




 **81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025**

INTER AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

 **Punta Cana, Dominican Republic**

 **From October 16 to 19, 2025**

[**Registration here**](#)

• **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th**

INAUGURATION

 **Morning**


◆ 8:00 – 10:00 | Breakfast. **Anani Restaurant.**

◆ 9:00 – 18:00 | Registration. **Yarari Room.**

◆ 10:00 – 12:30 |  Executive Committee Meeting. **Brassa Restaurant.**


◆ 12:30 – 14:00 |  Lunch. Westin Punta Cana.


 **Afternoon**

◆ 16:00 – 17:30 |  Opening Ceremony. **Yauya Room.**

Introduction by the President of the Host Committee, **Persio Maldonado**, *El Nuevo Diario*, Dominican Republic and Welcoming Remarks from the Minister of Tourism of the Dominican Republic, **David Collado**.


Remarks by **Laura Gil**, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS).

 **Official Opening of the Assembly.** Speeches by the President of Dominican Republic, **Luis Abinader** and the President of the Inter American Press Association (IAPA), **José Roberto Dutriz**, *La Prensa Gráfica*, El Salvador.

17:30 – 18:30 PM |  **Special Presentation.** **Jon Lee Anderson**, *The New Yorker*, in conversation with the Chair of the IAPA Executive Committee, **Gabriela Vivanco**, *La Hora*, Ecuador.

❖ 19:30 |  **Welcome Cocktail.**

 Residence of **Mr. Frank Rainieri**, President and CEO of Puntacana Group.

 Informal gathering among directors, guests, and members. Buses depart from the hotel lobby at 7:15 p.m.

• **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th**

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS: DEMOCRACY AT RISK

All plenary meetings in the Yauya Room.

 Morning

◆ 8:00 – 10:00 | Breakfast. **Anani Restaurant.**

◆ 9:00 – 18:00 | Registration. **Yarari Room.**

10:00 – 13:00 ✂ Workshop parallel to the main program on Opinion Journalism taught by **Boris Muñoz**, founder of the Opinion section of *The New York Times* in Spanish. **Yara Room.**

8:55 – 9:10 | Remarks by **Guido Gómez Mazara**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dominican Telecommunications Institute (Indotel).

9:10 – 9:50 | 🗨️ **Anatomy of Authoritarian Advancement: A Manual of Tactics and Their Effect on the Media.** **Pedro Vaca**, Special Rapporteur of the OAS Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR); **Andrés Mompotes**, *El Tiempo*, Colombia and **Daniel Dessen**, *La Gaceta*, Argentina. Moderator: **Martha Ramos**, *Organización Editorial Mexicana (OEM)*, Mexico.

9:50 – 10:30 | 📁 **Collaboration in investigative journalism for accountability.** **Hugo Alconada Mon**, *La Nación*, Argentina and **Marina Walker Guevara**, Pulitzer Center, United States. Moderator: **Andrés Mompotes**, *El Tiempo*, Colombia.

10:30 – 10:50 | ☕ **Networking Café.** *Courtesy of The Associated Press.* **Lobby Foyer.**

10:50 – 11:05 | **Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Freedom of the Press and Information, Martha Ramos, OEM, Mexico.**

11:05 – 11:50 | ✂️ **Journalism under attack in hostile territories.** **Rodrigo Salazar Zimmermann**, Consejo de la Prensa Peruana (CPP), Peru; **Joseph Guyler Delva**, SOS Journalistes, Haiti and **Mario Alejandro Sandoval**, *Prensa Libre*, Guatemala. Moderator: **Carlos Jornet**, *La Voz del Interior*, Argentina).

11:50 – 12:30 | ⚖️ **Judicial harassment and censorship.** **Luciano Pascoe**, *TV Azteca*, Mexico; **César Coll**, *ABC Color*, Paraguay and **Sebastián Pastor**, *Televisión*, Honduras. Moderator: **Martha Ramos, OEM, Mexico.**

12:30 – 13:00 | ✂️ **Presentation: Innovate to Report Freely.** **Alejandro José Lorenzo Edreira**, Protecmedia, Spain.

13:00 – 14:30 | 🍴 **Lunch.** *Courtesy of TV Azteca.* **Arena Restaurant.**

🌃 Afternoon

14:30 – 15:20 | 🌐 **Journalism and resilience in exile.** **Luz Mely Reyes**, *Efecto*

Cocuyo, Venezuela; **Boris Muñoz**, Venezuela and **Carlos Fernando Chamorro**, *Confidencial*, Nicaragua, in conversation with **Carlos Lauría**. *IAPA*, United States.

15:20 – 15:50 | 🏆 **Presentation of the Chapultepec Grand Prize to the Thomson Reuters Foundation.** Recived by **Carolina Henriquez-Schmitz**, director of TrustLaw. Presented by **Michael Greenspon**, *The New York Times*, United States.

15:50 – 16:10 | 🗣️ **Presentation: Media of public interest and freedom of the press.** **Pablo M. Fernández**, International Fund for Public Interest Media, IFPIM.

16:10 – 16:40 | ☕ **Networking Café.** *Courtesy of Servicios Informativos Nacionales (SIN).* **Lobby Foyer.**

16:40 – 17:30 | 💬 **Closing Session: Freedom of the press in the United States and the power of local journalism.** **Sonal Shah**, *Texas Tribune*, United States in conversation with **María Lorente** *AFP*, Latin America.

17:30 – 18:00 | 🏆 **Presentation of the Great Friend of the Press Award to Redacciones 5G.** Received by **Pedro López Matheu**. Presented by: **Pablo Deluca**, Infobae, Argentina.

🌙 19:30 | **Dinner with live music at SBG Punta Cana (formerly Bachata Rosa, a venue created by Juan Luis Guerra).** Buses depart from the hotel lobby at 7:15 p.m.

• **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th**

INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

*All plenary meetings in the **Yauya Room.***

☀️ Morning

⌚ 8:00 – 10:00 | Breakfast. **Anani Restaurant.**

⌚ 9:00 – 18:00 | Registration. **Yarari Room.**

10:00 – 12:30 | ✂ Workshop parallel to the main program with **Mariana Alvarado** on Gemini, Google's generative artificial intelligence. **Yara Room.**

08:30 – 9:20 | ⚙ **IAPA Board of Directors.**

09:20 – 10:00 | ⚙ **Innovation and regulation: a dialogue for the news ecosystem.** **Paul Deegan**, News Media Canada, Canada in conversation with **Martín Etchevers**, *Clarín*, Argentina.

10:00 a 10:30 | ✂ **Presentation: Deciphering Social Video Trends for Publishers in Latin America.** **Julia Schvartz**, Chartbeat, United States.

10:30 – 11:00 | ☕ **Networking Café.** *Courtesy of Infobae.* **Lobby Foyer**

11:00 – 11:40 | 🌐 **Presentation: AI, Google, and the news ecosystem.** **Rodrigo Bonilla**, Google, Hispanic America.

11:40 – 12:20 | 🖋 **Building resilient media: corporate responsibility.** **Frank Rainieri**, President and CEO of Puntacana Group and **Rolando González-Bunster**, President of Consorcio Energético Punta Cana Macao (CEPM).
Moderator: **Persio Maldonado**, *El Nuevo Diario*, Dominican Republic

12:20 – 13:00 | 🏆 **Presentation of the Grand Prize for Freedom of the Press to Daniel Coronell**, president of news at *Univision*. Presented by: **Roberto Rock**, *La Silla Rota*, Mexico.

🍴 13:00 – 14:30 | 🍴 **Lunch.** *Courtesy of Grupo de Medios Panorama.* **Arena Restaurant.**

🏠 Afternoon

14:30 – 15:10 | **The AI tsunami: opportunities and threats.** **Rosental Calmon Alves**, Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, in conversation with **Carlos Jornet**, *La Voz del Interior*, Argentina.

15:10 – 15:50 | 🤖 **Artificial Intelligence applied in newsrooms.** Gerardo Garza, *Vanguardia*, Mexico; Ivett Chicas, *The Associated Press*, United States and Juan Aurelio Arévalo, *El Comercio*, Peru. Moderator: Néstor Altuve, business consultant, Panama.

15:50 – 16:20 | ☕ **Networking Café.** *Courtesy of Radio Cadena Voces.* **Lobby Foyer.**

16:20 – 17:00 | 🗣️ **Presentation: Author AI: Artificial intelligence as a producer of differentiated content.** Mauricio Cabrera, *Story Baker*, Mexico.

17:00 – 17:40 | 🌸 **Leading and Entrepreneurship: Feminist journalism projects.** Bianca Muniz, *Agência Pública*, Brazil; Mariana Iglesias, *Clarín*, Argentina and Alejandra Crail, *El Universal*, Mexico. Moderator: Graciela Rock, *La Cadera de Eva*, Mexico.

17:40 – 18:10 | 🏆 **Presentation of the Executive of the Year Award to René Picado Cozza**, CEO de Teletica, Costa Rica. Presented by: Gustavo Mohme, *La República*, Peru.

18:10 – 19:00 | 🏆 **IAPA 2025 Excellence in Journalism Awards Ceremony.**

20:30 | 🌙 **Dinner on the private beach Cocotero Beach of the Westin Punta Cana hotel.**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th

FUTURE AND TRAINING

All plenary meetings in the Yauya Room.

☀️ Morning

◆ 8:00 – 10:00 | Breakfast. **Anani Restaurant.**

◆ 9:00 – 18:00 | Registration. **Yarari Room.**

09:00 – 10:15 | **Approval of reports, resolutions, and conclusions. Appointment of new officers and members of the IAPA Board of Directors.**

10:15 – 11:00 | 📖 **CLAEP and training the journalist of the future.** Juan **David Bernal**, Latin American Council for Accreditation of Education in Journalism and Communication (CLAEP) and **Juan Camilo Hernández**, La Sabana University, Colombia. Moderator: **Gilberto Urdaneta**, *El Regional del Zulia*, Venezuela.

11:00 – 11:45 | 🤝 **The role of national associations in addressing the challenges of artificial intelligence.** **Werner Zitzmann**, Colombian Media Association (AMI), Colombia; **Andrés D'Alessandro**, Association of Journalistic Entities of Argentina (ADEPA), Argentina and **Rodrigo Salazar Zimmermann**, Peruvian Press Council (CPP), Peru. Moderator: **Daniel Dessen**, *La Gaceta*, Argentina.

11:45 – 12:30 | 👤 **Closing discussion:** Laura Gil, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Martha Ramos, *OEM*, Mexico.

12:30 a 13:00 | **IAPA Presidential Transition and Closing Ceremony.**

13:00 – 14:30 | 🍴 **Closing lunch.**