



81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

INTER AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

 Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

 From October 16 to 19, 2025

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th – INAUGURATION

 Morning

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


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


 Afternoon

◆ 16:00 – 17:30 |  Opening Ceremony.

Introduction by the President of the Host Committee, Persio Maldonado, *El Nuevo Diario*, Dominican Republic


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.

 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th – FREEDOM OF THE PRESS:
DEMOCRACY AT RISK**

 Morning

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


9:00 – 9:40 |  **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 Desein, *La Gaceta*, Argentina. Moderator: Martha Ramos, *Organización Editorial Mexicana (OEM)*, Mexico.

9:40 – 10:20 |  **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).


10:20 – 10:50 |  **Networking Café**

10:50 – 11:50 |  **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.


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 Edreida, Protecmedia, Spain.

13:00 – 14:30 |  **Lunch.**

 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.** Received 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**

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 leave the hotel at 7:30 p.m.

18 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th – INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

☀ Morning

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

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 Schvartzter, Chartbeat, United States.

10:30 – 11:00 | ☕ **Networking Café**

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; Roberto Herrera, CEO of Interenergy Group and Ligia Bonetti, Executive President of SID Group. 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.

 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**

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 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: Pierre Manigault, *Evening Post Publishing*, United States.

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

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th – FUTURE AND TRAINING

 Morning

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, Executive Director, 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 Dessein, *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.**