September 16, 2009:

CALI EVENT – UNIVALLE

Auditorium Tulio Ramirez, Mendez Campus
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Introduction, Opening Remarks and Keynote Address
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

- Introduction
  - Ivan Ramos, Rector, Universidad del Valle
- Opening Remarks
  - Marcela Gonçalves Margerin, Advocacy Director, RFK Center for Justice & Human Rights
  - Berenice Celeyta, President, NOMADES and 1998 RFK Human Rights Laureate
- Keynote Address
  - Gay McDougall, UN Independent Expert on Minority Issues – Right to Education and Minorities

SESSION 1: The State of the Right to Education in the Americas
10:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Panelists will discuss problems, issues, concerns and possible solutions regarding the right to education in the Americas.

- Moderator: Gay McDougall, UN Independent Expert on Minority Issues
- Victor Cristales, Campaña Latinoamericana para el Derecho a la Educación (CLADE) Guatemala
- Pedro Hernandez, Professor Universidad Nacional and president of ASPU
- Sonia Pierre, Director, MUDHA, Dominican Republic and 2006 RFK Human Rights Laureate
- Victor Hugo Vidal, Education Program Coordinator, PCN
- Jose Domingo Caldón, Director, Consejo Regional Indígena del Cauca (CRIC)
- Discussion

Lunch: 12:30 PM

SESSION 2: The Right to Education Framework in the Americas
2:00 PM

Panelists will discuss the scope of the right to education (4-A Framework) and examine government obligations to protect the right to education in the Americas.

- Moderator: Jocelyn Getgen, Fellow, Cornell International Human Rights Clinic
- Marcela Gonçalves Margerin, Advocacy Director, RFK Center for Justice & Human Rights
- Ulises Márquez, Campaña Latinoamericana para el Derecho a la Educación (CLADE)
- Carlos Arbey González, President, SINTRAUNICOL
- Dr. Mario Hernán Colorado, Secretary of Education, Cali (invited)
- Discussion

Coffee Break: 3:30 PM

SESSION 3: Right to Education of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia
4:00 PM

Panelists will examine displacement and its effects on the right to education and will discuss the problems, challenges and recommendations for the protection and promotion of the right to education of Afro-Colombians and indigenous peoples who are disproportionately displaced in Colombia.

- Moderator: Carlos Rosero, Director PCN
- Marcos Yule Yatacue, ACIN
- Jattan Mazzot, AFRODES
- Ivette Catherine Mina, UNHCR Associate Program Officer, Bogota
- Dr. Jorge Ivan Ospina, Mayor of Cali
- Discussion

Closing Remarks:
5:30 PM

- Gay McDougall, UN Independent Expert on Minority Issues
  Speaker will make recollection of issues, challenges and recommendations.

Refreshments
September 21, 2009:

**BOGOTÁ EVENT**
UNIANDES  Santo Domingo Building, Room SD 806

**Opening Remarks**
5:00 PM
- Daniel Bonilla, Public Interest & Collective Justice Director, Associate Professor, University of Los Andes

**Presentation: the Report Findings and Recommendations**
Speakers will present Report’s goals, methodology, findings and recommendations, and will also share with audience major points from Cali conference.
- Marselha Gonçalves Margerin, Advocacy Director, RFK Center for Justice & Human Rights
- Sital Kalantry, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Cornell International Human Rights Clinic
- Deena Hurwitz, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic of the University of Virginia
- Angélica Macario Quino, Human Rights Activist, Runujel Junam Council of Ethnic Communities (CERJ)
- Berenice Celyta, President, NOMADESC and 1998 RFK Human Rights Laureate

**Comments: Prepared Remarks on the Report, Findings and Recommendations**
Speakers will comment on the Report’s methodology, findings and recommendations, and will offer future challenges in implementing reform and advocacy efforts.
- Cecilia María Vélez White, Colombian Minister of Education (invited)
- Dr. Libardo José Ariza Higuera, Constitutional Law Professor, University of los Andes
- Santiago A. Canton, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Christian Salazar Volkman, Representative of the Colombian UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Daniel Garcés Aragón, Professor at the University of Cauca
- Feliciano Valencia, ACIN Coordinator (Tejido de Comunicaciones de Asociación de Cabildos Indígena del Norte del Cauca) and former director (Consejero mayor) of CRIC

**Discussion**

**Closing Remarks: Respecting, Protecting and Fulfilling the Right to Education: The Way Forward**
- Dr. Camilo Ernesto Castillo Sánchez, Attorney, Dejusticia

**Refreshments: 8:00 PM**

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The Cornell Law School International Human Rights Clinic
The Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (RFK Center)
The Public Interest & Collective Justice Group of the University of los Andes in Bogotá
The University of Valle in Cali