



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: Nicolás Anchorena, *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 Desein, *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, executive director, *Crónica magazine* (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 Beloso, 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: Carlos Martínez de la Serna, program director at the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)
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.