



Methodology
Third Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives
of Electoral Bodies of the Member Countries
of the Organization of American States (OAS)

**“Approach towards a Reference Framework of common criteria
and optimal procedures for electoral processes management
and control”.**

Caracas, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 of July 2010

To this end, participants are expected to debate and discuss about the core topics based on the inputs drawn during the 2nd Inter-American Meeting (June 2009). For the sake of order and efficiency in processing data, participants will input the information in a double-entry table. The left column will show the specific procedures of each core process defined and the top row will provide for the criteria identified during the 2nd Meeting.

The table inputs will be produced out of a driving question that allows for cross matching each procedure with the respective criterion.

- ❖ *How to guarantee common criteria in each procedure identified for the core electoral processes?*

This could be represented by a specific question connected to the “Voting, Counting and Tally-up” electoral processes.

TOPIC: VOTING, COUNTING, TALLY-UP AND DISSEMINATION OF ELECTORAL RESULTS

How to guarantee auditability, security and civil verification in the procedures of voting, counting, tally-up and result dissemination?

PROCEDURES	CRITERION		
	AUDITABILITY	SECURITY	CIVIL VERIFICATION
<i>A. Voting</i>			
<i>B) Counting</i>			
<i>C) Tally-up</i>			
<i>D) Dissemination of results</i>			



For the purpose of data processing, it is important to fill the table in its entirety, and even mark when the criterion is not applicable to that given procedure. In this case, write N/A.

Working Dynamics

With the aim of optimizing time for debate, the discussion will be carried out in two Working Groups (A and B) that will exchange their viewpoints about each topic.

Each Working Group will be made up by 20 - 30 people roughly, one (1) Coordinator, appointed among the CNE Directors with expertise in each topic; two (2) rapporteurs in charge of organizing the information and one (1) Moderator in charge of the speakers list and time keeping. Each Working group will have 45 minutes to discuss about each of the ten topics. The groups have been integrated in a balanced manner so as to guarantee the participation of the experts in the discussions.

In this regard, PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO DELIVER SPEECHES OR PRESENTATIONS DURING THE DISCUSSION, but to contribute to filling out the table for each topic.

It is worth highlighting that at the end of each discussion; the rapporteur will meet and discuss the conclusions drawn out of each working group with the CNE methodological coordination team.

In case of any particular question or enquiry, please contact the Coordinators of the CNE Methodological Team:

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7. Supporting Materials

Participants will have a folder with the following documents:

- 1. A summary table of the Inter-American Meetings, objectives and recommendations*
- 2. Resolution A/RES 2528 (XXXIX-0/09) whereby the Permanent Council is requested to summon the Third Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral bodies.*



3. *Resolution PC/RES973 (1761/10) whereby the Third Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral bodies in Caracas, July 29 and 30, 2010 is convened.*
4. *Conclusions of the Working Groups of the Second Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral bodies, in Caracas, June 2009.*
5. *Summary table of each country regarding the “criteria and procedures for electoral process management and control”*
6. *List of Participants to the Third Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral bodies.*
7. *Table/Instruments to collect information about each topic.*
8. *Resolution A/RES 2428 (XXXVIII-O/08) whereby the Permanent Council is requested to summon the Second Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral Bodies, in Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in 2009.*

9. *Final declaration of the Second Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral Bodies of the Member States to the Organization of American States, Caracas, June 11 and 12, 2009.*
10. *Resolution A/RES 2337 (XXXVII-0/07) whereby the General Assembly of the OAS approves the holding of the “First Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral Bodies”, in Caracas, Venezuela.*
11. *Final Declaration. Conclusions and Recommendations of the First Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of Electoral Bodies “Modernization and Use of Electoral Technologies in the Hemisphere”.*
12. *Final Declaration. Conclusions and Recommendations of the Second Inter-American Meeting of Experts and Representatives of the Member Countries of the Organization of American States (OAS), Caracas June 11 and 12, 2009.*