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Discover, experience and understand the 13 Bak'tun. Guatemala celebrates the end of one era and the dawn of another, based on the legacy of the Mayan Culture calendar. This activity marks the beginning of preparatory activities by the Republic of Guatemala to be held in the framework of the 43rd OAS General Assembly, which will take place on June 4-6, 2013.



## “THE 13 MAYAN BAK'TUN: THE END OF AN ERA AND THE DAWN OF ANOTHER”

OCTOBER 2 | HALL OF THE AMERICAS | ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES  
17 STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVE. NW. WASHINGTON D.C. 20006

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- 10:30 AM Welcoming remarks by OAS Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza
- 10:40 AM *“The Legacy of the Mayan Civilization and its Importance to the Cultural Heritage of the Americas”*  
Pedro Duche, Director of the Guatemalan National Tourism Institute (INGUAT)
- 10:55 AM Performance of a Mayan ceremony
- 11:00 AM *“The Beginning of the Mayan Civilization and its Calendar in Peten, Guatemala”*  
Francisco Estrada-Belli, Professor at the Department of Archaeology, Boston University
- 11:15 AM *“The Mayan Cosmology in the Interpretation of the End of an Era”*  
Tomás Barrientos, Director of the Department of Archaeology and of the Center for Archaeological and Anthropological Research, *Universidad del Valle*, Guatemala
- 11:30 AM Question and answer session
- 11:50 AM INGUAT - Guatemalan Folkloric Ballet performance
- 12:00 PM Closing followed by a reception in the Hall of the Heroes

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