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**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**  
**LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**  
**Dominican Republic, July 2019**

The regional conference on trafficking in persons in the Caribbean and Latin America is being organized for July 30 and 31, 2019. The dates of the conference were coordinated to commemorate the World Day against Trafficking in Persons on July 30. The conference is a collaborative event between the Association of Women Judges of the Dominican Republic (AJURD), the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ), the chapters of the IAWJ in other countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic (TC), the Superior Electoral Court of the Dominican Republic (TSE), the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Dominican Republic (MIREX), the U.S. Department of State\_ Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (JTIP) and the Embassy of the United States in the Dominican Republic.

| <b>DAY 1<br/>Tuesday, July 30</b>   | <b>DAY 2<br/>Wednesday, July 31</b>   |
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| Opening Plenary (60 mins.)<br>9:00 – 10:00  | Plenary: Cross Border Challenges and Sharing Successes (90 mins.)<br>9:00 – 10:30 |
| Coffee Break<br>10:00 – 10:30   | Coffee Break<br>10:30 – 10:45   |
| Plenary: Confronting Country Challenges and Sharing Successes (90 mins.)<br>10:30 – 12:00 | Workshops #3 (Paneles A, B) (90 mins.)<br>10:45 – 12:15                           |
| LUNCH<br>12:00 – 13:30  | LUNCH<br>12:15 – 13:45  |
| Workshops #1 (Paneles A, B) (90 mins.)<br>13:30 – 15:00                                   | Workshops #4 (Paneles A, B) (90 mins.)<br>13:45 – 15:15                           |
| Coffee Break<br>15:00 – 15:15   | Coffee Break<br>15:15 – 15:30   |
| Workshops # 2 (Paneles A, B) (90 mins.)<br>15:15 – 16:45                                  | Closing Plenary: Action Plan (90 mins.)<br>15:30 – 17:00                          |

## **Conference Theme**

**“Access to Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking: Effective Collaboration and Victim-Centered Best Practices.”** The inclusion of the word “collaboration” is intended to cover both internal and external “collaboration” and as proposed will be integrated in the workshop topics and content.

### **Workshop Panels #1: Prevention and Public Awareness**

**Panel A:** Messaging: How to Frame Successful Public Awareness Campaigns - how to educate the public and vulnerable communities without demonizing those victimized and unwitting participants.

**Panel B:** When Culture Collides with Anti-Trafficking Laws -identifying cultural practices that impede identification, successful investigations, and prosecutions while protecting victimized persons.

### **Workshop Panels #2: Trauma Informed Services and Treatment of Victims and Witnesses in the Investigative and Judicial Process**

**Panel A:** Unique Challenges and Best Practices of TIP Cases Involving Child Victims.

**Panel B:** Best Practices in Protecting and Providing Trauma Informed Services and Treatment to TIP Victims in Investigations, Prosecutions, and Trials.

### **Workshop Panels #3: Effective Victim Centered and Trauma Informed TIP Investigations, Prosecutions, and Trials**

**Panel A:** Understanding How Traffickers Control and Manipulate Victims and How Trauma Impacts Victims’ Behavior in Investigations and Trials.

**Panel B:** Best Practices in Evidence Collection, Case Development, and Trials in LAC TIP cases.

### **Workshop Panels #4: Cross Border and Regional Collaboration in TIP Cases**

**Panel A:** Developing Bilateral and Multilateral Instruments (MOUs, Protocols etc.) to Enable Successful Cross Border Collaboration (identify successful instruments and their use in TIP cases).

**Panel B:** Developing Effective Regional Networks of Victim Advocates and Service Providers to Support TIP Victims – this workshop is an opportunity to focus and share successful collaborations with accomplished NGOs and how their services are essential to victim-centered successful investigations and prosecutions.