

# “Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Access & Equity”

## NCS Midterm Meeting Mexico City, September 26 – October 2 Agenda

### Wednesday, September 26 Arrive Mexico City

#### *Hotel Camino Real*

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6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Registration**  
(COMEXUS and CIES staff)

*Hotel Lobby*

Dinner on your own

8:00pm

Informal scholar gathering  
(with Dr. Bruce Johnstone)

*Hotel lobby*

### Thursday, September 27

7:30am - 9:00am

Breakfast

*La Huerta Restaurant*

9:00am

#### **Welcome Remarks and Agenda Overview (*Girasoles Room*)**

Bruce Johnstone, Distinguished Scholar Leader  
Sabine O’Hara, Executive Director, CIES  
Arturo Borja, Executive Director, Mexican Fulbright Commission  
Maria Eugenia Verdaguer, Program Officer, Bureau of Education and  
Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State  
Stacey Bustillos, Program Officer, CIES

10:30am

Coffee Break

11:00am

#### **Working Group Meetings**

- WG1: Cultural and Societal Norms that Affect Access and Equity  
(Kavita Sharma Group leader) *Girasoles Room*
- WG2: Mechanisms Within and Beyond the Schools ... (Katherine Parry  
Hunter Group coordinator) *Morelia Room*
- WG3: Financial Resources and Policies that ... (Anthony Welch Group  
Leader) *Guanajuato Room*
- WG4: Arguments, Actors and Policies for Postsec. Ed. Equity ... (David  
Post Group Leader) *Veracruz Room*

## **Review of current and planned research from group members**

### **Begin discussion of:**

- What 3-5 members are prepared with new research and are at the completion or near completion of their host university visits and can report on their research to the Friday plenary?
- Who will moderate Friday's WG Plenary presentation? (Presumably this would be the group leader, but a group can make another plan.)
- What are the current plans/progress for the WG's collaborative work? (This should be decided by the end of Friday's last group meeting.)
- Who will present the WG at the Monday Symposium with assembled Mexican scholars and policy leaders on the theme, progress and plans of the group? (Again, presumably the group leader, but groups may handle this differently.)

1:30pm	Lunch Speaker: Bruce Johnstone, " <i>Financial Austerity, Access, and Culture: Perspectives on Comparative Higher Education</i> "	<i>La Huerta</i>
3:00pm	<b>Return to Working Groups</b> Special attention to the aforementioned questions and collaborative work	
4:15pm	Coffee Break	
4:30pm	<b>Group Plenary</b> Remarks: <i>Sabine O'Hara, Executive Director, CIES</i>	<i>Girasoles Room</i>
5:00pm	Session ends	
6:00pm	Meet in hotel lobby for bus to museum	
6:30pm-7:30pm	Museum tour	
7:30pm-9:30pm	Reception hosted by US Embassy, Mexico City <i>Museo de Antropología</i>	

## **Friday, September 28**

7:30-9:00am	Breakfast	<i>La Huerta</i>
9:00am	<b>Panel on Mexican Higher Education</b> • Moderator: Arturo Borja, Executive Director, Mexican Fulbright Commission • Teresa Bracho, CIDE • Juan Silas Casillas, NCS V Scholar, Universidad de Monterrey • Manuel Gil-Antón, NCS IV Scholar, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana	<i>Alcatrazes Room</i>

10:30am	Coffee break	
11:00am	<p><b>NCS Scholar Respondents</b>  <b>How their research bears on the access issues in Mexico</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarissa Baeta Neves</li> <li>• Michele Moses</li> <li>• David Post</li> <li>• Carlos de la Torre</li> <li>• Pat Somers</li> </ul>	
1:00pm	Lunch	<i>La Huerta</i>
2:30pm	<p><b>Working Groups Meet</b>  <b>Rooms: Alcatraces, Jardin, Arco Iris, and Camelias</b></p> <p>Continue discussion: confirm how group presentations will be made in following plenary; and plan how group presentations will be made to Monday Public meeting</p>	
3:30pm	Coffee Break	
4:00pm	<p><b>Group Plenary</b>  Working Group Reports</p>	<i>Alcatraces Room</i>
6:00pm	Session ends	
7:45pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk to dinner as group	

**Saturday, September 29**

7:30 - 9:00am	Breakfast	<i>La Huerta</i>
9:30am	Meet in Hotel Lobby for bus to Teotihuacan (NB: People should wear comfortable shoes.)	
1:30pm	Lunch at Club Med (restaurant located near the pyramids)	
4:00pm	Return to Hotel	
	Free evening: Dinner on your own	

**Sunday, September 30**

7:30 – 9:00am	Breakfast	<i>La Huerta</i>
9:00am	<p><b>Working Groups Meet</b> ( <i>same room locations as Friday</i>)  Discuss final plans with regard to Monday Symposium Presentations</p>	
11:00am	Coffee Break	

11:30am **Group Plenary Discussion** *Alcatrazes*  
Monday group presentations

- Monday ad hoc Policy Round tables
- March final plenary session
- Plans for WG project completion / dissemination

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Working Lunch** *La Huerta*  
**Meet in “Cross cutting” and other ad hoc groups**

- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Central and Eastern Europe
- South Asia
- Micro Credit as a means of Financing Students
- Other [?]

3:00pm **Group Plenary** *Alcatrazes*  
Discussion of the WG presentations and policy-oriented Roundtables for Monday

4:00pm Coffee break

4:30pm **Group Plenary continued**  
Final discussion: Share plans for the final March '08 NCS meeting as well as the Group “outcomes?”

5:30pm Session ends  
  
Free evening: Dinner on your own

### **Monday, October 1**

7:30 – 8:15am Breakfast *La Huerta*

8:15am Meet in lobby to take to go to CIDE (symposium site)

9:00am – 5:00pm CIDE Symposium on Higher Education

5:30pm Return to Hotel

8:00pm Farewell Dinner at hotel *Veracruz*

### **Tuesday, October 2**

7:30am – 9:00am Breakfast *La Huerta*

**All Day:** Departures from Mexico City