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THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE AND THE FEDERAL SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE HOLD A SEMINAR ON THE RIGHTS OF AUDIENCES

- The seminar will be oriented to judges and members of the regulatory authorities on telecommunications and broadcasting, as well as to the general public
- It will be inaugurated next October 28th at the alternate venue of the Federal Supreme Court of Justice (*Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, SCJN*)
- Mexican and foreign experts will attend the seminar, such as Edison Lanza, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), (*Relator Especial para la Libertad de Expresión de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, CIDH*)

In order to disseminate the contents and scope of the rights of audiences among judges and the general public interested in this topic, the Federal Supreme Court of Justice (*Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, SCJN*) and the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones, IFT*) will hold a Seminar on the Rights of Audiences led by distinguished Mexican and foreign experts.

The rights of audiences of radio and television services were incorporated to the Mexican Constitution to Reform the Article 6 of the Constitution, so that the Mexican State must guarantee the exercise of such rights according to the principles of freedom of expression, access to information and the rights of children.

Therefore, given the impact of the content broadcasted by radio and television among different sectors of the population, the participation in this Seminar of authorities and members of the Mexican judiciary, of regulatory authorities from the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors, and of the society in general, is extremely relevant.

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This Seminar will have the presence of distinguished personalities, such as Edison Lanza, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), Martín Cave, an expert on economic regulation and competition rights, and Eve Salomon, expert in the study of regulatory bodies in charge of regulating mass media, among others.

The Seminar will also have the participation of Magistrates and Court Clerks of the SCJN, representatives of civil organizations, governmental and academic bodies, as well as companies of the telecommunications and broadcasting sector.

The Seminar will be divided in 5 panels: 1) Rights of Audiences: New Human Rights? 2) Guarantor State: The challenges of the IFT and the Federal Executive as guaranteeing agents of freedom of expression, access to information, and the rights of children; 3) Horizontal Justiciability of Human Rights and Mass Media; 4) Jurisdictional Guarantee for Vulnerable Groups, and 5) Jurisdictional Control of Plurality in Audiovisual Contents.

The Seminar will be opened Tuesday, October 28th at the auditorium of SCJN alternate venue. The ceremony will be led by officers of the IFT and the SCJN. The same day the first session will be held and subsequent sessions will be held every Tuesday in November.

The first panel will be integrated by Martin Becerra, research professor at the University of Quilmes, Argentina; Guillermo Orozco, research professor of the University of Guadalajara and an expert on the reception of media and audiovisual literacy campaigns; Erick Huerta, representative of the organization Comunicación para el Desarrollo y Redes por la Diversidad, Equidad y Sustentabilidad A.C.; Clara Luz Álvarez, researcher in telecommunications and information technologies, and Cynthia Ottaviano, Ombudswoman in Argentina. The moderator will be Jean Claude Tron Petit, Magistrate of

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the 1st Collegiate Court on Administrative Matters Specialized in Economic Competition, Broadcasting and Telecommunications.

For more information, refer to the following link: <http://www.ift.org.mx/iftweb/2014/10/cartel-del-seminario-derecho-de-las-audiencias/>

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