12:30 – 1:45: Lunch & Welcoming Remarks

Ernesto De Lucas, Director, Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior
Andrew Erikson, Consul General, U.S. Consulate in Tijuana
Remedios Gómez Arnau, Consul General, Mexican Consulate in San Diego

1:45 – 2:45: The Calibaja Cross-Border Business Community

This panel will examine the dynamics of our region’s binational economy and the role of the Mexican diaspora in converting the border region into an engine for growth.

Alejandro Díaz-Bautista, Colegio de la Frontera Norte
Flavio Olivieri, Tuteli
Mario C. Lopez, Asociación de Empresarios Mexicanos
Moderated by Mary Walshok, UC San Diego

2:45 – 3:00: Coffee Break

3:00 – 3:15: Afternoon Remarks

Gordon Hanson, Acting Dean, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies
Pradeep Khosla, Chancellor, UC San Diego

3:15 – 4:15: The Oaxacan Diaspora in Southern California

This panel will explore the economic, cultural, and political ties between San Diego and Oaxaca, one of the primary states of origin for Mexicans living in San Diego County.

Abigail Andrews, UC San Diego
Jose Gonzalez, Frente Indígena Oaxaqueño Binacional
Brenda Nicolas, UCLA Chicana/o Studies
Moderated by Wayne Cornelius, UC San Diego

4:15 – 4:30: Closing Remarks

Former Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, UC San Diego

4:30 – 5:30: Reception