Dear National Human Rights Institutions,

INVITATION - SAVE THE DATE - ICC 27 - SIDE EVENT

It is with great pleasure that we write on behalf of the Defensoría del Pueblo of Ecuador (Ecuador NHRI) to cordially invite you to "Human Rights-based-approach to development planning and the role of NHRI", a side event being held on the sidelines of ICC 27 General Meeting, Geneva, 13h00 - 15h00 on Wednesday, 12th March 2014.

The aim of the side is to advance the role of national human rights institutions (NHRI) in the incorporation of a human rights perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public policy.

The topic will be addressed from various directions: Ms. Raquel Rolnik, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context will share her experiences on public policies and the fulfillment of economic, social and cultural rights. Dr. Raúl Plascencia, President of the National Human Rights Commission of Mexico and Chairman of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudsmen will speak about the role of NHRI in the planning processes of the State. Mr. Adrián López, General Coordinator for Planning and Public Policy at the Coordinating Ministry for Knowledge and Human Talent, Ecuador, will share his experience about the development of Ecuador’s National Plan for the Good Living. Dr. Guillermo Fernández-Maldonado, Human Rights advisor to the UN Country Team - Ecuador, will talk about the role of the OHCHR in planning processes under a human rights perspective, support to States and NHRI. Dr. Ramiro Rivadeneira Silva, Defensor del Pueblo of Ecuador will moderate the session.

The Registration form (attached) should be returned to Ms. Gabriela Delgado: gdelgado@dpe.gob.ec by Friday February 28th, 2014.

El desafío de ser diferentes, es sentirnos semejantes.