AGENDA

19.11.2026 | VENUE: TEC DE MONTERREY CCM (LIBRARY PAVILION)

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE

REGISTRATION — 09:00-09:30 h

OPENING SESSION — 09:30-09:45 h

- **Josefina Cortés**, Regional Dean, School of Social Sciences and Government, Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico City Region)
- **Alejandro Chanona**, Head of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, UNAM
- **Alberto Brunori**, EU-LAC Foundation Executive Director

DIALOGUE. DEFENDING CIVIC SPACE: A PREREQUISITE FOR RESILIENT DEMOCRACIES — 09:45-11:00 h

Moderator: **Rodrigo Peña**, Regional Director of the Department of International Relations and Political Science at Tecnológico de Monterrey

- **Andrea Bolaños**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders
- **Frank La Rue**, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression
- **María Claudia Pulido**, Assistant Executive Secretary for the Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

PANEL 1. THE BI-REGIONAL CIVIC SPACE: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE — 11:00-12:15 h

Moderator: **Alejandro Chanona**, Head of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, UNAM

- **Dejan Mihailovic**, Professor at Tecnológico de Monterrey
- **Gisela de León**, Legal Director of the Centre for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)
- **Márton Gergely**, Chair of the Executive Board of the International Press Institute (IPI)
- **Victoria Ubierna**, Head of Research Programmes at CIVICUS

COFFEE BREAK — 12:15-12:30 h

PANEL 2. ONE YEAR ON SANTA MARTA: CIVIL SOCIETY AND BEST PRACTICES WITHIN THE BI-REGIONAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP — 12:30-13:45 h

Moderator: **Beata Wojna**, Professor at Tecnológico de Monterrey

- **Alberto Brunori**, EU-LAC Foundation Executive Director
- **Gérard Karlshausen**, EULAT Network / Civil Society Working Group
- **Olga Montúfar**, Chair of the Network of Indigenous and Afro-descendant Women with Disabilities

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