# IAPA Midyear Meeting 2026

# Official Program

## Thursday, April 23, 2026 / Miami Time (UTC-4)

🤝 **9:30 – 9:45** ***Opening and Welcome Remarks***
Pierre Manigault, president of the Inter American Press Association (IAPA), *Evening Post Publising Inc.* (United States)

🤖 **9:45 – 10:30** ***Technological Innovation, AI, and Newsroom Transformation***

**Speakers:** Miguel Carvajal, director of the Masters Program of Innovation in Journalism, Miguel Hernández University (Spain) and Claudia Báez, digital and AI innovator (Colombia)

**Moderator:** Graciela Rock, *La Cadera de Eva* (Mexico)

📰 **10:30 – 11:10** ***Generative AI and the Use of News Content***

**Speakers:** Iacob Carvalho Gammeltoft, senior policy manager, *News Media Europe* and Paula Miraglia, director, *Momentum* (Brazil)

**Moderator:** Martín Etchevers, *Grupo Clarín* (Argentina)

🚀 **11:10 – 11:40** ***The Newsroom of the Future Is Already Here: AI Adoption in Latin American Media***

**Speakers:** Pablo Hamada, *La Gaceta* (Argentina) and José Carlos García, multimedia editor, *El Tiempo* (Colombia)

**Moderator:** Néstor Altuve, Digital Transformation, AI, and Business Consultant (Panama)

🔬 **11:40 – 12:20** ***AI Product Lab: Results of Media-Developed Prototypes***

**Moderator:** Alejandra Brambila, news partner manager, Google (Mexico)

💰 **12:20 – 13:00** ***Sustainability and Funding of Public-Interest Journalism***

**Speakers:** Ken Doctor, CEO, *Lookout Local* (United States) and Jonathan Bock, executive director, Fondo Futuro (Colombia)

**Moderator:** Gabriela Vivanco, *La Hora* (Ecuador)

🛡️ **13:00 – 13:40** ***AI in Newsrooms: Challenges and Safeguards***

**Speakers:** Franco Piccato, *Chequeado* (Argentina); Juan Aurelio Arévalo, *El Comercio* (Peru) and Jazmín Acuña, *El Surtidor* (Paraguay)

**Moderator:** María Lorente, *Agence France-Presse (AFP)* Latin America (Uruguay)

🌍 **13:40 – 14:30** ***The Americas at a Crossroads: Democracy, Power, and Freedom of Expression***

**Speakers:** Javier Corrales, political scientist, Amherst College (United States) and Boris Muñoz, founder of the Opinion Section of *The New York Times en Español* (Venezuela)

**Moderator:** Daniel Dessein, La Gaceta, Argentina

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## Friday, April 24, 2026

🤔 **9:30 – 9:45** ***Opening Reflections***

Martha Ramos, chair of the IAPA Committee on Freedom of the Press and Information, Organización Editorial Mexicana (Mexico)

🗣️ **9:45 – 10:00** ***Special Presentation***

José Rubén Zamora, founder of *elPeriódico* (Guatemala)

**Moderator:** Gonzalo Marroquín, *Nómada* (Guatemala)

⚖️ **10:00 – 10:40** ***Review and Future of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression in the Americas***

**Dialogue between:** Pedro Vaca, special rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, OAS**;** Carlos Jornet, *La Voz del Interior* (Argentina) and Martha Ramos, *Organización Editorial Mexicana* (Mexico)

🕊️ **10:40 – 11:20** ***Resilient Journalism in the Face of Exile: Two Years of the IAPA Assistance Network***

**Part 1: Presentation of the Latin American Network of Journalism in Exile (RELPEX)**
**Speakers:** Carlos Lauría, IAPA executive director (United States) and Juan Lorenzo Holmann, *La Prensa* (Nicaragua)

**Part 2: Challenges and opportunities**
**Speakers:** Patricia Marcano, newsroom coordinator, *Armando.info* (Venezuela) and José Jasán Nieves, director, *elTOQUE* (Cuba)

**Moderator:** Mariana Belloso, coordinator of the IAPA Latin American Network of Journalism in Exile (RELPEX)

🛑 **11:20 – 12:00** ***Beyond the Courts: Complex mechanisms to stifle journalism***

**Speakers:** Armando Castilla, general director, *Grupo Vanguardia* (Mexico) and Galo Martínez Leisker, executive president, *Gráficos Nacionales S.A*. (Ecuador)

**Moderator:** Carlos Jornet, *La Voz del Interior* (Argentina)

📢 **12:00 – 12:30** ***Democracy and the Crisis of Trust in Journalism***

**Speaker:** Joel Simon, founder director of the Journalism Protection Initiative at CUNY's Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism (United States)

**Moderator:** Martha Ramos, *Organización Editorial Mexicana* (México)

🚨 **12:30 – 13:10** ***Freedom under attacks: violence against journalists and structural impunity***

**Speakers:** Rodrigo Salazar, executive director, Peruvian Press Council and Alejandro Giménez, National Opinion coordinator, *Organización Editorial Mexicana* (Mexico)

**Moderator:** Andrés Mompotes, *El Tiempo* (Colombia)

✅ **13:10 – 14:00** ***Closing of the 2026 Mid-Year Meeting Next Steps***

Action plan. Approval of reports on freedom of the press. Resolutions and Conclusions.