



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 Publishing 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, executive director of the IAPA (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, *eITOQUE* (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* (Mexico)
-  **12:30 – 13:10** ***Freedom under attacks: violence against journalists and structural impunity***
- Speakers:** Rodrigo Salazar, executive director, Peruvian Press Council and Roberto Rock, *La Silla Rota* (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.