



**TRIBUNAL ELECTORAL**  
del Poder Judicial de la Federación

THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE  
ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY PRESENTS THE REPORT  
RELATING TO THE EVENT:

**“INFORMATIVE FORUM FOR FOREIGN VISITORS  
WITH JURISDICTIONAL COMPONENT”**

Mexico City  
May 27 to June 2, 2023



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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The foreign visitor program has been carried out in Mexico, in coordination with the National Electoral Institute (INE, in Spanish), since 1994. In particular, the foreign visitor program with jurisdictional component was held for the first time within the framework of the 2017–2018 Federal Electoral Process (PEF, in Spanish) and was replicated in the 2020–2021 PEF. This activity allows the monitoring of electoral processes in the country, in their different stages, to guarantee their transparency and strengthen democracy in Mexico.

On June 2, 2024, the largest election day in the history of Mexico took place. Approximately 60 million people, from a 99-million voter roll went to the nearly 170,000 polling stations installed to renew over 20,000 elective offices, which included the Presidency, 128 senatorial offices, 500 Parliamentary representations and nine state governorships. Citizen participation was 60.9%.

The 2023–2024 Federal Electoral Process, which formally began in September 2023, has been the most internationally accompanied. From May 28 to May 29, the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary (TEPJF, in Spanish) held the Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors with Jurisdictional Component. In addition, from May 30 to June 2, the Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors was held, in cooperation with the INE.

To begin the activities, the TEPJF provided an informative luncheon to the diplomatic corps accredited in Mexico. In this context, Chief Justice Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso also held meetings with the electoral monitoring missions from the European Union (EU), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations (UNIORE), the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL), Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas (AMEA), the Global Network on Electoral Justice (RMJE), the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, Electoral Transparency and International IDEA, among others.

The Mexican State has undertaken to guarantee the appropriate conditions for the independent and impartial monitoring of the elections by international electoral visitors. From 1994 to 2023, 6,448 foreign visitors have been accredited for the different electoral processes of the last 29 years. In this year's federal electoral process, 1,309 foreign visitors were accredited before the National Electoral Institute, the highest number in history.

This report covers the activities of both fora. The Information Forum for Foreign Visitors, jointly organized by the INE and the TEPJF, was attended by 93 foreign visitors from 24



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countries, 47 of whom were women (51%) and 46 were men (49%). While 51 people from 11 countries participated in the TEPJF Informative Forum with a jurisdictional component, 25 of them were women (49%) and 26 were men (51%). Of the total number of participants, 27 electoral entities, 12 international electoral agencies and 14 academic entities were represented. According to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), they are all defenders of human rights and democratic systems.



## **II. DATE AND LOCATIONS**

The sessions took place from Monday, May 27 to Sunday, June 2, 2024, at various times and locations. For greater accuracy, the details of each session are listed below.

The event was also broadcast on the TEPJF YouTube channel with simultaneous Spanish-English translation.

### **A. Informative Meeting with the Diplomatic Corps Accredited in Mexico: 2023–2024 Federal Electoral Process Location: High Chamber of the TEPJF**

#### **Monday, May 27, 2024:**

1. Informative Lunch with the Diplomatic Corps Accredited in Mexico: 2023–2024 Federal Electoral Process  
Time: 14:30

### **B. Side Meetings with International Missions Location: High Chamber of the TEPJF**

#### **Tuesday, May 28, 2024:**

2. Side Meetings with International Missions  
Time: 09:30 – 13:00
  - II.1 Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas (AMEA)
    - II.1.1 Meeting with National Observers (electoral justice)  
Time: 9:30 – 10:35
    - II.1.2 Meeting with the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-based Violence  
Time: 11:00 – 12:30
  - II.2 Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations (UNIORE)
    - II.2.1 Jurisdictional Workshop with Law Clerks of the High Chamber  
Time: 9:30–10:45
    - II.2.2 Meeting with the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-based Violence  
Time: 11:00 – 12:30
  - II.3 Venice Commission
    - II.3.1 Meeting with the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-based Violence  
Time: 9:30 – 10:45



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**II.3.2 Meeting with National Observers (electoral justice)**  
Time: 11:00 – 12:30

3. Dialogue with Justices of the High Chamber of the Electoral Tribunal  
Time: 13:00 – 14:30
4. Round Tables with President Judges and Judges of Local and Regional Electoral Tribunals  
Time: 17:00 – 19:00

**C. Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors with Jurisdictional Component**  
**Location:** High Chamber

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024:**

5. Opening Session  
Time: 09:30 – 10:10
6. Overview of the Mexican electoral justice: local tribunals and regional chambers  
Time: 10:25 – 11:50
7. Public Session of the High Chamber  
Time: 12:00 – 13:15
8. Gender Parity, Institutional Relations, Public Defendants Offices and the Electoral Judicial School: Presentations by Heads of Unit  
Time: 15:00 – 17:00

**D. Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors, Organized in Coordination with the National Electoral Institute (INE)**  
**Location:** Radisson Hotel

**Thursday, May 30, 2024:**

9. **Remarks by the** National Electoral Authorities  
Time: 09:00 – 09:40
10. Session Two “Affirmative Actions for Inclusion”  
Time: 10:00 – 11:20
11. Session Three “Organization of the 2024 Elections in Mexico: Responsibility of National and Local Administrative Authorities”  
Time: 11:35 – 12:55
12. Session Four “Resources for Equality in the Contest”  
Time: 15:00 – 16:30



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- 13. Session Five “Electoral Justice in the Mexican System”**  
Time: 16:45 – 17:45

**Friday, May 31, 2024:**

- 14. Remarks by Electoral Authorities of Mexico City**  
Time: 09:00 – 09:30

- 15. Session Seven “Voting in Pre-Trial Detention, Early Voting and Accessible Voting: Operation Modes and Relevant Rulings”**  
Time: 09:45 – 11:10

- 16. Session Eight “Voting by Mexicans Residents Abroad**  
Time: 11:25 – 12:40

- 17. Session Nine “Election Day”**  
Time: 12:55 – 13:55

- 18. Session 10 “Election Certification”**  
Time: 15:30 – 17:00

**Saturday June 1, 2024:**

- 19. Sessions 11, 12 and 13 “Meeting with Candidates or Party/Coalition Representatives”**  
Time: 09:30 – 13:10

- 20. Informative Session on Institutional Guests Deployment**  
Time: 09:00 – 09:40

**Sunday June 2, 2024:**

- 21. Visit to the Polling Stations**  
Time: 07:30 – 19:30



### III. PARTICIPANTS

#### A- Informative luncheon with the diplomatic corps in Mexico: 2023–2024 federal electoral process

Number	Name	Office	Entity
1	Hon. Ms. Maria Gabriela Quinteros	Designated Ambassador	Embassy of the Argentine Republic
2	Mr. Hayk Hakobyan	AI Chargé d'Affaires	Embassy of the Republic of Armenia
3	Ms. Penny Toledo	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of Australia
4	Hon. Ms. Elisabeth Kehrer	Ambassador	Embassy of the Republic of Austria
5	Consul Guillaume De Gerlache	First secretary and consul	Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium
6	Hon. Mr. Oscar Lorenzo Arnold	Ambassador	Embassy of Belize
7	Hon. Mr. Fernando Estellita Lins De Salvo Coimbra	Ambassador	Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil
8	Ms. Teodora Micheva	Consul	Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria
9	Sebastián Labra Grez	Adviser	Embassy of the Republic of Chile
10	Hon. Mr. Pablo Heriberto Abarca Mora	Ambassador	Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica
11	Hon. Mr. Djerou Robert Ly	Ambassador	Embassy of Côte d'Ivoire
12	Mr. Nelson Ocaña Rodríguez	Adviser	Embassy of the Republic of Cuba
13	Mr. Jeppe Hallencreutz-Fogtmann	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark
14	Mr. Osama Ebeid	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt





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<b>15</b>	Hon. Ms. Rosa Delmy Cañas Orellana	Ambassador	Embassy of the Republic of El Salvador
<b>16</b>	Mr. Brian Naranjo	Minister Counselor for Political Affairs	Embassy of the United States of America
<b>17</b>	Mr. Aleksandr Batadeev	Minister Counselor	Embassy of the Russian Federation
<b>18</b>	Ms. Mary Therese Jose	Political Affairs	Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines
<b>19</b>	Ms. Madeleine Osorovitz	Political Advisor	Embassy of the French Republic
<b>20</b>	Hon. Mr. Nikolaos Kotrokois	Designated Ambassador	Embassy of the Hellenic Republic
<b>21</b>	Dimas Alexi Escobar Guillén	Minister Chargé d'Affaires AI	Embassy of Honduras
<b>22</b>	Hon. Mr. Zoltan Németh	Ambassador	Embassy of Hungary
<b>23</b>	Hon. Alireza Ghezili	Ambassador	Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran
<b>24</b>	Ms. Ruth Mac Kenna	Charge d'Affaires	Embassy of Ireland
<b>25</b>	Srta. Cleopatra Parkins	Counselor	Embassy of Jamaica
<b>26</b>	Ms. Nao Abiko	Advisor to the Political Section	Embassy of Japan
<b>27</b>	Mr. Yerlan Kubashev	Adviser	Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>28</b>	Hon. Mr. Sami Nmeir	Ambassador	Embassy of the Lebanese Republic
<b>29</b>	Mr. Mustapha Sadiq	Minister Counselor	Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco
<b>30</b>	Hon. Mr. Juan Carlos Gutiérrez Madrigal	Ambassador	Embassy of the Republic of Nicaragua



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<b>31</b>	Ms. Line Hammeren		Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway
<b>32</b>	Ms. Kate Neilson	Deputy Ambassador	Embassy of New Zealand
<b>33</b>	Mr. Peter Grohmann	Resident Coordinator	United Nations System
<b>34</b>	Ms. Nadège Sango Afonso	Human Rights Advisor	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
<b>35</b>	Mr. Fakhry Taha	Third Secretary of the Mission	Palestine Special Delegation
<b>36</b>	Hon. Mr. Shozabç Abbas	Designated Ambassador	Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
<b>37</b>	Hon. Ms. Gloria Yrma Amarilla Acosta	Ambassador	Embassy of the Republic of Paraguay
<b>38</b>	Mr. Piotr Łukowicz	Secretary of Political and Economic Affairs	Embassy of the Republic of Poland
<b>39</b>	Advisor Mr. Gonçalo Silvestre	Charge d'Affaires	Embassy of the Republic of Portugal
<b>40</b>	Mr. Ricardo Solano	Head of Domestic Policy	Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
<b>41</b>	Hon. Mr. Mukhtar Leboihi Emboiric	Ambassador	Embassy of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
<b>42</b>	Mr. Abdulazi Al Mulla	Second Secretary	Embassy of Qatar
<b>43</b>	Mr. Ovidiu Plosca	Consul of Romania	Embassy of Romania
<b>44</b>	Mr. Yves Reymond	Head of Chancery	Embassy of the Swiss Confederation
<b>45</b>	Hon. Ms. Oksana Dramaretska	Ambassador	Embassy of Ukraine
<b>46</b>	Mr. Mirko Puig	Head of the Political Section	Delegation of the European Union



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<b>47</b>	Hon. Mr. Santiago Miguel Wins Arnabal	Designated Ambassador	Embassy of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay
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**B- Electoral Accompaniment Missions of the Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors with Jurisdictional Component**

**Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas (AMEA)**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Entity</b>
<b>1</b>	Eugenia María Zamora Chavarría	Chief Justice	Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica
<b>2</b>	Rosa Pérez	Justice	Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic
<b>3</b>	Patricia Lorenzo	Justice	Central Electoral Board of the Dominican Republic
<b>4</b>	Alejandra Lázzaro	Prosecretary	Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation of Argentina
<b>5</b>	Idayris Yolima Carrillo Pérez	Former Chief Justice	National Electoral Council of Colombia
<b>6</b>	Doris Ruth Méndez Cubillos	Former Chief Justice	National Electoral Council of Colombia
<b>7</b>	María Elena Wapenka Galeano	Former Chief Justice	Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay
<b>8</b>	Rafaelina Peralta Arias	Former Justice	Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic
<b>9</b>	Andrea Tercero	Consultant	IIHR-CAPEL
<b>10</b>	Yanina Benjumea Carrillo	ND	ND
<b>11</b>	Matilde Silvana Estévez Gómez	ND	Central Electoral Board of the Dominican Republic

**Venice Commission**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Entity</b>
<b>1</b>	Delphine Freymann	Undersecretary	Venice Commission



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<b>2</b>	Srdjan Darmanovic	Member	Venice Commission
<b>3</b>	Serguei Kouznetsov	Member	Venice Commission
<b>4</b>	Óscar Sánchez Muñoz	Substitute Member	Venice Commission
<b>5</b>	Katharina Pabel	Substitute Member	Venice Commission

**Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations (UNIORE)**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Entity</b>
<b>1</b>	Wilfredo Penco	Chief Justice	Electoral Court of Uruguay
<b>2</b>	Pedro Pablo Yermenos	Incumbent Justice	Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic
<b>3</b>	Zetty María Bou Valverde	Incumbent Justice	Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica
<b>4</b>	Gilberto Enrique Estrada de Icaza	Substitute Justice	Electoral of Tribunal Panama
<b>5</b>	Hernán Ricardo Gonçalves Figueiredo	Secretary of Judicial Action	National Electoral Chamber of Argentina
<b>6</b>	Mario Matarrita Arroyo	Law Clerk	Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica
<b>7</b>	Tasheena Obando	Consultant	IIHR-CAPEL



**C- Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary**

<b>1</b>	<b>Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso</b>	<b>Chief Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF</b>
<b>2</b>	Felipe de la Mata Pizaña	Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF
<b>3</b>	Felipe Alfredo Fuentes Barrera	Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF
<b>4</b>	Janine M. Otálora Malassis	Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF
<b>5</b>	Luis Espíndola Morales	Chief Justice of the Specialized Regional Chamber of the TEPJF
<b>6</b>	Ernesto Santana Bracamontes	Head Law Clerk, Office of the Chief Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF, Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso
<b>7</b>	Regina Santinelli Villalobos	Head Law Clerk, Office of the Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF, Reyes Rodríguez Mondragón
<b>8</b>	Alejandra Montoya Mexia	General Director of Equal Rights and Gender Parity
<b>9</b>	Mónica Valdez Murphree	General Director of International Relations
<b>10</b>	María del Carmen Carreón Castro	Head of the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-based Violence
<b>11</b>	Marina Martha López Santiago	Head of the Electoral Public Defender's Office
<b>12</b>	Gabriela Ruvalcaba García	Director of the Electoral Judicial School
<b>13</b>	Edgar Edmundo Guerrero Aguirre	Officer in charge of the General Directorate of National Relations
<b>14</b>	Priscila Cruces Aguilar	Law Clerk, Office of the Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF, Felipe Alfredo Fuentes Barrera
<b>15</b>	Xavier Soto Parrao	Law Clerk, Office of the Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF, Janine M. Otálora Malassis
<b>16</b>	Gabriel Domínguez Barrios	Clerk of non-binding case-law, Office of the Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF, Felipe de la Mata Pizaña
<b>17</b>	Laura Elena Díaz de León Fernández de Castro	Head of the International Affairs Unit, General Directorate of International Relations
<b>18</b>	Alejandra Bracho Ahumada	Area Director, General Directorate of International Relations
<b>19</b>	Miguel Ángel Gómez Jácome	Area Director, General Directorate of International Relations



Additionally, Judges from Mexico's local and regional Electoral Tribunals participated, as well as various people representing different accompaniment missions, civil society organizations, academic entities, and other institutions, which may be referenced in Appendix One.

#### IV. PROGRAM

<b>MONDAY, MAY 27</b>	
<b>INFORMATIVE LUNCHEON WITH THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED IN MEXICO: 2023–2024 FEDERAL ELECTORAL PROCESS</b>	
Time	Activity
14:00 – 14:30	Welcoming of guests and registration
14:30 – 14:32	Welcome to the diplomatic corps accredited in Mexico and reading of the session's goal. Chief Justice, <b>Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso</b> takes the floor
14:32 – 14:40	Opening message from Justice <b>Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso</b> , Chief of the High Chamber of the TEPJF
14:40 – 14:41	Acknowledgement for the Chief Justice's message and Justice <b>Felipe de la Mata Pizaña</b> of the High Chamber of the TEPJF takes the floor
14:42 – 15:14	Message from <b>Felipe de la Mata Pizaña</b> , Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF
15:14 – 15:15	Acknowledgement for the Justices' messages and Q&A session by the attending diplomatic corps.
15:15 – 15:55	Questions from the diplomatic corps and answers from the Justices of the High Chamber.
15:55 – 16:00	Closing remarks from Chief Justice <b>Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso</b> , Chief Justice of the High Chamber of the TEPJF

<b>TUESDAY, MAY 28</b>			
<b>INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS SIDE MEETINGS</b>			
Time	Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas (AMEA)	Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations (UNIORE)	Venice Commission
<b>09:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Meeting with National Observers (Electoral Justice)</b>	<b>Jurisdictional Workshop with Law</b>	<b>Meeting with the Electoral Public Defender's Office</b>



		<b>Clerks of the High Chamber</b>	<b>Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-based Violence</b>
	<b>Location:</b> Belisario Domínguez Hall of the High Chamber	<b>Location:</b> Press Room of the High Chamber	<b>Place:</b> Interactive Museum of the Constitution of the High Chamber
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Meeting with the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-based Violence</b>		<b>Meeting with National Observers (Electoral Justice)</b>
	<b>Location:</b> Press Room of the High Chamber		<b>Place:</b> Interactive Museum of the Constitution of the High Chamber
<p><b>Goal:</b> create a space for dialogue with the Regional Chambers of the Electoral Tribunal and civil society organizations experts in electoral justice to learn about the main challenges related to the 2023–2024 PEF. Special emphasis was placed on the inclusion agenda and attention to priority groups, such as indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples, women, the LGBTIQ+ community and youth, among others.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> the specialized missions were divided into side meetings according to the topics of interest.</p>			
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>DIALOGUE WITH JUSTICES OF THE HIGH CHAMBER OF THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL</b>		
<p><b>Goal:</b> to provide information on the electoral process from the point of view of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary, through an exchange of opinions between Justices of the High Chamber and representatives of specialized missions and experts.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> 25 minutes of initial remarks (five minutes per Justice) and one hour and five minutes of open dialogue. In person</p> <p><b>International participants:</b> representatives of the Venice Commission, the Global Network on Electoral Justice, the Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations and the Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Press Room of the High Chamber</p>			
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>TIME ADJUSTMENT</b>		



<b>15:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>LUNCH (FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HIGH CHAMBER)</b>
<b>17:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>ROUND TABLES WITH OF CHIEF JUSTICES AND JUSTICES OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNALS</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> space for dialogue to offer a perspective on local elections to international visitor missions and provide local and regional Judges with international experiences and references.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> foreign visitor missions were divided into regional round tables for each of the national constituencies and the Specialized Regional Chamber, to hear about relevant cases at the local level. In person.</p> <p><b>International participants:</b> representatives of the Venice Commission, the Global Network on Electoral Justice, the Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations, the Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas, and other international experts.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> fifth floor of the High Chamber.</p>	
<b>END OF THE DAY</b>	

<b>ELECTORAL JUSTICE FORUM FOR FOREIGN VISITORS</b>	
<b><u>JOSÉ LUIS DE LA PEZA AUDITORIUM</u></b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 29</b>	
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>09:30 – 10:10</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> To celebrate a formal session to hear a welcome message and a general overview of the Mexican Electoral Justice system from Justices of the High Chamber.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> Formal panel session where Justices will offer institutional messages about the electoral process and the role of electoral justice. In person.</p>	





<p><b>International participants:</b> representatives of the Venice Commission, the Global Network on Electoral Justice, the Interamerican Union of Electoral Bodies, the Association of Female Electoral Judges, and other international experts.</p>	
<b>10:10 – 10:25</b>	<b>FAMILY PHOTO (CENTRAL PLAZA, HIGH CHAMBER)</b>
<b>10:25 – 11:50</b>	<b>OVERVIEW OF MEXICAN ELECTORAL JUSTICE: LOCAL TRIBUNALS AND REGIONAL CHAMBERS</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> Provide a general overview of the structure and role of local electoral justice and the work of the Regional Chambers of the Federal Electoral Tribunal.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> Formal panel session where Judges will offer institutional messages about the local electoral process and the role of electoral justice, with a Q&amp;A session. In person.</p> <p><b>International participants:</b> representatives of the Venice Commission, the Global Network on Electoral Justice, the Interamerican Union of Electoral Bodies, the Association of Female Electoral Judges, and other international experts.</p>	
<b>12:00 – 13:15</b>	<b>PUBLIC SESSION OF THE HIGH CHAMBER</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> To witness the development of the public session, how cases are presented and debated, and the types of votes casted.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> One hour and 15 minutes (as listeners).</p> <p><b>International participants:</b> Representatives of the Venice Commission, the Global Network on Electoral Justice, the Interamerican Union of Electoral Bodies, the Association of Female Electoral Judges, and other international experts.</p>	
<b>13:15 – 15:00</b>	<b>LUNCH (FIFTH FLOOR, HIGH CHAMBER)</b>
<b>15:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>GENDER PARITY, INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS, PUBLIC DEFENDANTS AND THE ELECTORAL JUDICIAL SCHOOL: PRESENTATIONS BY HEADS OF UNIT</b>
<p><b>Goal:</b> To hear presentations by Heads of Units at the High Chamber on the Electoral Tribunal's work on jurisprudence, gender parity, institutional relations and from the Public Defendants and Director of the Electoral Judicial School.</p> <p><b>Format:</b> One hour presentations and one hour Q&amp;A.</p>	



<b>International participants:</b> Representatives of the Venice Commission, the Global Network on Electoral Justice, the Interamerican Union of Electoral Bodies, the Association of Female Electoral Judges, and other international experts.	
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>18:00 – 19:30</b>	<b>RECEPTION</b>
<b>END OF DAY</b>	

<b>INFORMATIVE FORUM FOR FOREIGN VISITORS JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY INE AND THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL</b>	
<b><u>RADISSON HOTEL</u></b>	
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 30</b>	
<b>08:00 – 09:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>09:00 – 09:40</b>	<b>REMARKS BY THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL AUTHORITIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilor President of the National Electoral Institute (INE), Guadalupe Taddei -20 minutes-</li> <li>• Chief Justice of the Electoral Tribunal of the Judiciary (TEPJF), Monica Aralí Soto Fregoso -20 minutes-</li> </ul>	
<b>09:40 – 10:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>SESSION TWO “AFFIRMATIVE ACTIONS FOR INCLUSION”</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender parity, INE -20 minutes- (parity, alternation, and affirmative actions)</li> <li>• Judging with a gender perspective and affirmative actions, TEPJF -20 minutes-</li> </ul> Q&A -40 minutes-	
<b>11:20 – 11:35</b>	<b>BREAK</b>



11:35 – 12:55	<b>SESSION THREE "ORGANIZATION OF THE 2024 ELECTIONS IN MEXICO: RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES"</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of the INE in the national electoral system, INE -20 minutes-</li> <li>• Integration and role of local public electoral bodies, IECM -20 minutes-</li> </ul> Q&A -40 minutes-	
13:30 – 15:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
15:00 – 16:30	<b>SESSION FOUR " RESOURCES FOR EQUALITY IN THE CONTEST"</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to media and other prerogatives, INE -20 minutes-</li> <li>• Modalities of debates (INE -10 minutes-, IECM -10 minutes-)</li> <li>• Auditing of resources available to political parties, INE -20 minutes-</li> </ul> Q&A -30 minutes- "	
16:30 – 16:45	<b>BREAK</b>
16:45 – 17:45	<b>SESSION FIVE "ELECTORAL JUSTICE IN THE MEXICAN SYSTEM"</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Structure and operation of the TEPJF -20 minutes-</b></li> <li>• <b>Sanctioning regime in electoral matters, INE -20 minutes-</b></li> </ul> Q&A -40 minutes-	
<b>END OF THE DAY</b>	

<b>FRIDAY, MAY 31</b>	
08:00 – 09:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>REMARKS BY ELECTORAL AUTHORITIES OF MEXICO CITY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilor President of the National Electoral Institute of Mexico City (IECM), Patricia Avendaño -15 minutes-</li> </ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electoral Commissioner Erika Estrada Ruiz, President of the Provisional Commission for Liaison with External Organizations, IECM -15 minutes-</li> </ul>	
<b>09:30 – 09:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>09:45 – 11:10</b>	<b>SESSION SEVEN "VOTING IN PRE-TRIAL DETENTION, EARLY VOTING, AND ACCESSIBLE VOTING: MODES OF OPERATION AND RELEVANT RULINGS"</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early voting and voting in pre-trial detention, INE -20 minutes-</li> <li>Accessible voting, IECM -20 minutes-</li> </ul> Q&A -30 minutes-	
<b>11:10 – 11:25</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:25 – 12:40</b>	<b>SESSION EIGHT "VOTING BY MEXICAN RESIDENTS ABROAD"</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective offices from abroad and mechanisms for voting for residents abroad, INE -20 minutes-</li> <li>Migrant representation in the CDMX Legislature, IECM -15 minutes-</li> </ul> Q&A -30 minutes-	
<b>12:35 – 12:55</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>12:55 – 13:55</b>	<b>SESSION NINE "ELECTION DAY"</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration and operation of polling stations, INE -15 minutes-</li> <li>Quick count and PREP (preliminary results), INE -15 minutes-</li> </ul> Q&A -30 minutes-	
<b>13:55 – 15:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>SESSION 10 "ELECTION CERTIFICATION"</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certification of local elections, IECM -20 minutes-</li> <li>Certification of the federal Congress election, INE -20 minutes-</li> </ul> Q&A -30 minutes-	



**END OF THE DAY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

<b>09:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>SESSION 11 "MEETING WITH PARTY/COALITION REPRESENTATION"</b>
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- Candidacy / party or coalition representation -20 minutes-  
Q&A -40 minutes-

<b>10:30 – 10:50</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
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<b>10:50 – 11:50</b>	<b>SESSION 12 "MEETING WITH PARTY/COALITION REPRESENTATION"</b>
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- Candidacy / party or coalition representation -20 minutes-  
Q&A -40 minutes-

<b>11:50 – 12:10</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
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<b>12:10 – 13:10</b>	<b>SESSION 13 "MEETING WITH PARTY/COALITION REPRESENTATION"</b>
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- Candidacy / party or coalition representation -20 minutes-  
Q&A -40 minutes-

<b>13:10 – 13:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
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<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>INFORMATIVE SESSION CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF ELECTORAL ROUTES</b>
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**END OF THE DAY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**



07:30 – 12:30	DEPARTURE TO VOTING STATIONS
12:30	RETURN TO HOTEL
16:30 – 19:30	DEPARTURE TO VOTING STATIONS TO WITNESS CLOSURE AND VOTE COUNTING
19:30	RETURN TO HOTEL
20:00	OBSERVATION OF PRELIMINARY ELECTORAL RESULTS

## V. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

### A. Informative Lunch with the Diplomatic Corps Accredited in Mexico

Monday, May 27, 2024:

1. Informative Lunch with the Diplomatic Corps Accredited in Mexico: 2023–2024 Federal Electoral Process  
Location: High Chamber of the TEPJF



Chief Justice of the High Chamber, Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso, presided over the “Informative luncheon with the diplomatic corps accredited in Mexico: 2023–2024 Federal Electoral Process”, together with Justice Felipe de la Mata Pizaña. Forty-seven representatives from 46 countries were in attendance, including 18 ambassadors.



In her message, Chief Justice Soto Fregoso mentioned that 2024 is a year of great electoral relevance in the world, since more than 60 countries will have national elections. Therefore, the electoral authorities have a great responsibility to monitor political and electoral rights, especially in the case of priority attention and historically marginalized groups. Next, she provided an overview of the 2023–2024 federal electoral process, the role of the TEPJF and shared some relevant rulings regarding inclusive electoral justice.

To conclude, it was noted that the participation of foreign visitors and international specialists is a priority and that specialized missions will be present reviewing thematic approaches, such as women's participation and political representation, inclusion of historically marginalized groups, and use of digital technologies, among others.

## **B. Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors with Jurisdictional Component**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024:**

### **2. Side meetings with International Missions**

#### **2.1 Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas (AMEA)**

##### **2.1.1 Meeting with National Observers (Electoral Justice)**

The members of the Association of Female Electoral Judges of the Americas (AMEA) met with five civil society organizations beneficiaries of the Citizen Accompaniment and Monitoring Fund (FAMC, in Spanish) for Electoral Justice to learn how they are analyzing the challenges and perspective of women's political participation in the country, as well as the role of electoral justice in guaranteeing women's political and electoral rights in Mexico. Zícaro Foundation, Youth Dynamism, State and Society Foundation, The Two Mexicos and Diverse People presented their work, which mainly focuses on the defense of the rights and the participation of indigenous women, people over 40, people with disabilities, youth, affirmative action, community development and migrants. They also presented the projects they are developing at the FAMC, which include the conceptualization of electoral crimes within indigenous communities, the promotion of citizen monitoring based on the exercise of political and electoral rights, case law analysis, inclusion and representation of groups in vulnerable situations and digital violence.

AMEA members were very interested in the presentations and asked questions about the most common electoral crimes, the behavior of the electoral entities responsible for monitoring and supporting victims, and the methodology used for digital violence.

#### **2.2 Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations (UNIORE)**

##### **2.2.1 Jurisdictional Workshop with Law Clerks of the High Chamber**

UNIORE's jurisdictional mission met with head law clerks, law clerks and clerks of non-binding case-law of the five Justice's Offices that currently make up the High Chamber. In



their presentations, they explained the challenge process at the TEPJF, the random assignment of cases, the development of public sessions, concurrent opinions, hearings with the parties and the special sanction procedures. In addition, they explained the complexity of the Mexican electoral system where the TEPJF can be the first instance in presidential election trials and, at the same time, the second instance in federal elections, where the first instances are regional chambers.

The clerks pointed out that, when a matter comes to each Justice's Office, an internal classification is made on whether the matter should be drafted in accordance with precedents, novel criteria or opportunity to formulate case law, and precedents to form a case law criterion.

The mission showed particular interest in the random draw to distribute cases, on dissident opinions and concurring opinions, and on whether challenge complaints can impact the ballots.

## **2.3 Venice Commission**

### **2.3.1 Meeting with National Observers (electoral justice)**

Experts from the Venice Commission met with four civil society organizations beneficiaries of the Citizen Monitoring and Accompaniment Fund (FAMC, in Spanish) for Electoral Justice to learn how they analyze the main challenges related to serving specific groups.

The State and Society Foundation, Citizen Initiative for the Promotion of a Culture of Dialogue, the Institute for Democratic Development and Competitiveness (IDDECO, in Spanish) and the Mexican Commission on Human Rights opened the session presenting their work, the findings on the topics they handled in previous electoral processes and the projects they are currently developing within the framework of the FAMC.

For its part, the Venice Commission requested that, in addition to their projects, they elaborate on their perception and analysis of the current process, which is the largest in the history of Mexico and, especially of the fact that it is the first time that a woman could be elected president. Likewise, they asked the organizations about freedom and justice in campaigns and elections, and about the proposed constitutional reform to the Judicial Branch of the Federation.

Finally, an exchange of ideas was conducted between the Venice Commission and the organizations, around the field of judicial observation and the methodologies used for it. Specifically, what type of material analysis is carried out on rights, what is the effectiveness of judicial decisions, and what are the indicators of impartiality and independence in electoral judicial action.

## **2.4. Meeting with the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-Based Violence**





The members of AMEA, the Venice Commission and UNIORE met with the incumbent head of the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Issues of Gender-based Violence, María del Carmen Carreón Castro. She explained that the Public Defender's Office is the auxiliary entity of the Administration Commission in charge of providing guidance, advisory and legal representation services on gender parity and gender-based violence.

The incumbent pointed out that, to carry out her functions, the Public Defender's Office has technical and operational autonomy, whose execution will be under the principles of impartiality, independence, legitimacy, professionalism, quality, efficiency, effectiveness, economy, transparency and honesty.

The members of the mission were interested in knowing what kind of cases the Office deals with, how it differs from the Electoral Public Defender's Office and how it carries out its work. In this sense, the incumbent explained the powers, functions and structure of the Public Defender's Office, as well as the number of cases and the type of matters it has received so far.

### **3. Dialogue with Justices of the High Chamber of the Electoral Tribunal**

Chief Justice of the High Chamber, Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Justice Janine M. Otálora Malassis and Justices Felipe de la Mata Pizaña and Felipe Alfredo Fuentes Barrera explained to representatives of the three electoral accompaniment missions the functions that the jurisdictional authority will carry out after election day (June 2), as well as the stages of the electoral process and the certification of the presidential election.

The Justices reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining an open-door policy in the presence of foreign visitors, whose final reports will serve to improve the processes of each of the institutions related to the organization and the resolution of any disagreements that arise.

During the meeting, the international visitors acknowledged the work of the TEPJF, and its openness to supply information to prepare their evaluations on the state of Mexican democracy.

### **4. Round Tables with President Judges and Judges of Local and Regional Electoral Tribunals**

The representatives of the three electoral accompaniment missions met with the President Judges of various local electoral tribunals and regional Judges to share their perspective on the elections at the local level and to receive, in return, international references.

The missions were divided into regional round tables for each of the national constituencies and the Specialized Regional Chamber, and discussed the following topics: 1. From the



perspective of their constituency or state, what is the role of electoral Judges and the topics that have been frequently challenged; 2. Minorities and the defense of their political representation at different levels of government in the global order, 3. The importance of electoral accompaniment as a contributor to electoral jurisdictional performance, and 4. Balance of the breakthroughs of the parity principle and the addressing of gender-based violence in the region.

Each table elected a rapporteur, who presented their conclusions in the panel “Overview of Mexican Electoral Justice: Local Tribunals and Regional Chambers”, on Wednesday, May 29, in front of all participants of the Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors with Jurisdictional Component.

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024:**

### **5. Opening Session**

Chief Justice Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso and Justice Felipe Alfredo Fuentes Barrera inaugurated the Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors with Jurisdictional Component.

During her participation, the Chief Justice pointed out that the TEPJF values the electoral observation and accompaniment activities, since the reports and recommendations made at the end of the elections are taken into account to bring about the necessary changes that benefit the administration of justice in Mexico. Likewise, she stressed that the TEPJF guarantees certainty, legality, independence, impartiality and objectivity, as these are fundamental principles of all democracy, and endorses the values of freedom, tolerance, dialogue and empathy.



She reported that the TEPJF arrives on election day with 6,664 means of appeal received since September 7, when the electoral process began, and with practically all of them resolved, which reflects the strength and institutional commitment of the highest electoral tribunal in Mexico.



Justice Felipe Alfredo Fuentes Barrera considered electoral accompaniment missions productive because they enrich democracy and the operation of electoral systems. In this regard, he explained that the recommendations made in the jurisdictional monitoring missions are taken into account because there is a permanent dialogue with foreign visitors, which does not mean that the autonomy, independence and impartiality of the electoral Judges are violated.

## **6. Overview of the Mexican Electoral Justice: Local Tribunals and Regional Chambers**



The presidium consisted of the following President Judges and Judges of the electoral tribunals: Miguel Nava Xochitiotzi, from Tlaxcala; Elizabeth Bautista Velasco, from Oaxaca; Edgar Danés Rojas, from Tamaulipas; Martha Tovar Pescador, from the State of Mexico; Luis Espíndola Morales, from the specialized Regional Chamber of the TEPJF; María Dolores López Loza, from Guanajuato; Vladimir Gómez Anduro, from Tamaulipas, and Gloria Esparza Rodarte, from the Electoral Tribunal of Zacatecas.

The conclusions of the working groups held the previous day between representatives of local courts and regional chambers with members of the international missions of UNIORE, the Venice Commission and AMEA, representatives of electoral institutions and international experts were presented.

## **7. Public Session of the High Chamber**

The participants attended the public session, the processing of the cases, their discussion and the types of votes cast. Specifically, they were able to learn about the decision process of the High Chamber of the TEPJF in which matters are channeled by the Clerk of the Electoral Tribunal, where they are randomly assigned to individual Justices to avoid bias.



In this way, foreign visitors had the opportunity to witness the decision of transcendental matters in which the High Chamber provided legal certainty before the election day.



#### **8. Gender Parity, Institutional Relations, Public Defenders and the Electoral Judicial School: Presentations by Heads of Unit**

Present on the panel were Gabriela Dolores Ruvalcaba García, Director of the Electoral Judicial School; Alejandra Montoya Mexia, General Director of Equal Rights and Gender Parity; Marina Martha López Santiago, Head of the Electoral Public Defender's Office; María del Carmen Carreón Castro, Head of the Electoral Public Defender's Office Specialized in Addressing Matters of Gender-based Violence, and Edgar Edmundo Guerrero Aguirre, Officer in charge of the Directorate of National Relations.

The moderation was carried out by Mónica Valdez Murphree, General Director of International Relations.



Gabriela Ruvalcaba explained that the mission of the entity is to contribute to the improvement of the administration of electoral justice and the strengthening of democracy through internal and judicial career training, education and updating; applied research; external training and updating, and academic dissemination on electoral matters.

Next, María del Carmen Carreón Castro explained that, in order to guarantee women's political participation in equal and violence-free conditions both in electoral processes and in the exercise of elective offices, the TEPJF created the Defender's Office, whose services are free, at the request of a party in person or by digital means. Its aim is to encourage women to continue participating in Mexican politics, accompanied by entities that support them.

Marina Martha López Santiago explained that the entity was created in 2016 and is the auxiliary entity of the Administration Commission in charge of providing electoral services of orientation, counseling, legal representation and assistance in mediation services to groups in vulnerable situation or historical disadvantage, in cases provided for by law.

In his speech, Edgar Edmundo Guerrero Aguirre, mentioned that the area he is in charge of was created to expand democratic values, strengthen institutional relations, as well as forge links with civil society, human rights organizations and commissions, among others.

Wrapping up the participations, Alejandra Montoya Mexia explained that the directorate she is in charge of emerged in 2009 and that among its strategic lines are training, dissemination, liaising, research and accessibility actions.

**C. Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors, Organized in Coordination with the National Electoral Institute (INE)**  
**Location:** Radisson Hotel





**Thursday, May 30, 2024:**

### **9. Remarks by the National Electoral Authorities**

The session was co-chaired by Guadalupe Taddei Zavala, Councilor President of the National Electoral Institute (INE) and Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Chief Justice of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary (TEPJF).

During her intervention, the Councilor President of the INE pointed out the importance of welcoming foreign visitors from the preparatory stage of the electoral process, as well as all subsequent stages. She also committed to do everything in her power to allow foreign visitors to carry out their activities and to strengthen the democratic system with the conclusions drawn from this exercise, which will be valued by the electoral entities.

On her account, the Chief Justice of the TEPJF emphasized that it was the first time that the two electoral bodies were presided over by a woman, which was a sign of the leap-ahead of parity democracy in the country. She pointed out that the TEPJF has consolidated itself as an institutional guarantor of rights related to political participation, particularly of groups in a situation of vulnerability, such as migrants, people of African descent, people with disabilities, sexual diversity population, among others.

She expressed that, although the majority of the 1,309 foreign visitors would focus on the elections, some of them would also analyze the jurisdictional work before and after the electoral process, as well as the mandate and functions of the TEPJF and the actions that have been taken to raise the standards for the protection of groups in vulnerable situations. She concluded by saying that the TEPJF is an entity that operates in accordance with the law, with impartiality, independence and autonomy and that its doors are open to all citizens and for the examination of foreign visitors.



#### **10. Session Two “Affirmative Actions for Inclusion”**

Norma Irene Cruz Magaña, Electoral Commissioner of the INE, and Flor Dessiré León, Head of the Technical Unit for Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination of the INE, participated in the session.

During her intervention, Electoral Commissioner Cruz stated that there are things that have changed regarding parity and inclusion since 2021, such as the principles of parity in governorships. She reflected that, although women began to vote in 1955, only seven women had been elected governors by 2020. Since the application of parity, there have been nine female governors in three years. This means that during this period, a greater representation of women has been achieved, thanks to the legal framework and interpretation from a gender perspective to apply these principles. Likewise, she addressed the inclusion of eight cases regarding gender-based violence that may result in the denial of the right to run for office.

For her part, Flor Dessiré León commented that there is currently a gender equal composition in the General Council of the INE, when before there was a male majority. She reflected that various defenders of political rights have contributed from civil society to make this a reality today. She stated that in 2024, only Guanajuato and Morelos had female candidates, out of all the states that will elect governor. She said that, in the 155 years of Morelos history, there has not been a female governor. After 69 male governors, the first female governor will be elected this year.



### **11. Session Three “Organization of the 2024 Elections in Mexico: Responsibility of National and Local Administrative Authorities”**

The panel was made up of Miguel Ángel Patiño, Executive Director of Electoral Organization, of the INE; Giancarlo Giordano, Head of the Technical Unit for Liaising with Local Public Electoral Bodies (OPLES), and Electoral Commissioner, Erika Estrada Ruiz, from the Mexico City's Electoral Institute (IECM). Álvaro Mario Castañón Cuevas was in charge of moderating.

In his speech, Miguel Ángel Patiño explained that the logistics and planning of the polling station furniture take approximately nine months. He added that the electoral process is managed on a single polling station and that INE is in charge of selecting polling station officials by a draw and training them. He also mentioned that general aspects are defined at the central level and that ballots from their production to their counting are monitored by armed forces, following a rigorous protocol to receive electoral materials.

Giancarlo Giordano, for his part, stressed that the 2014 reform established shared powers between INE and OPLES. He described that OPLES have 70 chairpersons and 400 council members, and each entity is free to define pre-campaign periods and local campaigns, choosing what date to start their electoral processes. Finally, Electoral Commissioner Erika Estrada Ruiz, from IECM, pointed out that the OPLES are the gateway to local processes and mentioned some of their responsibilities such as the registration of candidacies, oversight, civic education and monitoring of complaints regarding gender-based violence, among others.

### **12. Session Four “Resources for Equality in the Contest”**

The panel included the participation of Carla Humphrey Jordan, Uuc-kib Espadas and Jorge Montaña, Commissioner of the National Electoral Institute, and Carolina del Ángel, Commissioner of the Mexico City' Electoral Institute.





Carla Humphrey opened the session with the topic of debates with electoral candidates, mentioning the offices to be elected on June 2 and the 98.4 million registered voters, 26% of which are youth. She highlighted how information is shared with citizens to encourage an informed voting, mentioning the "know your candidates" section on the INE website and debate organization at different levels.

Commissioner Carolina del Ángel spoke about the organization of debates in Mexico City. She began by highlighting the difference between the local regulations in Mexico City and the federal one, pointing out that in Mexico City, debates are not mandatory. This time, however, three debates have been organized for the election of the Head of Government and at least one for each of the elective offices in the CDMX, making a total of 54 debates.

The third participant was Uuc-kib Espadas, Commissioner of the INE, who explained the background to election accompaniment, noting that much of the current legislation was shaped by the history of a single and hegemonic party, where elections were little more than formal processes. The last participation was led by the INE Commissioner, Jorge Montaña, who spoke about the oversight of the use of political parties' resources. He mentioned that, due to diversity in Mexico, the INE has 300 district boards, each with an oversight liaison office which works in coordination and information exchange with the technical supervision unit. These offices are in charge of supervising the resources delivered to political parties and independent candidates.



### **13. Session Five “Electoral Justice in the Mexican System”**

The fifth session was made up of Beatriz Claudia Zavala Pérez, Electoral Commissioner of the National Electoral Institute (INE) and Ernesto Santana Bracamontes, Head Law Clerk of the Chief Justice's Office of the TEPJF. Mónica Valdez Murphree, General Director of International Relations of the TEPJF was in charge of moderating.

Ernesto Santana Bracamontes explained the structure and operation of the TEPJF and pointed out that all the procedures carried out within the INE are or can be verified by the Electoral Tribunal.

Currently, the TEPJF is a human rights court, since it not only guarantees political participation as such from the point of view of electoral political rights, but also the participation of people who belong to groups in situation of vulnerability, people that has been disadvantaged or historically discriminated against and that today they are vindicated through measures, affirmative actions and reasonable adjustments.

Beatriz Claudia Zavala Pérez pointed out that the electoral sanctions regime is designed to discourage and prevent behavior that may violate the values, principles and rules of the electoral system. Its purpose is also to restore the rule of law.

**Friday, May 31, 2024:**

### **14. Remarks by Electoral Authorities of Mexico City**

Participating in the panel were Patricia Avendaño Durán, Councilor President of IECM, and Erika Estrada Ruiz, Electoral Commissioner and Chair of IECM's Commission for Liaison with External Organizations.

Councilor President, Patricia Avendaño Durán, highlighted the background of electoral accompaniment, recalling that before Mexican electoral authorities did not have the trust of the citizens. She also restated the public offices to be chosen in the 2023–2024 electoral



process and spoke about the transition from the Federal District to Mexico City and the long struggle for the protection of political and electoral rights, from which electoral entities came about. She highlighted that the IECM has already existed for 25 years.

In her participation, Erika Estrada Ruiz pointed out that electoral accompaniment has evolved and that, now, more ambitious issues are examined, such as campaign resources, access to justice, dispute resolution and gender perspective. She shared that electoral accompaniment has been practiced at IECM for several years and different actions have been carried out. She mentioned the lab called "*Ciudad KeVe*," in which children and youth participate, to inform them from an early age about their civic and democratic responsibility.



### **15. Session Seven “Voting in Pre-trial Detention, Early Voting, and Accessible Voting: Modes of Operation and Relevant Rulings”**

Carla Humphrey, Commissioner of the INE, and Commissioners of the Electoral Institute of Mexico City, Bernardo Valle Monroy and Ernesto Ramos Vega, participated in the panel.

Commissioner Humphrey spoke about the early voting process that takes place when INE staff goes to people's homes to collect votes. In total, 3,245 people voted early (mostly women, with 62%). Regarding voting in pre-trial detention, she explained that due to a ruling by the High Chamber of the TEPJF, people detained without a conviction had the right to vote. Records indicate that 30,810 people registered this year, of which 26,335 voted (85.8% participation). Voting took place from May 6 to May 20 in 214 federal and local detention centers.

Wrapping up, the commissioner explained that foreign electronic voting with prior registration was carried out for the first time. In addition, early voting by mail and in-person voting were carried out in some cities such as Madrid and Montreal. The nominal list for absentee voting is 223,961 people.



For his part, Commissioner Bernardo Valle Monroy shared the experience of voting in pre-trial detention in Mexico City and highlighted that two citizen education workshops were held. The first was aimed at people in pre-trial detention, and the second, for people who work in penitentiary centers. The workshops focused on providing additional materials to cast their vote and they were asked to formulate questions to ask the candidates during the debates. Thanks to these efforts, approximately 7,000 people were reached.

Finally, Commissioner Ernesto Ramos Vega spoke about the mechanisms for the inclusion of people with some form of disability, explaining that there are specific instruments to enable blind people and people with physical and motor disabilities to vote. He also pointed out that a screen has been developed to ensure the secrecy of the vote, that magnifying glasses are available to help people with visual impairments, and that the law allows people with disabilities to be assisted by someone they trust during the voting process. Finally, he commented on a geostatistical study carried out in Mexico City that made it possible to identify the areas where it was necessary to have special materials to facilitate citizen participation.



## **16. Session Eight “ Voting by Mexican Residents Abroad”**

Arturo Castillo Loza, Commissioner of the INE, began the panel by indicating that the diaspora of Mexicans outside the country is the second largest in the world. The first generation alone has 12 million people who were born in Mexico and currently live somewhere else in the world. For perspective, the next largest diaspora in the world is India with 18 million people. On the other hand, if the second and third generations are considered, the diaspora is 38 million Mexicans.

He stressed that the participation of citizens from abroad is relatively low. 223,961 people were registered to actively vote in this election, which is proportionally low when compared to the size of the diaspora and when compared to the number that has a voting ID card. However, compared with the number of registrations in previous elections, it is high.



He explained that the final list is divided into three voting modalities, 1) postal voting (56,249 registered people), 2) in-person voting, the first federal election that the in-person modality is presented (15,723 registered people), and 3) the online electronic voting modality, existing since 2021 (151,989 people), that is, 67% decided to vote online.

For his part, IECM Commissioner Mauricio Huesca Rodríguez spoke about the process of regulating the figure of migrant deputy, pointing out that at the beginning, the regulations were given with many contradictions and with many impediments and obstacles, both legal and material, to be able to establish rules. One of them is that in Mexico it is forbidden to campaign outside the country, in addition to the fact that all the actions carried out by the candidates are monitored and it is important to know the origin of the candidates' resources.

### **17. Session Nine “Election Day”**

The session had the participation of Commissioners of the INE, Norma Irene de la Cruz Magaña and José Martín Fernando Faz Mora, with the moderation of the Commissioner Jaime Rivera Velázquez.

Commissioner Martín Faz Mora explained that the integration and operation of polling stations (polls) is carried out based on technical and operational procedures done by trained professionals, and that citizen participation is essential to carry out said function. In addition, he explained that a polling station is made up of nine officials: a president, two secretaries, three tally officers and three general substitutes. He stressed that political party representatives and national observers and foreign visitors may be present.

For her part, Commissioner Norma de la Cruz explained the characteristics, methodologies and differences of the Preliminary Electoral Results Program (PREP in Spanish) and the quick count. She explained that it is a system that provides the preliminary results of federal elections through photography and publication of the data recorded by the polling station officials in the scrutiny and counting minutes of polling stations that are received at the Data Collection and Transmission Centers (CEDAT). She added that it allows the preliminary results of the elections to be published, live over the Internet, on the same night of Election Day, with certainty and timeliness and using advanced technology.

### **18. Session 10 “Election Certification”**

The session began with the participation of Arlene Cabral Porchas, Coordinator of International Affairs of the INE, who explained the stages of the electoral process: preparation of the election, election day, results and validity certification of the elections. She provided context about the electoral process at the federal level. She explained the review and the possibility of alterations in the electoral packages, which implies the possibility of a vote recount to generate a new polling station report carried out by specialized personnel. Once the district count has been carried out, the calculation is conducted to determine the proportional representation according to the constituencies.



For her part, Electoral Commissioner Sonia Pérez Pérez explained the process after election day in the case of the Mexico City elections, the vote counting, the term of the calculations, the deadline to challenge the count and current irregularities.

Finally, the Councilor President of the IECM, Patricia Avendaño Durán, pointed out that the electoral system is one of a kind and thanked the presence of electoral visitors. She explained that, starting in 2014, a reform was made so that federal and local elections are held in a single polling station and, therefore, at the end of the voting there are several counts and sums.

#### **Saturday June 1, 2024:**

##### **19. Sessions 11, 12 and 13 “Meeting with Candidates or Party/Coalition Representatives”**

Prior to election day, representatives of the main parties and coalitions running for the presidential election attended the forum to engage in an open dialogue with foreign visitors. During the meetings, the key proposals of the parties were presented, and the international guests had the opportunity to ask direct questions to the parties' representatives regarding the ongoing electoral process and the election day of June 2.

#### **Sunday June 2, 2024:**

##### **20. Visit to the Polling Stations**

During election day, 10 electoral accompaniment routes were organized, visiting around seven polling stations distributed throughout Mexico City. The routes witnessed the opening, development and closing of poll stations, and were made up of all the participants in the forum, including experts and representatives of UNIORE, AMEA, the Venice Commission and the RMJE, invited by the TEPJF. Likewise, TEPJF and INE staff supported the proper deployment of the routes to accompany the international guests during the election day.



**APPENDIX ONE**

**List of people participating in the Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors**

<b>PERSON</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>ENTITY</b>
1. Abraham Álvarez López	General Coordinator of Legal Matters	Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Guatemala
2. Alberto Fernández	Senior Program Officer	International IDEA
3. Alejandra Barrios	Director	Electoral Observation Mission
4. Alejandra Lázzaro	Prosecretary	Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation of Argentina
5. Álvaro Esteban Pop	Secretary	Naleb Indigenous Agency
6. Ana Ibarz	Director of transparency and participation of the Community of Madrid	Transparency and Participation Council of the Community of Madrid
7. Ana Paola Hall García	Chairperson	National Electoral Council of Honduras
8. Andrea Tercero	Consultant	Electoral Advice and Promotion Center of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH-CAPEL, in Spanish)
9. Ann Ravel	Law Professor	University of California at Berkeley
10. Antonio López Vega	Director	Ortega y Gasset University Research Institute
11. Carlos Eduardo Vargas León	Deputy Manager of Technical Assistance of the Supervision Management of Party Funds	National Office of Electoral Processes of Peru
12. Carlos Ramos Montes	Advisor to the National Head	National Registry of Identification and Civil Status of Peru





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<b>13.</b> Carmen Milagros Velarde Koechlin	National Head	National Office of Electoral Processes of Peru
<b>14.</b> César Augusto Abreo Méndez	Delegate Defender for Constitutional and Legal Matters	Public Defender of Colombia
<b>15.</b> César Emilio Rossel	Chief Justice	Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay
<b>16.</b> Daniel Zovatto	International Expert	
<b>17.</b> Delphine Freymann	Undersecretary	Venice Commission
<b>18.</b> Desiree Osella		National University of Cordoba
<b>19.</b> Doris Ruth Méndez Cubillos	Former Chief Justice	National Electoral Council of Colombia
<b>20.</b> Elena Gómez	Secretary of the Chamber	National Electoral Chamber of Argentina
<b>21.</b> Eugenia María Zamora Chavarría	Chief Justice	Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica
<b>22.</b> Fernando Luis López Amaya	Rapporteur	Municipal Constituent Convention of the City of Córdoba, Argentina
<b>23.</b> Fernando Tuesta Soldevilla	Professor	Catholic University of Peru
<b>24.</b> Francisco Saldivar Zalvarría	Advisor to the Chief Justice	Electoral of Tribunal Panama
<b>25.</b> Giammaria Milani	Senior Researcher in Comparative Public Law	University of Siena
<b>26.</b> Gilberto Enrique Estrada de Icaza	Substitute Justice	Electoral of Tribunal Panama
<b>27.</b> Gladys Acosta		International Expert
<b>28.</b> Gustavo Ávila Mercado	Spokesperson	Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Bolivia
<b>29.</b> Hermenegilda del Rosario Fondeur Ramírez	Justice	Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic





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<b>30. Hernán Penagos Giraldo</b>	National Civil Status Registrar	National Civil Status Registry of Colombia
<b>31. Hernán Ricardo Gonçalves Figueiredo</b>	Secretary of Judicial Action	Argentine National Electoral Chamber
<b>32. Idayris Yolima Carrillo Pérez</b>	Former Chief Justice	National Electoral Council of Colombia
<b>33. Ileana Aguilar</b>	Director of IFED	Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica
<b>34. Ingrid Bicu</b>	Expert	International IDEA
<b>35. Irina Kulikova</b>	Counselor of the Department of International Affairs	Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation
<b>36. Jana Speidel</b>	Assistant to the Rule of Law Program in Latin America	Konrad Adenauer Foundation
<b>37. Javier Hernando Masdeu</b>	Director of the Law Program	Villanueva University
<b>38. Jennie K. Lincoln</b>	Senior Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean	Carter Center
<b>39. Jorge Omar Bercholc</b>	Associate Professor	Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires
<b>40. Jorge Suncar</b>	Director of International Relations	Central Electoral Board of the Dominican Republic
<b>41. José Thompson</b>	Executive Secretary	Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations (UNIORE)
<b>42. Josep Maria Castella Andreu</b>	Constitutional Law Professor	Faculty of Law of the University of Barcelona
<b>43. Julio Navarro</b>	Councilor	National Electoral Council of Honduras
<b>44. Katharina Pabel</b>	Substitute Member	Venice Commission
<b>45. Katherine Ellena</b>	Vice-Chair	International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
<b>46. Katia Uriona</b>	Former Chief Justice	Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Bolivia
<b>47. Kevin Casas Zamora</b>	Executive Secretary	International IDEA



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<b>48.</b> Kristine Kajaia	Human Resources Administrator	Central Electoral Commission of Georgia
<b>49.</b> Laura Chinchilla	Former President	Republic of Costa Rica
<b>50.</b> Luis Alberto Álvarez Parra	Vice-Chair	Council of State of Colombia
<b>51.</b> Luis José Consuegra Ayala	Specialist in Resource Mobilization and Strategic Alliances	International IDEA
<b>52.</b> Marcela Ríos		International IDEA
<b>53.</b> Marco Olivetti	Professor	University of Rome Lumsa
<b>54.</b> María Elena Wapenka Galeano	Former Chief Justice	Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay
<b>55.</b> María Eugenia Arezia Fieri	Specialist in Resource Mobilization and Strategic Alliances	International IDEA
<b>56.</b> María Luz Alegría Landívar	National Electoral Director	National Elections Directorate of Argentina
<b>57.</b> Mario Matarrita Arroyo	Law Clerk	Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica
<b>58.</b> Mario Morazán	Incumbent Justice	Electoral Justice Tribunal of Honduras
<b>59.</b> Maritza Martínez Aristizábal	Chief Justice	National Electoral Council of Colombia
<b>60.</b> Matilde Silvana Estévez Gómez	Assistant	Central Electoral Board of the Dominican Republic
<b>61.</b> Miguel Ángel Gonzalo	Associate Professor	Complutense University of Madrid
<b>62.</b> Miguel Arturo Seminario Ojeda	Director of the Electoral and Democracy Museum	National Election Jury of Peru
<b>63.</b> Monserrat Ruiz Guevara	Deputy	Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica
<b>64.</b> Nancy Gutiérrez Salas	Spokesperson	Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Bolivia
<b>65.</b> Nery Fermín Velilla Barrientos	Director of Midterm Elections	Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay



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<b>66.</b> Olinda Bareiro		International Expert
<b>67.</b> Ómar Joaquín Barreto Suárez	Chief Justice	Fifth Section of the Council of State of Colombia
<b>68.</b> Óscar Sánchez Muñoz	Substitute Member	Venice Commission
<b>69.</b> Paola Costabella		International IDEA
<b>70.</b> Patricia Lorenzo	Justice	Central Electoral Board of the Dominican Republic
<b>71.</b> Patrick Costello	Advisor	Kofi Annan Foundation
<b>72.</b> Pavel Andreev	Member	Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation
<b>73.</b> Pedro Pablo Yermenos	Incumbent Justice	Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic
<b>74.</b> Percy Medina	Head of Mission Peru	International IDEA
<b>75.</b> Rafael Rodríguez Campos		
<b>76.</b> Rafael Rubio	Constitutional Law Professor	Complutense University of Madrid
<b>77.</b> Rafaelina Peralta Arias	Former Justice	Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic
<b>78.</b> Raúl García Aspillaga	National Director	Electoral Service of Chile
<b>79.</b> Regina Waugh	Senior Gender Advisor	International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
<b>80.</b> Richard Nash	Senior Global Anti-Corruption and Rule of Law Advisor	International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
<b>81.</b> Román Andrés Jáquez Liranzo	Chief Justice	Central Electoral Board of the Dominican Republic
<b>82.</b> Rosa Pérez	Justice	Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic
<b>83.</b> Rumbidzai Kandawasvika-Nhundu	Senior Advisor for Democracy and Inclusion	International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)



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<b>84.</b> Salvador Ignacio Romero Ballivián	Executive Secretary	Citizen Accompaniment and Monitoring Fund for Electoral Justice
<b>85.</b> Santana Díaz de García	Deputy Director of Electoral Organization	Electoral of Tribunal Panama
<b>86.</b> Serguei Kouznetsov	Member	Venice Commission
<b>87.</b> Silvana Yazbek	Founder and CEO	Institute of Democracy and Elections-IDEMOE
<b>88.</b> Sofía Quesada	Deputy Director of the Office of Governance in Mexico	Office of Democracy and Governance (USAID)
<b>89.</b> Srdjan Darmanovic	Member	Venice Commission
<b>90.</b> Tania Groppi	Public Law Professor	University of Siena
<b>91.</b> Tasheena Obando	Consultant	Electoral Advice and Promotion Center of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH-CAPEL, in Spanish)
<b>92.</b> Yanina Benjumea Carrillo		
<b>93.</b> Zetty María Bou Valverde	Incumbent Justice	Supreme Court of Elections of Costa Rica

**List of Justices of Local Electoral Tribunals participating in the Informative Forum for Foreign Visitors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Entity</b>
<b>1.</b> Sara Flores de la Peña	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Baja California Sur
<b>2.</b> Francisco Javier Ac Ordóñez	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Campeche
<b>3.</b> Socorro Roxana García Moreno	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Chihuahua
<b>4.</b> Sergio Díaz Rendón	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Coahuila de Zaragoza
<b>5.</b> Ma. Elena Díaz Rivera	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Colima
<b>6.</b> Francisco Javier González Pérez	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Durango



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<b>7.</b> Martha Patricia Tovar Pescador	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Mexico
<b>8.</b> María Dolores López Loza	President Judge	State Electoral Tribunal of Guanajuato
<b>9.</b> Ixel Mendoza Aragón	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Morelos
<b>10.</b> Martha Marín García	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Nayarit
<b>11.</b> Elizabeth Bautista Velasco	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Oaxaca
<b>12.</b> Sergio Avilés Demenegui	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Quintana Roo
<b>13.</b> Carolina Chávez Rangel	President Judge	State Electoral Tribunal of Sinaloa
<b>14.</b> Vladimir Gómez Anduro	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Sonora
<b>15.</b> José Osorio Amézquita	On behalf of President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Tabasco
<b>16.</b> Edgar Danés Rojas	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of the State of Tamaulipas
<b>17.</b> Miguel Nava Xochitiotzi	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Tlaxcala
<b>18.</b> Tania Celina Vásquez Muñoz	President Judge	Electoral Tribunal of Veracruz
<b>19.</b> Gloria Esparza Rodarte	President Judge	Electoral Justice Tribunal of the State of Zacatecas
<b>20.</b> Luis Espíndola Morales	President Judge	Specialized Regional Chamber
<b>21.</b> Mónica Lozano Ayala	Acting Judge	Specialized Regional Chamber