**Opportunities and Limitations Relating to the Immigration Measures Proposed by**

**President Obama: What Can and Should Mexico and Central America Do?**

April 13-14, 2015, Morelos Room, 1st Floor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Monday, April 13**

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| **19:30-21:00** | **Welcome Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)**  **Guests**: Panellists, public officials and special guests. |

**Tuesday, April 14**

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| **9:00-9:15** | **Opening Session** |
| **9:15-10:45** | **Group Discussion 1: Scope of the administrative measures announced by President Obama, including the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA and expanded DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).**  What are the different components of the measures announced by President Obama? To whom do these executive actions apply? How many migrants can benefit from the measures, particularly Mexican and Central American nationals? What is their geographic location?  **Panellists:**   1. **Moderator:** Omar de la Torre; Head, Migration Policy Unit, SEGOB 2. John Amaya, Advisor to the Director, US Citizenship and Immigration Services, USCIS 3. Jeffrey Passel, Senior Demographer, Pew Research Center 4. Marc Rosenblum, Deputy Director, Migration Policy Institute 5. Tom Wong, Assistant Professor, University of California in San Diego (UCSD) |
| **10:45-12:15** | **Group Discussion 2: Challenges and obstacles – political, judicial and technical –in implementing DACA and DAPA. Current status and possible scenarios.**  How are the courts intervening to limit these measures? Do other risks exist, such as federal and state legislative actions? What actions are being taken by states, cities and the federal government to promote DACA, implement the expanded DACA and DAPA and continue preparing the community?  **Panellists:**   1. **Moderator:** Carlos Serrano, BBVA Bancomer. 2. Marielena Hincapié, Executive Director, National Inmigration Law Center. 3. Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director, Heartland Alliance´s National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) 4. Sarah Paoletti, Director of Transnational Legal Clinic, University of Pennsylvania 5. Patricia Montes, Executive Director, Centro Presente |
| **12:15-12:30** | Coffee Break |
| **12:30-13:45** | **Group Discussion 3: Lessons learned in supporting Mexican and Central American nationals in the context of the Deferred Action and the changes in the deportation priorities of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).**  What are the main measures that have been adopted by the governments of Mexico and Central America to support their citizens? What are the key lessons learned in implementing Secure Communities and DACA? What is a list of minimum actions that should be taken by Mexico and Central America to support the expanded DACA and DAPA?  **Panellists:**   1. **Moderator:** Oliver Bush, Coordinator of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) Technical Secretariat. 2. Carolina Zaragoza, Consul of Mexico in Laredo. 3. María Jimena Díaz González, General Consul of Guatemala in Phoenix 4. Patricia Taurel, Legal Associate, American Immigration Council 5. Cristina Eguizabal, Senior Researcher, National Foundation for Development 6. Noah Bullock, Executive Director, Cristosal Foundation |
| **14:00-15:30** | **Lunch:** Panellists and organizers. |
| **15:30-17:00** | **Group Discussion 4: Contributions by civil society organizations in the United States in discussions on migration matters. Successful strategies and relevant actors. Is there a change in the narrative concerning immigrants?**  What actions are being taken by various organizations to promote the implementation of DACA and DAPA? What strategies exist for cooperation with Mexico and Central America and what new actions could be promoted?  **Panellists:** **Moderator:** Julián Escutia, Head of the Office for Consular Coordination and Hispanic Affairs  1. Clarissa Martínez de Castro, Deputy Vice President, National Council of La Raza. 2. Jeanne Atkinson, Executive Director, Catholic Legal Migration Network Service. 3. Mario Hernández, Director of Public Affairs, Western Union. 4. José Luis Gutiérrez, Associate Director for transnational initiatives, National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC) |
| **17:00-18:30** | **Group Discussion 5: Round Table – Future Implications: What is Next?**  What are the implications of the deferred action measures announced by President Obama for the future immigration reform in the United States? What role can and should Mexico and Central America play in continuing to implement measures to support migrant communities? Is it feasible to talk of a regional strategy to address this issue?  **Panellists**   1. **Moderator**: Phd. Tonatiuh Guillén López, President, Colegio de la Frontera Norte 2. Frank Sharry, Executive Director, America's Voice. 3. Tamar Jacoby, President, Immigration Works USA. 4. Allert Brown Gort, Senior Fellow, Institute for Work and the Economy. 5. Kevin Appleby, Director, Office of Migration Policy and Public Affairs, US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). 6. Reyna Torres, Director General for Protection of Mexicans Abroad, SRE. 7. Rafael Fernández de Castro, Head of the Department of International Studies, ITAM. |