



**We invite you to join us on
Thursday June 13th at 8:00 am – 9:00 am
SIDE SESSION ICCG ROOM 6**

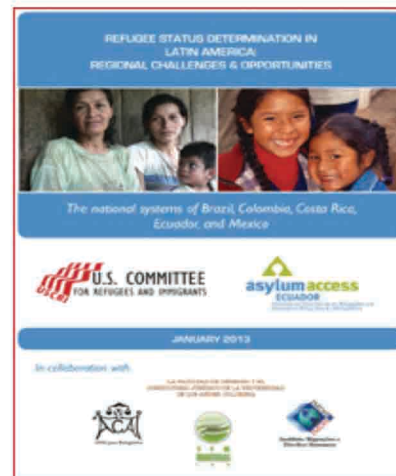
Access to Refugee Status Determination in Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Cooperation

Moderator: Ana White, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

Speakers:

- Karina Sarmiento, Asylum Access Ecuador
- Nancy Perez, Sin Fronteras, Mexico
- Gloria Maklouf, Asociación de Consultores y Asesores Internacionales, Costa Rica

Are there lessons to be learned from Latin America on regional approaches to national systems? Currently we have seen greater attention on regional trends and the harmonization of asylum systems in different regions of the world. From the experiences and national legislations in several countries in Latin America this session will focus on the discussion of best practices and challenges that could benefit a regional and worldwide dialogue. The session will center on how international and regional commitments are incorporated in national systems, particularly on due process, access to information, appeals mechanisms and abbreviated RSD procedures. The session will also discuss the role of NGOs in the different national systems and how greater cooperation and dialogue could benefit from strengthened RSDs in a regional context.



Interpretation available (English-Spanish)