The seventh Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas, held in parallel with the sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Network of Digital Government (GEALC Network), takes place at a time when the continent is consolidating its joint will to advance towards the highest level of digital transformation for equity and social and productive reactivation.

During the Ninth Summit of the Americas, held within the framework of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Los Angeles (USA) from the 8th to the 10th of June this year, the heads of states and governments approved for the first time in the continent's history a Regional Program for Digital Transformation¹, where they committed to further innovative digital ecosystems, open digital government, cybersecurity and to promote “inclusive, resilient, efficient and equitable economic and social recovery, making use of digital technologies”. This process feeds into later events, the OAS General Assembly as well as this Ministerial Meeting of GEALC Network, both held in Lima (Peru), in October and November, respectively.

Similarly, during the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), IDB reasserted in March 2022 its commitment to digital transformation already described in its document Vision 2025.

In the nineteen years of existence of GEALC Network, through biennial ministerial meetings and annual meetings in which member country authorities commit to setting the course of information and communication technologies with regional public policies, the Network has been a fundamental part of this unwavering effort by multiple actors.

This ministerial meeting is no exception. The agenda is organized around regional priority topics targeting the central points already highlighted and it reflects, as well, a focus on cross-border digital services, consolidating progress in the Americas on cross-border digital signature and interoperability as enablers of regional commitments. Within this framework, the participation of ministers becomes a key driver of political processes of digital transformation agreements at regional level.

¹ OEA/Ser (summit-americas.org)
Thursday November 10th

(Prior logistic setup)

06:45 - 07:00 - Meeting at the lobby of the Sonesta El Olivar Hotel, San Isidro, to start the transportation to the Lima Convention Center on time.

07:30 – 07:45 - Country delegations shall be ushered to the ministerial table.

08:00 – 08:10 – Preliminary remarks.
  • Flavio Mamani, President of the Network of Urban and Rural Municipalities of Peru (REMURPE).

08:10 – 08:20 - Welcome remarks
  • Pedro Castillo Terrones, President of the Republic (Peru).

08:20 – 09:00 – Opening panel
  • Vianna Maino, Minister of Telecommunications and Information Society, Ecuador.
  • Susana Cordeiro Guerra, Manager of the Institutions for Development Sector, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
  • James Lambert, Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs, Organization of American States (OAS).
  • Kyu-chul Hwang, Director General at the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea.
  • Pedro Castillo Terrones, President of the Republic (Peru).

09:00 – 09:15 Picture of the delegations

09:15 – 09:20 Opening of the virtual voting process for the excelGOV 2022 Awards.

Voting will be done by means of an application, with a username and password that will allow one vote per delegation. Applications shall have been received ten days in advance.

09:20 – 10:00 Peru’s success digital government stories

The host country presents some of its best practices on digital transformation encompassing several government areas of the country.
  • Moderator: Marushka Chocobar, Secretary of Digital Government, PCM.

10:00 – 10:15 Presentation of the Digital Government Transformation Guide.
  • Roberto de Michele, Chief of the Division of Innovations to Serve the Citizen, IDB.
• **Miguel Porrúa**, Coordinator of the Data and Digital Government Cluster, IFD/ICS (IDB).

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break (includes group picture of the delegations).

10:45 – 11:45 Key aspects of digital transformation in the Americas

*Four key aspects that must be part of digital transformation, according to presentations by renown international experts.*

- Technology and public policies for Equity. **Elsa Estevez**, UNESCO Chair in Knowledge Societies and Digital Governance.
- Cybersecurity as a framework. **Ana Karina Lucero**, Director of Tilo Cibersecurity.
- Gender and digital government. **María de Fátima Fonseca**, Former Innovation Secretary (Portugal).
- Digital as enabler of social and productive recovery. **Hannes Astok**, E-Governance Academy (Estonia).

11:45–12:15 – Keynote speaker

*The first morning shall end with a presentation to summarize how digital transformation is essential for governments and societies.*

- **Fernando De Pablo**, General Director of the Digital Office, Madrid City Council, Spain.
- Speaker: **Roberto de Michele**, Chief of the Division of Innovations to Serve the Citizen, IDB.

12:15 – 12:45 Good digital transformation practices from the Mercosur

*The ministers of the countries of the area shall make a presentation (7 minutes each) on a key aspect of digital transformation from their countries.*

- **Micaela Sánchez Malcolm**, Secretary of Technology Innovation of the Public Sector, Argentina.
- **Leonardo José Mattos Sultani**, Special Secretary for Debureaucratization, Digital Management and Government, Ministry of Economy, Brazil.
- **David Ocampos**, Undersecretary, MITIC, Paraguay.
- **Hebert Paguas**, General Director, Presidency of the Republic, Uruguay.

12:45 – 13:00 Closing of the virtual voting process for the excelGOV 2022 Awards.

13:00 – 14:30 - Lunch break

14:00 – 16:30 - Thematic tracks of the regional digital government agenda

*In-person break-out sessions with remote participation of the teams from each digital government agency responsible for each topic and of interested general public.*

- Cybersecurity
  - **Juan Ramón Anria**, National Director of Cybersecurity, AIG (Panama).
○ Paula Brenes, Director of Digital Governance, MICITT (Costa Rica).
○ Fabián Iñiguez, Undersecretary of Electronic Government, MINTEL (Ecuador).
○ David Moreno, Cybersecurity Program Officer, CICTE/OAS.
○ Santiago Paz, Cybersecurity Specialist, IDB

- Data.
  ○ Fernando Perini, IDRC.
  ○ Fabrizio Scrollini, ILDA.
  ○ Macbeth Bravo Aponte, PerU.
  ○ Mike Mora, OAS.
  ○ Arturo Muente, IADB.

- Digital Signature and Cross-Border Interoperability.
  ○ Jimena Hernández, Legal Advisor, AGESIC (Uruguay).
  ○ Jean Martina, Computer Security Laboratory, Federal University of Santa Catarina (Consultant of GEALC Network).
  ○ Ruy Ramos, Senior Advisor to the President, ITI (Brazil).
  ○ Fernando Veliz, Secretary of Government and Digital Transformation (Peru).

- Government Innovation.
  ○ Natalia Antezana, Advisor, Coordination of National Digital Strategy (Mexico).
  ○ Fernando Coelho, Secretary of Electronic Government, Ministry of Economy (Brazil).
  ○ Viviana Garcia, Coordinator of the Accessibility in Digital Environments Program, AGESIC (Uruguay).
  ○ Klaus Pistilli, General Director of Electronic Government, MITIC (Paraguay).
  ○ Ana Carina Rodriguez, Undersecretary of Services and Digital Country (Argentina)
  ○ Karime Ruibal, Director of Citizenship Services, AGESIC (Uruguay).

- Public Software and Transversal Aspects.
  ○ Lorena Cano, IDB Innovation Specialist.
  ○ Fabián Iñiguez, Undersecretary of Electronic Government, MINTEL (Ecuador).
  ○ Yolanda Martínez, International Telecommunication Union, ITU/UN.
  ○ Florencia Aguirre, Specialist, IDB
  ○ Darinka Vasquez, Digital Transformation Strategy and Innovation Specialist, UNDP

- Emerging Technologies.
  ○ Andrea Barenque, Data Intelligence Specialist, Public Digital (UK).
  ○ Javier Barreiro Consultant, GEALC Network.
  ○ Nicolás Karavaski, Head of the ICT National Office, ONTI (Argentina).
  ○ Ingrid Montealegre, Digital government Director, MinTIC (Colombia).

16:45 – 17:30 excelGOV 2022 Awards Ceremony

17:30 – 19:00 Cocktail party and cultural show.
At the end, the delegations shall be transferred to the Sonesta El Olivar Hotel and the Tallanes Hotel.

Friday November 11th

(Prior logistic setup)

06:45 - 07:00 - Meeting at the lobby of the Sonesta El Olivar Hotel, San Isidro, to start the transportation to the Lima Convention Center on time.

07:30 – 07:45 - Country delegations shall be ushered to the ministerial table.

08:00 – 08:15 Opening of second day of sessions.

08:15 - 09:00 Lessons learned from the digital transformation of South Korea.

South Korea is one of the world’s leading countries in digital government. During this session, four outstanding practices from this country shall be addressed with a special focus on the priority interests on digital transformation of the region.

- Digital Government Platform: Ryu Kyungmin, Senior Deputy Director, MOIS.
- Mydata: Wi Jiseong, Deputy Director, MOIS.
- Mobile ID: Kim Seonhui, Deputy Director, MOIS.

09:00- 10:00 International agreements and knowledge tools for digital transformation in the Americas.

Within the context of the summits held this year, multilateral organizations will share their perspectives and studies as input for the countries' work.

- Follow-up of Summits
  Mike Mora, Department of Effective Public Management, OAS
- Presentation by IDB.
  Florencia Aguirre.
- ITU Presentation
  Yolanda Martinez, International Telecommunication Union, ITU/UN.
- OECD presentation.
  Bárbara Ubaldi, Leader of the Digital Government and Data Unit.
- Spanish version of the UN e-government ranking
  Vincenzo Aquaro, Head of the Digital Government Unit, UNDESA

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 11:00 Good practices from the Andean Area
The ministers of the countries of the area shall make a presentation (7 minutes each) on a key aspect of digital transformation from their countries.

- **Vladimir Terán Gutiérrez**, Executive Director, AGETIC, Bolivia.
- **José Inostroza Lara**, Head Digital Government Division, Ministry Secretary General of the Presidency, Chile.
- **Sergio Octavio Valdés Beltrán**, Undersecretary Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies, Colombia.
- **Fabián Íñiguez**, Undersecretary of Electronic Government, Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Society, Ecuador.

11:00 – 11:30 Strengthening Cross-border Digital Signature in the region.

*Performance test of the List of Trusted Lists and adoption of the corresponding document by party countries, previously distributed among delegations.*

11:30 – 12:20 Good practices from Central America.

The ministers of the countries of the area shall make a presentation (7 minutes each) on a key aspect of digital transformation from their countries.

- **Daniel Méndez**, Secretary of Innovation, Presidency of the Republic, El Salvador.
- **Enrique Cossich Mérida**, Coordinator and Executive Director, Presidential Commission of Electronic and Open Government, Guatemala.
- **Emiliano Calderón**, Coordinator of National Digital Strategy, Mexico.
- **Marcio G. Sierra Discua**, Minister of Results-Based Management, Honduras.
- **Luis Oliva**, General Administrator, National Authority for Government Innovation, Panama.
- **Pedro Quezada**, General Director, OGTIC, Dominican Republic.

12:20 - 13:00 Good practices from the Caribbean.

The ministers of the countries of the area shall make a presentation (7 minutes each) on a key aspect of digital transformation from their countries.

- **Wayde Watson**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bahamas.
- **Alexia Peralta**, Director E-Governance and Digitalization Unit, Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics and E-Governance, Belice.
- **Christopher Deen**, Chairman, National Data Management Authority, Guyana.
- **Daryl Vaz**, Minister, Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology, Jamaica.
- **Albert Jubithana**, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism, Suriname.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Red GEALC Annual Meeting
Member-country only meeting where decisions are made about the work of the Network and where the strategic course of action on digital government for 2023 is approved according to documents previously shared with delegations.

- Approval of the Document on List to Trusted Lists of cross-border digital signature.
- Approval of the 2022 Ministerial Declaration
- 2023 Authorities election.
- 2023 Executive Committee group picture.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00 Closing Panel

Conclusions of the event and outlook for next year.

- **Aníbal Torres Vásquez**, President of the Council of Ministers, Peru.
- **Tomás Bermúdez**, IDB Representative in Peru.
- **Miguel Angel Trinidad**, Representative of the OAS General Secretariat in Peru.
- Minister from the new 2023 president country of GEALC Network.

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