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July 17, 2014

Mr. Andreas Johannes Wiesand
Executive Director
European Institute for Comparative Cultural Research
Bonn, Germany

Dear Mr. Wiesand:

The Organization of American States (OAS), in cooperation with the Government of Haiti, is pleased to invite you in your capacity as an observer/special guest to participate in the **“Sixth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities,”** to be held August 12-13, 2014, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The Sixth Culture Ministerial Meeting will be an excellent opportunity to strengthen cooperation and exchange views on the proposed central theme *Cultural Interdependence in the Context of Globalization*. The ministerial dialogue will focus on the following three sub-themes:

- *Cultural entrepreneurship: A tool for innovation and social inclusion;*
- *Local development through culture; and*
- *Strengthening inter-sectoral linkages: tourism and culture*

Each sub-theme will have panelists from government, private sector, academia and other subject matter experts. Please find attached the Information Bulletin, Draft Agenda and Draft Annotated Agenda for the Ministerial meeting. Additional working documents for the meeting will be posted on the official website of the Meeting: <http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/desd/imc2014/default.asp>.



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In the event that you cannot attend personally, we invite you to designate someone from your institution to represent your organization. As it is customary for these meetings, travel and lodging expenses are to be covered by each participant's own organization.

We would appreciate if you would confirm your participation via e-mail to cultureministerialme@oas.org no later than July 31, 2014. In addition, please complete the on-line registration form on the official website of the meeting and send the letter of accreditation from your Institution as it is indicated in the Information Bulletin.

For more information regarding the Ministerial meeting, please contact Ms. Delfina Iervolino at diervolino@oas.org, (202) 370-5481/9953.

I look forward to your participation at this event and take this opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Sherry Tross", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

V. Sherry Tross
Executive Secretary for Integral Development