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**BOGOTÁ** 7 al 9 de Septiembre de 2015

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## Program

### REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HOMICIDE DATA QUALITY

#### Objective

The key objective of the Regional Conference on Homicide Data Quality in Latin America and the Caribbean is to draft and validate a **protocol on homicide data quality** to which agencies that produce such data from the various countries of the region could adhere, so that it could be a parameter and stimulus for strengthening the quality of such information.

#### Conveners

This initiative is being led by the Ministry of Justice and Law of the Republic of Colombia, the Office of the Attorney General of Colombia, and Open Society Foundations, with the technical support of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá and the Laboratory for the Analysis of Violence of the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (LAV-UERJ).

#### Participants

Members of agencies that produce homicide data in Latin America and the Caribbean, and members of civil society from 12 countries of the region. Each country participating will have representatives of public institutions from health and criminal justice agencies, in addition to members of civil society organizations and academia. Also participating are representatives of international organizations and multilateral agencies engaged in efforts to improve data and reduce violence.

## **Regional protocol on homicide data quality**

The objective of the meeting is to draw up a final document signed by the participants that could be entitled “Latin American Protocol on Homicide Data” or the “Bogotá Protocol,” which will be approximately 10 to 15 pages long. This document will then be taken to other forums and used in various contacts with official institutions as a tool for improving the quality of information on lethal violence and for facilitating international cooperation related to data.

The first proposal on criteria for improving homicide data will be drawn up by the organizing group of the conference and disseminated to the participants two weeks prior to the event. This proposal will be accompanied by an assessment of homicide data in the region in an effort to establish a starting point for discussion. Then the conference participants will have the opportunity to propose changes, corrections, and additions during the event in Bogotá. The methodology established for the conference will make it possible to draw up preliminary drafts of the protocol, which will be presented in plenary session until coming up with a final document on which there is broad consensus, and which will be approved the last day of the conference.

## **Methodology for working in groups**

The dynamic of the conference will make use of four types of sessions:

- a) **Opening panel.** The objective is to set the context for the discussions that will take place throughout the conference. Representatives of several international institutions and civil society organizations will make brief presentations on the current state of homicide data worldwide and in Latin America and the Caribbean, followed by rounds of questions and comments.
- b) **Working groups.** Working groups will be constituted made up of no more than 15 persons each. The groups will be constituted with a view to maximizing the variety of countries and sectors. Language issues will also be taken into account, mindful of the participants for whom English is the dominant language. The participants will be assigned to a group when they register on Monday morning. The composition of the groups will remain the same throughout the conference. Each working group session will be focused on specific issues that will be debated by the members until arriving at a specific proposal. Each group will have:
  - A moderator, who will be a member of the conference organizing committee
  - A rapporteur, hired specifically for this purpose, who will take note of the discussions to facilitate the record of the conference
  - A spokesperson, chosen by the group itself. This spokesperson will have an essential function, for he or she will present the group’s proposals in the plenary sessions, will serve as liaison between his or her group and the conference

organizers, and will help draft the successive versions of the document that will be presented to the plenary.

- c) **Feedback among groups.** In this dynamic the members of one group will present their conclusions and proposals to another group, who in turn will ask questions and offer observations. The members of the first group will listen to these questions and comments, but will not respond at that time. These questions and comments will then be used for the subsequent analysis of the group once they go back to the work in the working groups. Next, the groups will switch roles and the second group will make its proposals and listen to questions and comments.
- d) **Plenary sessions.** During the plenary sessions the spokespersons of the groups will present the proposals of their respective groups, which will be followed by a general discussion involving all the participants. The two drafts of the protocol in progress will be presented in two of the plenary sessions, and the final version will be presented in the final plenary session. The concluding plenary session the last day of the conference will provide an opportunity to discuss strategies for disseminating the protocol and for improving homicide data.

## Agenda

**FIRST DAY: SEPTEMBER 7th**

**Place: Cámara de Comercio de Bogotá, Sede y Centro Empresarial Chapinero: Calle 67 No. 8-32**

<b>SEPT. 7, MORNING</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
8:30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
9:30	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mónica de Greiff, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá</li><li>• Yesid Reyes Alvarado, Minister of Justice and Law of Colombia</li></ul>
9:45	<b>Introduction to the conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heloisa Griggs, Senior Program Manager for Latin America of Open Society Foundations</li></ul>
10:15	<b>General orientation</b>
10:45	<b>Panel: Homicide data quality</b> <p>Moderator: Ignacio Cano, Coordinator of the Laboratory for the Analysis of Violence at the University of the State of Río de Janeiro (LAV-UERJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christopher Mikton (WHO). The World Health Organization's global homicide estimates</li><li>• Salomé Flores (UNODC): Homicides estimated based on criminal records</li><li>• Carlos Hernández (Association for a More Just Society - Honduras): Civil society demands in relation to data on crime and violence</li></ul>
12:00	<b>Questions and discussion</b>
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>SEPT. 7, AFTERNOON</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
14:30	<b>Working groups</b> <p>Discussion of the draft. Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction of the members of the group: 5 minutes</li><li>• Records unit: 15 minutes</li><li>• Definition of homicide: 30 minutes</li><li>• Information to be recorded: 45 minutes</li></ul>
16:05	<b>Coffee</b>
16:20	<b>Working groups</b> <p>Discussion of the draft. Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selection of the group's spokesperson: 5 minutes</li><li>• Quality of the records and indeterminate cases: 55 minutes</li></ul>
17:20	<b>Feedback among peers in groups</b> <p>Members of one group listen to and make observations on the proposals of</p>

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	another group
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1 listens to the proposals of group 2: 10 minutes</li> <li>• Group 1 comments on the proposals of group 2 (which does not respond): 10 minutes</li> <li>• Group 2 listens to the proposals of group 1: 10 minutes</li> <li>• Group 2 comments on the proposals of group 1 (which does not respond): 10 minutes</li> </ul>
18:00	<b>Work in groups</b> Analysis of the feedback from the other group and finalize the group's proposal on these topics
18:30	<b>Cocktail reception</b>
18:30-19:30	<b>Meeting of spokespersons and moderators</b>

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## **SECOND DAY: SEPTEMBER 8th**

**Place: Hotel Hilton: Carrera 7 No. 72-41**

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<b>SEPT. 8, MORNING</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
9:00	<b>Work in groups</b> Discussion of the draft. Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convergence among sources: 30 minutes</li> <li>• Quality control: 45 minutes</li> <li>• Dissemination, transparency and temporality: 45 minutes</li> <li>• Other possible topics: 30 minutes</li> </ul>
11:30	<b>Coffee</b>
11:45	<b>Plenary session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the groups' proposals by the spokespersons of each group</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
13:15	<b>Lunch</b>
13:15	<b>Meeting of spokespersons and moderators</b> Drawing up a second draft of the protocol

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<b>SEPT. 8, AFTERNOON</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
15:00	<b>Work in groups</b> Second draft (which will be presented by the spokesperson) to suggest points of agreement or changes
16:30	<b>Coffee</b>
16:45	<b>Plenary session</b>
18:30	<b>End of session</b>
18:45-20:15	<b>Meeting of spokespersons and moderators</b> Drawing up the final proposal for the protocol

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### THIRD DAY: SEPTEMBER 9th

Place: Hotel Hilton: Carrera 7 No. 72-41

SEPT. 9, MORNING	ACTIVITY
9:00	<b>Plenary session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of the final proposal for the protocol</li></ul>
10:30	<b>Coffee</b>
10:45	<b>Plenary session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion in plenary session on dissemination of the protocol and strategies for improving data on homicides</li></ul>
12:15	<b>Closing session and conclusion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carlos Eduardo Valdés, Director of the Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal de Colombia</li><li>• Luis Eduardo Montealegre, Attorney General of Colombia</li><li>• Pedro Abramovay, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Open Society Foundations</li></ul>
13:15	<b>Lunch</b>

This programming and additional information on the conference may be found at the website:

<http://conferenciahomicidiosbogota2015.org/>