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### TESOL to Recognize Panama Minister of Education

*Minister Lucy Molinar to Receive Global Advocacy Leadership Recognition at  
44<sup>th</sup> Annual TESOL Convention & Exhibit*

Alexandria, VA (March 2010)—Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), will recognize Lucy Molinar, Minister of Education for Panama, at the opening plenary of its 44th Annual Convention and Exhibit in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The presentation will be held before an audience of 1,500 English language educators from around the world on Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Minister Molinar will be recognized for her leadership in advancing English language teaching in Panama.

Appointed by Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli in May 2009, this is Minister Molinar's first position in public service. Prior to her appointment, Minister Molinar worked as a television journalist in Spain, Venezuela, Brazil, and Chile, and spent the past 15 years working in Panamanian media, most recently as a morning news host of TVN Channel 2 in Panama. Part of her work as minister has been to support English language education and professional development for English language teachers, including support of TESOL's local affiliate, Panama TESOL. Accepting the recognition at the opening plenary will be Davina Cole, Head of the Language Unit at the Panamanian Ministry of Education.

Under the banner "Re-Imagining TESOL," the 2010 TESOL convention showcases more than 1000 education sessions presented by speakers from more than 25 countries. Considered the foremost conference of its kind worldwide, the TESOL convention features education sessions and experts on a broad variety of topics, including language testing and assessment, technology in language learning, bilingual education, and standards. In addition, the convention features one

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of the largest exhibitions of its kind in the world, with over 100 exhibitors offering some of the finest products and services for English language educators and their classrooms.

Members of the media can register for the convention either in advance or on site. To register in advance, visit the online press room at <http://www.tesolconvention.org>, where more press releases and information about presenters and sessions are available. To register on site, please visit the Press Desk in the Registration Area of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

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Incorporated in 1966, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), is a global association for English language teaching professionals headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. TESOL encompasses a network of over 55,000 educators worldwide, consisting of more than 12,000 individual members and an additional 45,000 educators within the 100 plus TESOL affiliate associations. Representing a multifaceted academic discipline and profession, TESOL offers members serial publications, books, and electronic resources on current issues, ideas, and opportunities in the field of English language teaching. TESOL also conducts a variety of workshops and symposia, including an annual convention, regarded as the foremost professional development opportunity for English language educators worldwide. TESOL's mission is to develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide.