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**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR
THE SECOND INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF MINISTERS AND HIGH-LEVEL
AUTHORITIES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CIDI
FOR THE PERIOD MARCH–OCTOBER 2010**

(October 6 to 8, 2010 – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)

[Document presented by the Delegation of the Dominican Republic]

The delegation of the Dominican Republic to the OAS is pleased to submit the following schedule of activities in preparation for the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, to be held in Santo Domingo from October 6 to 8, 2010.

This document was prepared in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), Department of Sustainable Development (DSD), and is intended to take maximum advantage of technical meetings already scheduled by the DSD so that the preparatory process may contribute to the follow-up on commitments assumed in the framework of the Summits of the Americas; benefit from technical input; get recommendations from civil society organizations; and provide the necessary forums to negotiate the document that is to emerge from the Ministerial.

The Dominican Republic is committed to sustainable development as one of the four axes of the Proposed National Development Strategy 2010-2030 that is currently at the consultation and agreement stage and will subsequently become law to guide the planning and public policy implementation process over the next twenty years. Our country shares the view that a healthy environment is necessary for the well-being of individuals. In order to achieve this, joint efforts are necessary that can only be agreed on within forums such as the Organization of American States. In this context, the Dominican Republic considers that, in keeping with the decisions adopted by the Ministers of Sustainable Development in 2006 and by the Heads of State and Government at the Fifth Summit of the Americas, it is very important for the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development to be held and for it to address emerging challenges in this area by focusing the dialogue on climate change and risk management issues. Since these issues include common challenges and opportunities for the countries of the Hemisphere, it is expected that addressing them at the Ministerial Meeting enables the identification of hemispheric agenda priorities established under previous commitments while also pointing to solid steps towards sustainable development in the region. The preparatory work for the meeting has been initiated at the national level in the Dominican Republic with the establishment of an Inter-Agency Task Force chaired by the Ministry of the Economy, Planning, and Development. In addition to providing support for preparatory work, this Task Force will implement activities at the national level bringing together ministries and institutions responsible for sustainable development in the country, in order to

take advantage of the synergies between the preparatory work at the hemispheric level and country-level efforts.

Preparatory activities for the Ministerial Meeting will be divided into three categories:

1. Preparatory meetings of the pertinent political bodies to obtain consensus on the Draft Declaration to be considered by the Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Sustainable Development as the outcome of the Ministerial; and technical meetings to obtain input that could potentially contribute to the preparatory process.
 2. Meetings to obtain input from civil society organizations.
 3. Parallel activities to raise awareness among different segments of the population regarding the importance of the theme of the Ministerial Meeting (contests, etc.)
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156 th Regular Meeting of CEPCIDI	Washington, D.C. March 30	Submission of the following documents to CEPCIDI: (i) Draft Agenda and annotated agenda.
Hemispheric Encounter on National Mechanisms and Networks for Disaster Risk Reduction	Santa Marta, Colombia April 13 to 16	As part of this Meeting, a session will be held with experts from Member States for them to provide input, which may be considered by the host country in preparing the draft Declaration to be submitted to the Member States for consideration and for drafting a concept paper with inputs for the dialogue, to be prepared by the Secretariat.
Distribution	Washington D.C., Week of May 21	– Distribution of the draft Declaration
First Preparatory Meeting	To be determined Between June 21 and June 25	– Presentation of the format of the Ministerial – Review of the Preliminary Draft Agenda and gathering of recommendations on priorities and lines of action. – Review of the Draft Declaration begins
Second Preparatory Meeting	To be determined September 2 and 3	– Review of the Draft Declaration continues – Review of the Schedule of the Meeting and of the proposed presenters
CEPCIDI	Washington D.C. September 6	– Report on the preparatory process of the Ministerial – Consideration and approval of the List of Participants
Preparatory session of the Ministerial	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, October 6	– Procedural matters of the Ministerial (election of the Chair, composition of the Style Committee, etc.) and miscellaneous items will be considered. This would be the time to close out any pending matters on the Draft Declaration.
Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and	Santo Domingo, Dominican	Opening session, working sessions, and closing session

High-level Authorities on Sustainable Development	Republic, October 6 to 8	
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2. Meetings to obtain input from civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

The DSD will hold consultations with civil society representatives, the private sector, and other stakeholders, to obtain comments and recommendations on the theme of the Meeting and on the draft Declaration of the Ministerial, which will be transmitted by the Secretariat to the Member States prior to the preparatory meetings and the Ministerial Meeting. This consultation process comprises three sub-regional consultations (Caribbean, South America, and Meso-America) with civil society representatives, one private sector panel discussion, and one hemispheric roundtable with civil society representatives – tentatively scheduled for the day before the Ministerial Meeting – to include participation by delegates selected at the sub-regional consultations with civil society. A virtual forum will also be held, for consultation with civil society representatives and other relevant stakeholders from throughout the Americas. It is expected that these consultations will facilitate a dialogue between the ministers and representatives of civil society and the private sector within the framework of the Meeting.

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Meeting with Representatives of Civil Society of the Caribbean	To be determined Third week of June	The objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (i) To find consensus among civil society representatives on the recommendations and follow-up activities of the Ministerial Meeting; and ▪ (ii) To take note of the successful experiences of the work of civil society on the subject matter of the Ministerial Meeting.
Experts panel and consultation with private sector on the subject matter of the Meeting	To be determined	The objective is to define the role and explore linkages with the private sector in risk management and climate change in order to strengthen, in particular, programs and initiatives being pursued on these issues in the Hemisphere.
Meeting with Representatives of Civil Society of Meso- America	To be determined Last week of July	The objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (i) To get input from civil society organizations and other stakeholders on the draft Declaration of the Ministerial; ▪ (ii) To find consensus among civil society representatives on the recommendations and follow-up activities of the Ministerial Meeting; and ▪ (iii) To take note of the successful experiences of the work of civil society on the subject matter of the Ministerial Meeting.
Hemispheric Virtual Forum with civil society	August 1 to September 1	The objectives of the Virtual Forum are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (i) To obtain input from civil society organizations and other stakeholders on the draft Declaration of the Ministerial;

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Meeting with Representatives of Civil Society of South America	To be determined August 18	<p>The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (i) To get input from civil society organizations and other stakeholders on the draft Declaration of the Ministerial; ▪ (ii) To find consensus among civil society representatives on the recommendations and follow-up activities of the Ministerial Meeting; and ▪ (iii) To take note of the successful experiences of the work of civil society on the subject matter of the Ministerial Meeting.
Hemispheric Roundtable with Representatives of Civil Society	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, October 6	<p>The objective of the Hemispheric Roundtable with civil society is to present the results of the sub-regional consultations and the Virtual Forum and to share opinions, with a view to producing a consolidated document containing the recommendations of civil society. This document will be submitted to the Ministers and High-level Authorities of Sustainable Development at a plenary session of the Ministerial Meeting.</p> <p>Participants: Civil society organizations registered with the OAS may participate. In addition, civil society representatives wishing to participate in the Ministerial Meeting, but not registered with the OAS, should send a letter to the Secretary General of the OAS expressing their interest in attending.</p>

3. Parallel activities to raise awareness among different segments of the population regarding the importance of the theme of the Ministerial Meeting (contests, etc.)

The objective of this initiative is to raise awareness about the issue of sustainable development among youth and other groups at the hemispheric level, stimulating analytical thinking on the main challenges for sustainable development in the region, as well as the formulation of ideas and recommendations on the theme and on the draft Declaration of the Ministerial Meeting.

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Logo contest for the Second Ministerial Meeting	April 30 to May 28	The objective of the contest is to encourage the participation of students in the Hemisphere for the

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		<p>promotion of the theme of the Second Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development through the creation of a logo.</p> <p>Participants: The contest is open to undergraduate or graduate students of architecture, art, and graphic design, who are nationals of OAS Member States. Participants must submit documentary evidence of their studies at an academic institution that is duly registered in an OAS Member State.</p> <p>Prize: the creator of the winning logo will receive a small monetary contribution and the logo will appear on all official documents related to the Second Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development. The winner will also be interviewed and recognized in the media.</p>
Youth Essay Contest on the theme of the Ministerial Meeting	May 15 to June 15	<p>The objective of this contest is to encourage young students to participate and get involved in the subject matter of the Meeting.</p> <p>Participants: The contest is open to secondary school students in the Dominican Republic.</p> <p>Prize: The author of the winning essay will get to read his/her essay during the Ministerial Meeting and participate as an observer in the rest of the sessions of the Ministerial Meeting, and will get access to any parallel meetings that are held.</p>

SCHEDULE OF ALL ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES	MAR				APRIL				MAY				JUNE				JULY				AUGUST				SEP				OCT
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