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Sir Calvert Jones,
Founder
Tropical Realism
Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Dear Sir Calvert:

I am pleased to invite you to participate as a speaker at the **X Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities**, which will be held at the OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., November 13-14, , 2025. The Meeting is being organized under the theme “*Advancing Culture and the Creative Economy for Prosperity in the Americas.*”

Given your experience within the culture and creative economy field, we would welcome your participation during the **Plenary Session on the panel: Advancing Culture and the Creative Economy for Prosperity in the Americas**. Your presentation could highlight the role of art and creativity as innovative approaches to expressions of cultural heritage, and include relevant experiences with the Tropical Realism Brand in this regard.

The Inter American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities is the premier forum for political discussion and decision-making on culture and development matters at the hemispheric level.

The X Meeting will address the following four sub-themes:

- Formalizing the Culture Sector and Empowering the Creative Economy
- Conserving, Safeguarding and Promoting Cultural Heritage
- Enhancing Cultural Data for Evidence-Based Policy
- Cultural Diplomacy to Strengthen the Culture and Creative Economy.

The meeting will serve to build hemispheric consensus among member states on key issues related to strengthening culture and creative economy and enhancing their role and contribution to development and prosperity in the Americas.

Attached for your reference is the Draft Agenda for the meeting.

Grateful if you could confirm your participation by email to Mr. Richard Campbell, rcampbell@oas.org, and Mr. Santiago Noboa, snoboa@oas.org by October 31, 2025

Sincerely,

Barbara Kotschwar

for **Kim Osborne**
Executive Secretary for Integral Development (SEDI)

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