister of Education of the Province of Salta

10:30–11:00 Break
   *Foyer*

11:00–12:15 PM Thematic Concurrent Sessions

1. *The Role of the Media in Promoting Civic Education*
   Imad Elarbi, Executive Director, Moroccan Center for Civic Education
   *Rio de la Plata*

2. *Dialogue in a Divided Society*
   Tony Kennedy, CEO, Co-operation Ireland
   Marianne McGill, Head of Research & Development, Co-operation Ireland
   *Ombu I*

3. *Engaging University Students in Project Citizen*
   Mona Al Alami, Program Director, Jordanian Center for Civic Education Studies
   *Ombu II*
4. Civic Conscience and Citizenship Engagement in a Digital Age
   Thomas S. Vontz, Assistant Professor, School of Education, Kansas State University
   Clayton Lucas, Teacher, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy
   John Sullivan, Teacher, Glenbrook South High School

5. Civic Education: A Link with Society
   Amode Taher, Program Director, CIVITAS Mauritius

6. The Role of Mothers in Civic Education
   Refaat Sabbah, Program Director, Teacher Creativity Center

7. Challenges of Civil Society in Argentina
   ACIJ
   Fundacion del Viso
   Sandra Cesilini, Coordinator, Inter-American Development Bank Project
   ARL1043

12:15–1:30 PM  Lunch

1:30–2:45  Panel Presentation: Courts and Citizens: Civic Education and the Judiciary
   Justice Elena Highton de Nolasco, Vice-President, Supreme Court of Argentina
   Moderator: Jon Varat

2:45–3:00  Break

3:00–4:15  Plenary Session: The Argentine Dialogue on Religious Tolerance
   Father Juan Torrela
   Rabbi Daniel Goldman
   Professor Emir Jarnuc
   Pastor Rafael Sanz

4:15–5:15  Panel on Strategic Alliances
   Mirna Alexander, Researcher, Canadian Foundation for the Americas
   Rose Marie Vieira Motta Linck, Pescar, Brazil
   Isabel Engelbert, Porvenir, Argentina
Moderator: Jorge Eduardo Bustamante, Board of Directors, Asociación Conciencia

6:30 PM Depart for Embassy Reception (meet at Leandor Alem exit)

7:00–9:00 Reception at the Residence of U.S. Ambassador Earl Anthony Wayne (by invitation)

Saturday, May 19

7:00–9:00 AM Breakfast Salon Libertador A

9:00–9:15 Announcements and Overview of the Day Salon Libertador B

9:15–10:30 Plenary: Overview of Conciencia’s Programs (with student demonstrations)
   Susana Finger, Executive Director, Asociación Conciencia

10:30–11:00 Break

11:00–12:15 PM Concurrent Sessions I

   1. On the Way to Democracy: A Playful Educational Activity
      Elva María Aranguëna, Executive Director, Instituto Peruano de Educacion en Derechos Humanos y la Paz (IPEDEHP)
      Rio de la Plata

   2. A Cross Country Discussion: Challenges of Teaching about Public Policy through Project Citizen
      Barbara Miller, Executive Director, Center for Education in Law and Democracy, Colorado
      Maria Gonzalez, Executive Director, Costa Rica Joven
      Suzanne Soule, Director of Research and Development, Center for Civic Education
      Ombu I

   3. Building Civic Leadership at All Levels through the Baltic Civitas Partnership
      Erin Braun (moderator), Director of Civic Education, Indiana Bar Foundation
      Giedre Kvieskeine, Director, Lithuanian College of Democracy
      Patton Feichter, Coordinator, Illinois/Estonia Civitas Project
      Sulev Valdmaa, Director, Civic Education Center, Jaan Tonisson Institute, Estonia
Linda Martin, Area Education Agency 267, Iowa
Iveta Verse, Director, Education Development Center

4. New Materials in Education for Democracy: Lessons on Africa
Arlene Gardner, Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Civic and Law-Related Education, Rutgers University
Boubacar Tall, Director, Curriculum Office, INDEADE, Senegal Ministry of Education
Shannon Lederer, Assistant Director, International Affairs, American Federation of Teachers

5. Strategies for the Development of a National Project Citizen Network
Carmen Chacon de Carcamo, Vice President, Civitas Panama
Mariela Ledezma, President, Civitas Panama
Graciela Salgado, Trainer Coordinator, Fundacion Horizonte, Ecuador

6. The Exercise of Basic Civil and Political Rights as a Strategy for Civic Education in Mexico
Hugo Concha Cantu, Executive Director for Electoral Training and Civic Education, Federal Electoral Institute, Mexico

7. The Lexicon Project: Or, Is what we do not know hurting us?
Civitas-Russia
Stephen Schechter, Professor of Political Science, Russell Sage College, New York
Thomas Vontz, Assistant Professor of Education, Kansas State University
Natalya Voskresenskaya, Associate Director, Civitas-Russia, Moscow

12:15–1:15 PM Lunch

Concurrent Sessions II

1. Using Technology in Your Education for Democracy Project
Tom Collins, Coordinator, Wyoming Project Citizen Coordinator
Ariel Maella, President of the Directory Educadores para la Democracia
Louis R. Smith, Jr., Professor, College of Education, University of West Alabama
Carole W. Smith, University of West Alabama
Janice Bedford, Executive Director, Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education, Alabama
Polina Verbytska, President, All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers in History, Civic Education, and Social Studies "Nova Doba"

2. “A Tale in Two Courts”: Comparing the World’s Two Major Legal Systems Using Mock Trials
   Pat Quann, Executive Director, Delaware Law Related Education Center, Wilmington, DE
   Marilyn Cover, Executive Director, Classroom Law Project, Oregon
   James Adomanis, Executive Director, Maryland Center for Civic Education

   Alida Matkovic, Head, Department for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Science, Education and Sport

3. Benefits of Building Bridges—Celebrating the Results of a Joint Partnership in the Study of Civic Education
   Jan Miller, Director Law-Related Education; Texas State Bar
   Dora Marroquin-Executive Director of the Center for Democracy and Civic Education, New Mexico
   Maria Gonzalez-Executive Director of Programa Costa Rica Joven, Costa Rica
   Janie Worst, Related Education, State Bar of Texas

4. 10 Years of Civic Education Work in the Dominican Republic
   Mirna Diaz, Executive Director, Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre Y Maestra, Dominican Republic

5. Legislators in the Classroom
   Karl Kurtz, Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislators
   Jorge Rinaldi, Director General, Institute for Parliamentary Training, Argentina

6. Strengthening Democracy through Project Citizen
   Linda J. Start, Executive Director, Michigan Center for Civic Education
   Barbara Miller, Executive Director, Center for Education in Law and Democracy, Colorado
   Ivana Havlinova, Executive Director, CIVITAS-CZ
   Marcela Maslova, Executive Director, Orava Association for Democratic Education

2:30–3:15 PM Plenary Session: The Challenge of Improving Democracy through Civic Education
   Zafarullah Khan, Director, Centre for Civic Education, Pakistan
Ignacio Hernaiz, Special Projects Coordinator, Ministry of Education, Argentina

3:15–3:30 Break

3:30–4:00 Small Group Discussion

4:00–6:00 Planning Time, Office Hours, and Regional Meetings

   1. Civitas Africa: 4:00 PM Ombu I
   2. Arab Civitas: 4:00 PM Martin Fierro II
   3. Latin America: 4:30 PM Martin Fierro I
   4. Europe and Eurasia: 4:30 PM Rio de la Plata

Sunday, May 20

7:00–9:00 AM Breakfast Salon Libertador A

9:00–9:15 Announcements Salon Libertador B

9:15–10:15 Plenary Session: Institutionalization and Sustainability
   Charles N. Quigley, Executive Director, Center for Civic Education
   Maria Rosa Martini, Co-Founder, Asociación Conciencia

10:15–11:30 Concurrent Sessions

   1. Civic Education in Latvia: From Preschool to Adult Education
      Aija Tuna, Program Director, International Step by Step Association, Hungary
      Iveta Verse, Director, Education Development Center, Latvia Rio de la Plata

   2. Education for Democratic Citizenship in the Americas: An Analysis of National Policies
      Adriana Cepeda, Consultant, Department of Education and Culture, Organization of American States Ombu I

   3. Project Citizen for Promoting Students’ Activity: A Methodological Review
      Maia Gogoladze, Director, CIVITAS Georgia Projects and Chairman, Fund for Democracy Development Ombu II

   4. E-enabled Instruction: Civics with a Mouse
      Mona Alami, Director, Jordan Center for Civic Education Studies
5. **Civitas External Onsite Evaluation: An On-the-Ground Look at Program Progress in Senegal**

Gary Marx, President, Center for Public Outreach, Virginia
Boubacar Tall, Director, Curriculum Office, INDEADE, Senegal
Ministry of Education
Arlene Gardner, Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Civic and Law-Related Education, Rutgers University

*Martin Fierro I*

6. **Bringing Integrity to the Schools: New Material in Education for Democracy**

Mercedes De Freitas, Executive Director, Civitas Venezuela

*Salon Libertador B*

11:30–11:45 Break

11:45–1:00 PM Thematic Sessions

1. **South Africa Youth and Civic Engagement: Moving from Self to Community Empowerment**

Sharon Subreenduth, Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State University, Ohio
Anash Mangalparsad, Director, Center for Community and Educational Development

*Rio de la Plata*

2. **Making the Whole School Educational Approach More Convenient for the Development of Youth Civic Conscience**

Alida Matković, Head of the Multilateral Cooperation Department, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia
Nevenka Lončarić Jelačić, Senior Advisor, Head of the Center at the Education and Teacher Training Agency

*Ombu I*

3. **Civic Education in Fragile and Hybrid States**

Roula Mikhael, Country Director, Lebanese Center for Civic Education
Zafarullah Khan, Director, Centre for Civic Education, Pakistan

*Ombu II*

4. **Antiviolence Programs Based on Foundations of Democracy, Project Citizen and Civic Education Manuals**

Rumen Vulchev, Program Director, Open Education Center, Bulgaria

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5. **Trends...That Will Profoundly Impact Our Future**

Gary Marx, CIVITAS External On-site Evaluator, President, Center for Public Outreach
6. Increasing Civic Competence and Youth Participation in the Russian Far East

Pavel Sobol, Project Director, Russian-American Center
Olga Chernenko, Program Manager, Russian–American Center
Mary Bristol, Project Director, CIVITAS Alaska

Martin Fierro II

1:00–2:00 PM Lunch

Salon Libertador A

2:00–3:00 PM Plenary- Looking Back, Striving Forward: Reflections from Civitas Partners

Aija Tuna, Educational Program Director, Education Development Center, Latvia
Elarbi Imad President, Moroccan Center for Civic Education, Morocco
Meera Balachandran, Principal, Ramjas School, R. K. Puram, India
Misheck Munthali, Chief Lecturer, Domasi College of Education, and Director, Civitas Malawi

Salon Libertador B

3:00–3:15 Break

Foyer

3:15–4:00 Small-Group Discussion

4:15–4:45 Conference Closing

Richard A. Nuccio, Director, Civitas International Programs, Center for Civic Education
Lucrecia S.E. de Lacroze, President, Asociación Conciencia

Salon Libertador B

4:45–5:00 Conference Evaluation

6:30 Depart for Opera Pampa (meet at Leandro Alem exit)

7:00–10:00 Closing Dinner at Opera Pampa

Monday, May 21

Departures