RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Biennial of the Americas

Travel Dates:
04/21/2026 to 04/24/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$733.00	$750.00	$290.00	$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

5/11/26
Date

Amy Friedman
Printed Name of Traveler

Amy Friedman
Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/11/2026
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ◉ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ◉ No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ◉ No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

March 23, 2026

On behalf of the Biennial of the Americas, we are honored to invite you to join our delegation for the **2026 Americas Summit Panama**. The delegation, led by the Governor Polis office, will be joined by 80 prominent business, civic, and cultural leaders from Colorado who share a common interest in developing a deeper understanding of Panama's dynamic business and cultural climate while forging stronger partnerships and advancing subnational diplomacy.

The 2026 Americas Summit, organized by the Biennial of the Americas in collaboration with the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade, the Denver Economic Development & Opportunity Office, and Governor Jared Polis, will take place in Panama City, Panama, from April 21 to 25. This carefully curated four-day experience will bring together leaders from across the Americas to explore Panama's unique culture and economy through exclusive site visits, high-level panel discussions, and meaningful networking opportunities with senior officials, business executives, and cultural visionaries from across the hemisphere.

The Summit will focus on key priorities that reflect both the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of the Americas, including infrastructure development, biodiversity and environmental stewardship, health and innovation, cross-cultural dialogue, subnational diplomacy, trade and global connections, and agricultural technology. These conversations are designed not only to inform, but to spark lasting partnerships and collaborations that extend well beyond the Summit itself.

We believe your leadership, perspective, and expertise would make you an invaluable voice within our delegation, and we would be thrilled to have you represent Colorado on this important hemispheric stage. This is a rare opportunity to engage directly with the leaders, institutions, and ideas shaping Panama and the broader Americas region — and to bring those insights back to strengthen our community here at home.

We will follow up with your team to discuss your interest and availability for this opportunity. We greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

FloraJane DiRienzo
Executive Director
Biennial of the Americas

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Amy Friedman

Employing Office/Committee:
BENNET, MICHAEL

Private Sponsor(s):
Biennial of the Americas

Destination(s):
Panama City, Panama

Travel Dates:
04/21/2026 to 04/24/2026
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

The trip brings together a CO delegation of elected officials, business and community leaders focused on building partnerships between Colorado and ~~Latin America.~~ Panama.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

03/23/2026
Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Senator Michael Bennet
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Amy Friedman
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

03/23/2026
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Biennial of the Americas: Americas Summit Panama

Amy Friedman

Title:
Chief of Staff

Employing Office/Committee:
BENNET, MICHAEL

Duty Station:
DENVER,CO

Destination(s):

Panama City, Panama

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The trip brings together a CO delegation of elected officials, business and community leaders focused on building partnerships between Colorado and Panama.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Biennial of the Americas

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 950

Phone Number
(303) 898-1237

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

Address
1550 Wewatta Street

City, State Zip
Denver, Colorado 80202 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

Annually we sponsor congressional travel for our summits.

Educational Activities

The Biennial of the Americas conducts educational programming across several areas. Expert panel discussions and workshops convene global leaders on topics such as climate, trade, health, and economic development. The Youth Congress for Sustainable Americas (YCSA) builds a network of young environmental leaders from 15 countries through monthly trainings, annual convenings, and Youth Accelerator Grants for community-driven projects. The Biennial also partners with institutions like the Denver Art Museum and Colorado Symphony to deliver public cultural programming, and hosts international Culture Trips and a Spanish Immersion program to deepen hemispheric understanding. Cross-sector "Clinicas" workshops bring together multidisciplinary participants to address shared challenges including climate resilience, digital equity, and cross-border commerce.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The Biennial of the Americas, in collaboration with the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade, the Denver Economic Development & Opportunity Office, and Governor Jared Polis, invites you to participate in the 2026 Americas Summit in Panama City from April 21 to 25. This summit will be an immersive exploration of Panama's dynamic culture and economy, featuring interactions with senior Panamanian officials and business leaders. Delegates will engage in site visits, panel discussions, receptions, tours, and networking opportunities with top government and business figures, startup innovators, entrepreneurs, and contemporary artists. The Americas Summit offers unparalleled access to networking with top-tier executives, opening doors to strategic partnerships and investment opportunities. Your involvement positions your organization at the forefront of progress across the Western Hemisphere.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The Biennial of the Americas' mission is to connect leaders, communities, and ideas across the Western Hemisphere to drive positive change. The Americas Summit in Panama directly advances this mission by bringing together heads of state, business leaders, and civil society representatives from across North, Central, and South America to address shared regional challenges. Participation allows the Biennial to engage with hemispheric leaders at the highest level, strengthen cross-border partnerships, surface emerging issues relevant to its programming, and bring insights back to inform its work in Denver and across the region. The Summit embodies the Biennial's core belief that collaboration across borders — in policy, culture, and commerce — is essential to building a more equitable and prosperous hemisphere.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

● Yes ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

● The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

● The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

● No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

○ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** not receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
04/21/2026 @ 05:00 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
04/24/2026 @ 03:00 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ◉ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $733.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$733.00

Note
April 21 7:30 a.m. – UA 320 (DEN → IAH) 10:00 a.m. – UA 1916 (IAH → PTY) April 24 12:56 p.m. – 6:25 p.m. CM 476 (PYT → DEN)

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $750.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
04/21/2026	04/24/2026	La Compania	Panama City		Panama	3	$250.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The entire delegation is staying at La Compania this is where Amy is staying as well. The rate includes breakfast.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $290.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
04/21/2026	$10.00	$25.00	$50.00	$0.00	$85.00	Panama City		Panama	No
04/22/2026	$0.00	$25.00	$50.00	$0.00	$75.00	Panama City		Panama	No
04/23/2026	$0.00	$25.00	$50.00	$0.00	$75.00	Panama City		Panama	No
04/24/2026	$0.00	$25.00	$30.00	$0.00	$55.00	Panama City		Panama	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name

Amy Friedman Agenda

Amy Friedman Agenda

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Americas Summit Panama

Travel Date(s): April 21 - 24

Travel Destination(s): Panama

Sponsor: Biennial of the Americas

FloraJane DiReinzo — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Director — *(title)*

(signature of sponsor representative)

3/23/26 — *(date)*

Amy Friedman, Office of U.S. Senator Michael Bennet

AMERICAS SUMMIT
PANAMA 2026

April 21, 2026

7:30 a.m. – UA 320 (DEN → IAH)
10:00 a.m. – UA 1916 (IAH → PTY)
2:30 p.m. – Airport Arrival
Travel - United Airlines

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
PANAMÁ 360°: Strategic Overview
Liberty Latin America

This opening session of the 2026 Americas Summit provides a high-level overview of Panama's economic, demographic, and geopolitical landscape, positioning the country as a strategic gateway for trade, logistics, finance, and innovation across the Americas. The conversation highlights Panama's role as a connector between regions and markets, while framing the growing economic and cultural ties between Panama and Colorado.

Maria Garcia Berry, Chair of the Board of Directors, Biennial of the Americas

Balan Nair, President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director, Liberty Latin America

José Raúl Mulino, President of the Republic of Panama

Sergio Diaz Granados, President, CAF Banco de desarrollo de América Latina y El Caribe

About Liberty Latin America:

Liberty Latin America is a leading communications company with approximately 9,000 employees operating in more than 20 countries across Latin America and the Caribbean under the consumer brands BTC, Flow, Liberty, and Más Móvil. The company provides residential and business customers with communications and entertainment services including digital video, broadband internet, telephony, and mobile services. Its business portfolio includes enterprise-grade connectivity, data center, hosting, and managed solutions, as well as information technology services serving customers ranging from

small and medium-sized enterprises to multinational companies and government agencies. In addition, Liberty Latin America operates an extensive subsea and terrestrial fiber optic cable network connecting approximately 30 markets across the region.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
HOTEL CHECK-IN
La Compañía Casco Antiguo

About the Hotel:

La Compañía Casco Antiguo is a restored 17th-century Jesuit complex in the heart of Panama City's historic district, spanning three architectural periods: a Spanish colonial building from 1688, a French building from 1739, and an American building from 1904. Together, they offer a living experience of Panama's history as a crossroads of the world.

Beyond the hotel, La Compañía Hotels & Resorts includes Villa Ana, a 1928 mansion turned cultural and entertainment hub, and La Compañía del Valle, a wellness and nature retreat two hours from the city, home to Elysium Spa, the largest in the region. The collection is designed to connect visitors with Panama's culture, gastronomy, and people, and to present the country as a distinctive destination on the world stage.

8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION
Private Residency

An opening evening convening Panamanian leadership and Colorado's delegation to launch the 2026 Americas Summit Panama.

At a moment calling for deeper hemispheric connection, the gathering highlights a shared strength: bridging people, markets, and ideas across borders. From the Canal to the Rockies, both regions sit at the crossroads of global exchange.Welcoming remarks will set the tone for a week of cross-sector collaboration, creative diplomacy, and a shared vision for a more connected, resilient Americas.

(Board Remarks) Mizraim Cordero, Board of Directors, Biennial of the Americas

(Remarks) Tyler Coombe, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig

Mike Johnston, Mayor, City of Denver, Colorado

Jaime Alemán, Founding Partner, Alemán, Cordero, Galindo & Lee (Alcogal)

Kevin Marino Cabrera, United States Ambassador to the Republic of Panama

About the Host:

Jaime E. Alemán (b. November 14, 1953, Panama) is a Panamanian attorney and diplomat. He is Senior Partner at Alemán, Cordero, Galindo & Lee (ALCOGAL) and has served in numerous public and international roles, including Panama's Ambassador to the United States (2009–2011) and Minister of Government and Justice (1988). Earlier in his career, he was Legal Adviser at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C.

Alemán holds a BA in Economics, magna cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame (1975) and a Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law (1978). He is admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and the Panama Bar.

An avid explorer, he became in 2020 the first Hispanic-American to visit all 193 United Nations member states. He later reached both the North and South Poles (2024) and flew to space aboard Blue Origin's NS-32 mission in 2025, becoming the first person in history to have visited every UN country, both poles, and space.

He is the author of La Honestidad no Tiene Precio and Alrededor del Mundo en 40 Años. He is married to Pilar Arosemena de Alemán, with whom he has three children.

April 22

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
MAYORS PANEL
Museo del Canal Interoceánico de Panamá

From public safety and mobility to housing affordability, digital services, and civic trust, mayors are managing the most complex and contested terrain in modern governance, often with fewer resources than the problems demand. This session brings together mayors from Panama and Colorado for an unscripted conversation about what it actually takes to lead a city in 2026. The discussion will explore how technology is being deployed to improve service delivery and community participation, how cities are rebuilding trust after periods of protest and polarization, and what urban leaders on both sides of the hemisphere can learn from each other.

Venue Remarks: Ana Elena Gonzales, Museo del Canal Interoceánico de Panamá

Moderator: Natriece Bryant, Strategic Advisor, WSP Global engineering and professional services firm

Mike Johnston, Mayor, City of Denver, Colorado

Mayer Mizrachi, Mayor, Panama City, Panama

Diógenes Galván, Mayor, City of Colón, Panama

Irma Hernández, Mayor, San Miguelito, Panama

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
COFFEE EXPERIENCE + MUSEUM EXPLORATION
Siete Granos + Museo del Canal Interoceánico de Panamá

Hosted by Siete Granos and led by Chef Amael Candanedo, this guided coffee tasting offers an introduction to Panama's world-renowned specialty coffee culture. Set inside the historic Museo del Canal, guests will sample exceptional Panamanian coffees while learning about the country's unique terroir, craftsmanship, and growing global reputation.

Speaker: Chef Amael Candanedo, Founder, Siete Granos

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
GLOBAL TRADE & CONNECTIVITY (RUN OF SHOW)
Museo del Canal Interoceánico

Panama's geographic advantage has long placed it at the center of global commerce. This conversation convenes leaders in trade law, diplomacy, and economic development to explore how policy, investment, and partnerships are shaping the future of hemispheric trade.

From the Panama Canal and free trade zones to the U.S.–Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, the discussion will examine how regulatory alignment, diplomacy, and private sector leadership are strengthening cross-border connectivity.

The panel will also highlight opportunities for Colorado's key export sectors, including aerospace, energy technology, agriculture, and advanced manufacturing, to expand commercial ties with Panama and across Latin America.

Moderator: Niurka Montero,General Manager, Dell Technologies Panamá

Laura Siegel Rabinowitz, Shareholder and Chair of the International Trade Practice, Greenberg Traurig

Ana Irene Delgado, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Panama to the Organization of American States (OAS)

Michelle Hadwiger, Director of Global Business Development, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

About the Venue:

Built in 1875 and transferred to the Panama Canal Museum's Board of Trustees in 1996, this landmark building in Casco Antiguo has welcomed visitors since 1997. The museum is a non-profit dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Panama and its Canal through permanent and temporary exhibitions spanning art, culture, archaeology, and photography.

More than an archive, it serves as a living platform for education, dialogue, and community engagement, connecting local and international audiences to Panama's heritage and contemporary culture.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

SOIL TO STORY: LUNCH & CONVERSATIONS

El Callejón del Casco + BEC Experience

Opening Remarks: Jackie Bove, Managing Director, CoBank Project Finance Banking Division

Begin with a lunch experience where each table is hosted by a Panamanian leader, fostering casual, meaningful conversation and exchange.

Voices spanning municipal leadership, cacao transformation, international organizations, specialty coffee, filmmaking, global trade, and environmental stewardship explore how the human factor in storytelling and radical specificity transform the local into the global, showing how Panama's soft power is built one origin story at a time.

The experience continues with an immersive museum exploration alongside the founders of Lamastus Coffee and Boacao Chocolate, tracing the journey from soil to story.

Hosts/ Speakers:

Opening Remarks: Jackie Bove, Managing Director, CoBank Project Finance Banking Division

- Adrian Benedetti, ANCON, Panamanian environmental organisation
- Ana Irene Delgado, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Panama to the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Cuquita Cookita, Chef & Culinary Entrepreneur
- Diógenes Galván, Mayor, City of Colón, Panama
- Fernando Arias, Partner, ARIFA Law firm in Panama City,
- Jaime Pérez, Co-Founder & Commercial Director, Casa Bocao
- Jackie Bove, Managing Director, CoBank Project Finance Banking Division
- Irma Hernández, Mayor, San Miguelito, Panama
- Mayer Mizrachi, Mayor, Panama City, Panama
- Pituka Ortega Heilbron, Director, International Film Festival Panama (IFF Panamá)
- Roberto Mendoza, Cable & Wireless Panama
- Wilford Lamastus Jr., President, Lamastus Family Estates / Sisu Coffee

About the Venue:

The BEC (Brand Experience Center) is an immersive museum experience located in Casco Antiguo, the historic district of Panama City. The project brings together iconic Panamanian brands and products of global quality, sharing their stories, innovation and cultural impact through interactive exhibits and curated experiences.

Through the BEC experience, visitors can go beyond traditional tourism and connect with Panama in a more authentic way.Inspired by our "Become Local" concept, the museum invites travelers to discover the flavors, stories and creativity that locals love, allowing them to feel part of Panama's culture, even during a short visit.

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

INVESTING IN THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Diablo Rosso and Espacio Creativo

As cities across the Americas rethink growth, the creative economy has been a powerful driver of innovation, identity, and inclusive development. This panel explores how strategic investment in the arts—through public-private partnerships, philanthropy, and cultural infrastructure—can generate economic opportunity while strengthening community resilience and cultural ecosystems.

The conversation will examine current approaches to funding creative industries, supporting artists as entrepreneurs, and leveraging cultural assets to attract talent, tourism, and long-term investment. Speakers will also address how to ensure these investments are equitable, locally rooted, and responsive to the evolving dynamics of urban change.

Venue Remarks: Analida Galindo, Executive Director, Fundacion Enlaces

Moderator: FloraJane DiRienzo, Executive Director, Biennial of the Americas

Arianne Benedetti, Vice Minister of Culture, Government of Panama

Miky Fabrega, National Director of Creative Economy, Panamá Ministry of Culture

Ebs Burnough, Board Chair, Sundance Institute

Pituka Ortega de Heilbron, Director, Panama International Film Festival

About the Venue:

About the Art Gallery:

DiabloRosso is a creative think tank located in the historic old quarter of Panama City. It is also a community that supports and promotes artistic talent in its most broad and multidisciplinary definition.

Founded in 2006 to help fill the existing void for emerging art practices in the region, it has established itself as a place of empowerment and stimulation, advancing the public's

appreciation for contemporary art, mainly through the generation of social impact in the surrounding community.

About the Exhibition:

Preguntas a la Isla is an exhibition by Argentine artist Irene Kopelman, whose work navigates the space between scientific observation and art. Rather than representing landscapes, Kopelman seeks "to learn how to look at them: to remain long enough for perception to change its nature."

Developed during extended stays on Barro Colorado Island, STRI Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, her works—indices, cuts, and variations—act as tools of attention. Traditional media become instruments for observing, collecting, comparing, and revisiting, creating an archive of successive observations rather than a fixed environment.

Born in Córdoba, Argentina, in 1974, Kopelman studied painting at the National University of Córdoba and later joined the Rijksakademie in Amsterdam.

April 23, 2026

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

ECOSYSTEMS OF INNOVATION

Ciudad del Saber

This panel explores Panama and Colorado as hubs for innovation, entrepreneurship, and regional collaboration in the Americas. Bringing together leaders from innovation hubs, startup ecosystems, and multilateral cooperation, the conversation highlights how Ciudad del Saber's innovation campus, local startups, and cross-border partnerships are fostering economic opportunity, knowledge exchange, and sustainable development. The discussion will examine how institutions and entrepreneurs can work together to strengthen connectivity, resilience, and impact across the hemisphere.

From Ciudad del Saber's innovation campus to Colorado's thriving startup scene, the discussion examines how institutions and entrepreneurs can work together to build a more connected and resilient Americas.

Moderator: Eve Lieberman, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade

Prof. Jorge Arosemena, Executive President, Fundación Ciudad del Saber

Franklin Morales, Head of International Technical Cooperation, Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología

Alejandro Fasquelle, Co-Founder & Lead Designer, Simple AF

Zaneta Kelsey, CEO & Co-Founder Access Mode

Ciudad del Saber is a former U.S. Army base transformed into a 120-acre hub for research, innovation, and collaboration in Panama. Housing scientific institutions, startups, and educational programs, it fosters cross-sector partnerships that drive knowledge, community engagement, and solutions to complex challenges in science, technology, and social development.

10:45 to 11:45 a.m.
CIRCULAR ECONOMY & DESIGN TOUR
Clandestino Lab + Simple AF (Ciudad del Saber)

Meet the founders of Clandestino to explore innovative approaches in sustainable product design and circular economy practices. Gain firsthand insights into how creativity, ethics, and entrepreneurship come together to shape environmentally conscious businesses.

Nahuel Martin Galeano Lerner, Co-Founder, Clandestino

Juliana Lujan, Co-Founder, Clandestino

Clandestino Lab Panama is a design and manufacturing studio transforming recycled plastic into high-performance materials and objects. Through its Material del Futuro™ (MF™), Clandestino develops furniture, architectural solutions, and large-scale installations that merge design, technology, and circular production. Operating locally with global ambition, the company builds systems, products, and experiences that prove plastic is not waste—but a resource for the future.

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1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
HEALTH & BIODIVERSITY
Ciudad del Saber

This panel explores the intersection of public health, biodiversity, and community knowledge across the Americas, positioning Panama as a vital bridge between ecosystems and innovation. From the rainforests of the Darién Gap to cutting-edge vaccine research, speakers will examine how biodiversity underpins human health—shaping disease prevention, biomedical discovery, and long-term resilience.

Grounded in both science and lived experience, the conversation will also highlight the health realities of migration through the Darién, the role of Indigenous knowledge systems in sustaining well-being, and the ethical dimensions of building an inclusive bioeconomy. Together, panelists will explore how integrating environmental stewardship, public health systems, and community leadership can drive healthier, more resilient societies across the Americas.

Moderator: Kerri Conway, Colorado State University

Gabrielle Britton, Executive Director, CEVAXIN (Cevaxin is dedicated to transforming global health)

Alec Garnett. COO, University of Colorado HEALTH

Oris Sanjur, Deputy Director, Smithsonian Research Institute

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SENACYT (Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación) is Panama's national agency for science, technology, and innovation. It drives research funding, promotes scientific development, and fosters collaboration between institutions, the private sector, and communities to advance knowledge and solutions that strengthen Panama's social and economic progress.

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- Roberto Mendoza, Cable & Wireless Panama
- Wilford Lamastus Jr., President, Lamastus Family Estates / Sisu Coffee

About the Venue:

The BEC (Brand Experience Center) is an immersive museum experience located in Casco Antiguo, the historic district of Panama City. The project brings together iconic Panamanian brands and products of global quality, sharing their stories, innovation and cultural impact through interactive exhibits and curated experiences.

Through the BEC experience, visitors can go beyond traditional tourism and connect with Panama in a more authentic way. Inspired by our "Become Local" concept, the museum invites travelers to discover the flavors, stories and creativity that locals love, allowing them to feel part of Panama's culture, even during a short visit.

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
INVESTING IN THE CREATIVE ECONOMY
Diablo Rosso and Espacio Creativo

As cities across the Americas rethink growth, the creative economy has been a powerful driver of innovation, identity, and inclusive development. This panel explores how strategic investment in the arts—through public-private partnerships, philanthropy, and cultural infrastructure—can generate economic opportunity while strengthening community resilience and cultural ecosystems.

The conversation will examine current approaches to funding creative industries, supporting artists as entrepreneurs, and leveraging cultural assets to attract talent, tourism, and long-term investment. Speakers will also address how to ensure these investments are equitable, locally rooted, and responsive to the evolving dynamics of urban change.

Venue Remarks: Analida Galindo, Executive Director, Fundacion Enlaces

Moderator: FloraJane DiRienzo, Executive Director, Biennial of the Americas

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About the Venue:

About the Art Gallery:

DiabloRosso is a creative think tank located in the historic old quarter of Panama City. It is also a community that supports and promotes artistic talent in its most broad and multidisciplinary definition.

Founded in 2006 to help fill the existing void for emerging art practices in the region, it has established itself as a place of empowerment and stimulation, advancing the public's

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About the Exhibition:

Preguntas a la Isla is an exhibition by Argentine artist Irene Kopelman, whose work navigates the space between scientific observation and art. Rather than representing landscapes, Kopelman seeks "to learn how to look at them: to remain long enough for perception to change its nature."

Developed during extended stays on Barro Colorado Island, STRI Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, her works—indices, cuts, and variations—act as tools of attention. Traditional media become instruments for observing, collecting, comparing, and revisiting, creating an archive of successive observations rather than a fixed environment.

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April 23, 2026

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
ECOSYSTEMS OF INNOVATION
Ciudad del Saber

This panel explores Panama and Colorado as hubs for innovation, entrepreneurship, and regional collaboration in the Americas. Bringing together leaders from innovation hubs, startup ecosystems, and multilateral cooperation, the conversation highlights how Ciudad del Saber's innovation campus, local startups, and cross-border partnerships are fostering economic opportunity, knowledge exchange, and sustainable development. The discussion will examine how institutions and entrepreneurs can work together to strengthen connectivity, resilience, and impact across the hemisphere.

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- Cuquita Cookita, Chef & Culinary Entrepreneur
- Diógenes Galván, Mayor, City of Colón, Panama
- Fernando Arias, Partner, ARIFA Law firm in Panama City,
- Jaime Pérez, Co-Founder & Commercial Director, Casa Bocao
- Jackie Bove, Managing Director, CoBank Project Finance Banking Division
- Irma Hernández, Mayor, San Miguelito, Panama
- Mayer Mizrachi, Mayor, Panama City, Panama
- Pituka Ortega Heilbron, Director, International Film Festival Panama (IFF Panamá)
- Roberto Mendoza, Cable & Wireless Panama
- Wilford Lamastus Jr., President, Lamastus Family Estates / Sisu Coffee

About the Venue:

The BEC (Brand Experience Center) is an immersive museum experience located in Casco Antiguo, the historic district of Panama City. The project brings together iconic Panamanian brands and products of global quality, sharing their stories, innovation and cultural impact through interactive exhibits and curated experiences.

Through the BEC experience, visitors can go beyond traditional tourism and connect with Panama in a more authentic way.Inspired by our "Become Local" concept, the museum invites travelers to discover the flavors, stories and creativity that locals love, allowing them to feel part of Panama's culture, even during a short visit.

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

INVESTING IN THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Diablo Rosso and Espacio Creativo

As cities across the Americas rethink growth, the creative economy has been a powerful driver of innovation, identity, and inclusive development. This panel explores how strategic investment in the arts—through public-private partnerships, philanthropy, and cultural infrastructure—can generate economic opportunity while strengthening community resilience and cultural ecosystems.

The conversation will examine current approaches to funding creative industries, supporting artists as entrepreneurs, and leveraging cultural assets to attract talent, tourism, and long-term investment. Speakers will also address how to ensure these investments are equitable, locally rooted, and responsive to the evolving dynamics of urban change.

Venue Remarks: Analida Galindo, Executive Director, Fundacion Enlaces

Moderator: FloraJane DiRienzo, Executive Director, Biennial of the Americas

Arianne Benedetti, Vice Minister of Culture, Government of Panama

Miky Fabrega, National Director of Creative Economy, Panamá Ministry of Culture

Ebs Burnough, Board Chair, Sundance Institute

Pituka Ortega de Heilbron, Director, Panama International Film Festival

About the Venue:

About the Art Gallery:

DiabloRosso is a creative think tank located in the historic old quarter of Panama City. It is also a community that supports and promotes artistic talent in its most broad and multidisciplinary definition.

Founded in 2006 to help fill the existing void for emerging art practices in the region, it has established itself as a place of empowerment and stimulation, advancing the public's

appreciation for contemporary art, mainly through the generation of social impact in the surrounding community.

About the Exhibition:

Preguntas a la Isla is an exhibition by Argentine artist Irene Kopelman, whose work navigates the space between scientific observation and art. Rather than representing landscapes, Kopelman seeks "to learn how to look at them: to remain long enough for perception to change its nature."

Developed during extended stays on Barro Colorado Island, STRI Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, her works—indices, cuts, and variations—act as tools of attention. Traditional media become instruments for observing, collecting, comparing, and revisiting, creating an archive of successive observations rather than a fixed environment.

Born in Córdoba, Argentina, in 1974, Kopelman studied painting at the National University of Córdoba and later joined the Rijksakademie in Amsterdam.

April 23, 2026

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
ECOSYSTEMS OF INNOVATION
Ciudad del Saber

This panel explores Panama and Colorado as hubs for innovation, entrepreneurship, and regional collaboration in the Americas. Bringing together leaders from innovation hubs, startup ecosystems, and multilateral cooperation, the conversation highlights how Ciudad del Saber's innovation campus, local startups, and cross-border partnerships are fostering economic opportunity, knowledge exchange, and sustainable development. The discussion will examine how institutions and entrepreneurs can work together to strengthen connectivity, resilience, and impact across the hemisphere.

From Ciudad del Saber's innovation campus to Colorado's thriving startup scene, the discussion examines how institutions and entrepreneurs can work together to build a more connected and resilient Americas.

Moderator: Eve Lieberman, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade

Prof. Jorge Arosemena, Executive President, Fundación Ciudad del Saber

Franklin Morales, Head of International Technical Cooperation, Secretaria Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia

Alejandro Fasquelle, Co-Founder & Lead Designer, Simple AF

Zaneta Kelsey, CEO & Co-Founder Access Mode

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10:45 to 11:45 a.m.
CIRCULAR ECONOMY & DESIGN TOUR
Clandestino Lab + Simple AF (Ciudad del Saber)

Meet the founders of Clandestino to explore innovative approaches in sustainable product design and circular economy practices. Gain firsthand insights into how creativity, ethics, and entrepreneurship come together to shape environmentally conscious businesses.

Nahuel Martin Galeano Lerner, Co-Founder, Clandestino

Juliana Lujan, Co-Founder, Clandestino

Clandestino Lab Panama is a design and manufacturing studio transforming recycled plastic into high-performance materials and objects. Through its Material del Futuro™ (MF™), Clandestino develops furniture, architectural solutions, and large-scale installations that merge design, technology, and circular production. Operating locally with global ambition, the company builds systems, products, and experiences that prove plastic is not waste—but a resource for the future.

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1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
HEALTH & BIODIVERSITY
Ciudad del Saber

This panel explores the intersection of public health, biodiversity, and community knowledge across the Americas, positioning Panama as a vital bridge between ecosystems and innovation. From the rainforests of the Darién Gap to cutting-edge vaccine research, speakers will examine how biodiversity underpins human health—shaping disease prevention, biomedical discovery, and long-term resilience.

Grounded in both science and lived experience, the conversation will also highlight the health realities of migration through the Darién, the role of Indigenous knowledge systems in sustaining well-being, and the ethical dimensions of building an inclusive bioeconomy. Together, panelists will explore how integrating environmental stewardship, public health systems, and community leadership can drive healthier, more resilient societies across the Americas.

Moderator: Kerri Conway, Colorado State University

Gabrielle Britton, Executive Director, CEVAXIN (Cevaxin is dedicated to transforming global health)

Alec Garnett. COO, University of Colorado HEALTH

Oris Sanjur, Deputy Director, Smithsonian Research Institute

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SENACYT (Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación) is Panama's national agency for science, technology, and innovation. It drives research funding, promotes scientific development, and fosters collaboration between institutions, the private sector, and communities to advance knowledge and solutions that strengthen Panama's social and economic progress.

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAS
Panama Canal: Miraflores Visitor Center

This session offers an exclusive look at the Panama Canal's strategic priorities, lessons from the 2023–2024 drought, and how Panama is preparing its most critical asset for the next century of global trade. It also explores the Canal's major infrastructure projects of the past, with insights from leaders who have shaped its evolution. A rare opportunity to hear directly from those at the helm of this global gateway.

Nico Probst,Regional Public Policy Lead, Amazon

Alberto Aleman Zubieta, Former CEO, Panama Canal Authority

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE: MAKING NATURE'S ECONOMY VISIBLE
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

The economics of nature is no longer theoretical — it is being built right now. Drawing on over a century of research at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and the living laboratory of Barro Colorado Island, Joshua Tewksbury presents the emerging science and financial frameworks that are already pricing biodiversity, quantifying ecosystem services, and transforming how governments and markets account for the natural world. This keynote puts Panama at the center of that story — as one of the most biodiverse nations on earth and a country whose economic engine depends entirely on the health of its forests and watersheds.

Kerri Conway, Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Director of International Agriculture, Colorado State University Spur Campus

Cristal Torres DeHerrera, Interim CEO Denver Zoo

Joshua Tewksbury, Director, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

About STRI

Headquartered in Panama City, Panama, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) is a unit of the Smithsonian Institution, founded more than a century ago to increase and share knowledge about the past, present, and future of tropical biodiversity and its importance to human welfare, train the next generation of scientific leaders, and promote conservation by raising public awareness of the beauty and significance of tropical ecosystems.

About Punta Culebra

Located at the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal, the Punta Culebra Nature Center is dedicated to exploring the natural world through science. Visitors can see nearly 200 species of amphibians, get up close with butterflies in the LepiDome, discover the colorful fish of the Caribbean and Pacific coasts, spot sloths and other animals along forest trails, and enjoy scenic views of ships in the Panama Canal—all just minutes from Panama City.

April 24, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
INFRASTRUCTURE & BUILDING OF A GLOBAL CITY
Copa Airlines

This panel brings together the builders and operators of Panama City and Denver's most ambitious infrastructure projects to examine what it takes to turn a well-positioned city into a globally competitive one. Metro Line 3, the Fourth Bridge over the Canal, the Tocumen Airport expansion, and the Saneamiento de Panamá program are transforming Panama City at a scale not seen in decades. In Denver, the airport expansion, the RTD transit buildout, the National Western Center redevelopment, and the I-70 corridor transformation are reshaping how the city connects to the world. The conversation examines the financing structures, design philosophies, and operational challenges behind landmark infrastructure, and what both cities are learning about building for resilience, equity, and long-term global relevance.

(Moderator) Nancy Tuor, Board of Governors, Colorado State University

Pedro Heilbron, President, Copa Airlines

Jim Starling, Chief Construction and Infrastructure Officer/Executive Vice President, Denver International Airport

José Ruiz Blanco, President, Tocumen International Airport

12:56 p.m. – 6:25 p.m. CM 476 (PYT → DEN)
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