



IAPA Midyear Meeting 2026 (online)

Official Program

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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

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.