



## Human Rights and Election Standards Conference

December 4-5, 2017, The Carter Center, Atlanta, GA

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

**19:30**

**Welcome Dinner**

The Sundial Restaurant  
The Westin Peachtree Plaza,  
210 Peachtree Street NE Atlanta, GA 30303  
*(meet in the Sheraton Lobby at 19:15 to walk to the restaurant which is close by)*

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

If you are planning to join the optional Board of Councilors Program...

6:45 Depart hotel for Carter Center (shuttle at lobby)

7:15 Arrive Carter Center  
A light breakfast will be available

**7:30- 9:00**

**OPTIONAL PROGRAM: Board of Councilors**

Hear about Carter Center programs, as well as off-the-record remarks, from former President Jimmy Carter in this optional event with Atlanta community leaders

If you do not plan to join the optional Board of Councilors Program...

Location: The Cyprus Room  
The Carter Center  
453 Freedom Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30307

8:10 Depart hotel for The Carter Center (shuttle at lobby)

8:30 Arrive Carter Center  
A light breakfast will be available.

**9:00 – 9:30**                    **Welcome and Introductions**  
Jordan Ryan, Vice President Peace Programs, The Carter Center

**9:30 – 10:00**                **Review of Agenda and Goals of the Meeting**  
Facilitators: David Carroll, The Carter Center and Hernan Vales, OHCHR

**10:00 – 10:30**              **Background on the Initiative and Outcomes of Previous Meetings**  
Presenter: Avery Davis-Roberts

Background on the Human Rights and Election Standards initiative will be shared, as well as an overview of the main recommendations and outcomes of previous meetings upon which the Draft Plan of Action draws.

10:30 – 11:00                Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:30**              **Human Rights and Elections – Working Together in Challenging Global Environments**  
Facilitator: Orest Nowosad, OHCHR

In this session, participants will discuss the current human rights and electoral context that shapes the work of the human rights and elections communities. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to discuss the most pressing challenges that the two communities face and current issues on human rights and elections. The outcome of this discussion will be used to inform future initiatives of The Carter Center and the OHCHR.

12:30 – 14:00                Lunch

**14:00 – 15:30**              **Review of the Draft Plan of Action**

Facilitators: Avery Davis-Roberts and Hernan Vales

During these afternoon sessions, meeting participants will review and comment on the draft plan of action shared in advance of the meeting. The draft plan of action draws from the many conclusions and recommendations made in the previous consultations and workshops.

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

**16:00 – 17:30**

**Review of the draft Plan of Action (continued)**

**17:30 – 17:45**

**Close of Day One**

Facilitator: David Carroll

**17:45 – 19:00**

**Reception at The Carter Center**

Participants are invited to join a reception immediately after the close of the meeting.

19:15

Transportation departs from The Carter Center to the hotel

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

Location:

Cyprus Room

8:15

Depart Hotel for The Carter Center

8:30

Arrive Carter Center

A light breakfast will be available.

**9:00 – 10:15**

**Finalization of the revised draft Plan of Action**

Facilitators: Avery Davis-Roberts and Hernan Vales

Participants will be invited to review a revised draft of the Plan of Action, updated based on the previous day's discussions.

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee break

**10:45 – 11:45**

**Live streamed roundtable discussion: Human Rights, Elections and the Role of Civil Society**

Moderator: David Carroll

Panelists: Peggy Hicks (OHCHR), Rindai Vava (ZESN) and Marc Limon

(Universal Rights Group)

In this livestreamed roundtable discussion, roundtable participants will discuss the role of civil society in promoting human rights and credible elections in a global climate of increased democratic disaffection and closing civic space.

**11:45 – 12:45      Tour of the Jimmy Carter Museum (optional)**

Meeting participants are invited to join a tour of the Jimmy Carter museum and archive.

If you are not interested in the tour, please feel free to use this time for bilateral meetings, checking email etc.

12:45 – 13:45      Lunch

**13:50 – 14:05      Group Photo**

**14:05 – 14:30      Endorsement of the Plan of Action and Closing Remarks by Peggy Hicks and Jimmy Carter**

Facilitator: David Carroll

**14:30 – 14:45      Meeting Close**

Following the meeting close, Carter Center staff will assist you with transportation back to the hotel or to the airport as needed.

