

how is this impacting the traditional framework? What is the future for the Inter American System as we have known it? Can current trade and commercial agreements arrangements ensure economic and social stability?

MODERATOR:

Peter Hakim, Inter-American Dialogue (C)

PRESENTERS:

Amb. Gonçalo de Barros Carvalho e Mello Mourão, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil (C)

Louis Patrick Hill, President of the Senate, U.S. Virgin Islands (C)

David Lewis, Manchester Trade (C)

Kenneth H. Merten, US Ambassador to Haiti (I)

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm Location: Versailles (Upper)

PLENARY LUNCH

REMARKS:

JOE GARCIA, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC IMPACT, US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (I)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

PETER KENT, MINISTER OF STATE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AMERICAS), CANADA (C)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Location: Trianon (Upper)

PRIORITY ISSUE

FINANCIAL SERVICES:

STRENGTHENING OUR EMERGING MARKETS

The global financial crisis has resulted in the postponement or suspension of projects throughout the region and there is pressure on regional banks to step in. Do these banks have enough liquidity to finance development? Can the development banks step in? How do international banks view the region? While steps are being taken to increase transparency, are the region's offshore financial centers going to survive? Is it time for a trans-regional regulatory agency and fewer stock exchanges?

MODERATOR:

John Rodriguez, Wells Fargo (C)

PRESENTERS:

Larry Howai, First Citizens Group (C)

Pasquale "Pat" Minicucci, Scotiabank (C)

Franklin Santarelli, Fitch Ratings (C)

3:45 pm - 5:30 pm

CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLES

3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Location: Balmoral (Upper)

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

With the shifting demands of a globalized world, the region's workforce must possess the skills to quickly

respond to new challenges and opportunities if it is to remain competitive. How do the countries in the Caribbean and Central America improve the quality of their educational systems in order to ensure a cadre of graduates who are prepared for today's world? And are the region's academic institutions strategically adjusting their curriculums so as to create a workforce capable of meeting the demands of the 21st century?

MODERATOR:

Walter Bastian, US Department of Commerce (C)

Speakers:

Arturo Condo, INCAE School of Business (C)

Lydia Logan, Institute for a Competitive Workforce (C)

Anne Howard Tristani, Universidad del Este

(UNE) Puerto Rico (C)

3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Location: Sandringham/Windsor (Upper)

TRANSPORTATION

It cannot be overstated how important the ease of movement of goods is to the region's development. In addition, the region continues to grow as a major hub for global trade. Acknowledging this requires investment in and commitment to infrastructure and policies that increase the region's competitiveness. What continue to be the impediments to policy implementation? What does the region risk through inaction?

MODERATOR:

Gregory Mevs, WinGroup (C)

SPEAKERS:

Phillip Allen, Port Everglades (C)

Michael Poole, Jacksonville Port Authority (C)

Clive Forbes, Caribbean Shipping Association (C)

Glen Khan, LaParkan (C)

Francisco Santeiro, FedEx Corporation (C)

3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Location: Escorial/Alhambra (Upper)

HAITI

Debt relief; generous foreign assistance programs; preferential legislation. Extreme poverty; weak institutions; natural disasters. These highlight just some of the opportunities and challenges facing Haiti's economic development. Where are the opportunities for investment in Haiti: the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Europe, or beyond? Is Haiti really ready for large investment projects? Can the HOPE legislation deliver on its potential?

MODERATOR:

Jose Perez-Jones, Seaboard Marine (C)

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Jocelyne Fethières, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haiti (I)

SPEAKERS:

Joseph Baptiste, National Organization for the Advancement of Haitians (C)
Maxime Charles, Scotiabank (C)
Suzanne Etcheverry, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (C)
Jose Ramon Gomez, Inter-American Development Bank (C)
Marline Lamothe, USAID/Haiti (C)
Georges Sassine, Haitian Manufacturers' Association (I)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**COLLATERAL EVENTS
PRESENTATIONS**

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Location: TBD

**COLLATERAL PRESENTATION
HOSTED BY: HAITIAN MARITIME ASSOCIATION**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Location: Mezzanine (Upper)

**NETWORKING RECEPTION
SPONSORED BY: HAITIAN MARITIME ASSOCIATION**

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Location: Versailles (Upper)

PLENARY DINNER

WELCOME:

PASQUALE "PAT" MINICUCCI, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL BANKING, SCOTIABANK

ADDRESS:

KENNETH MCCLINTOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE, PUERTO RICO (I)

RICK C. WADE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (C)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

RENE PRÉVAL, PRESIDENT, HAITI (I)

WEDNESDAY December 2, 2009

7:00 am – 8:30 am Location: Sandringham/Windsor (Upper)

**COLLATERAL BREAKFAST:
"H1N1 – THE IMPACT ON THE REGION"
HOSTED BY BAPTIST HEALTH INTERNATIONAL**

7:30 am - 8:30 am Location: Escorial/Alhambra (Upper)

**COLLATERAL BREAKFAST:
"BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT"
HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL OCEANIC &
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) & THE
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION**

7:30 am - 7:30 pm Location: Mezzanine (Upper)
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

8:30 am - 10:15 am Location: Trianon (Upper)
MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS PLENARY

Financing development is, essentially, a competition for resources. The Multi-Lateral institutions develop strategies and priority areas of assistance, as countries and companies identify needs and projects. With the global economic crisis, countries in the region are increasingly relying on these institutions to ensure that economic advances of the last decades are not reversed. What do the key Multi-Laterals in the region see as the challenges? What are their strategies in responding? And which countries/regions are best prepared to survive the turmoil?

MODERATOR:

Mark Palchick, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice (C)

PRESENTERS:

Trevor Alleyne, International Monetary Fund (C)

Hernan Alvarado, Central American Bank for Economic Integration (C)

J. Humberto Lopez, The World Bank (C)

Hans Schulz, Inter-American Development Bank (C)

10:15 am - 10:30 am Location: Mezzanine (Upper)

COFFEE BREAK

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10:30 am - 12:00 pm Location: Sevilla (Lower)

PRIORITY ISSUE:

**CRIME, DRUGS & DEVELOPMENT
CONTAINING SURGING VIOLENT CRIME AND ILLEGAL
TRAFFICKING IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN**

The region has seen an increase in violent crime, as well as in narcotics and small-arms trafficking. Causes of this include the region's vulnerable location on the route between South America, the U.S. and Europe, its relative social and economic underdevelopment, and the economic downturn. Criminal activity is a threat to economic and political stability in the region. What is the

current state of risk and insecurity in the region? How are security programs meeting the challenges of narcotics trafficking? Are solutions national or regional? Realistically, can the resources available to fight this trend even scratch the surface of the problem?

MODERATOR:

David Jessop, Caribbean Council (C)

PRESENTERS:

Bronwen Brown, Economist Intelligence Unit (C)

Velia DePirro, U.S. Department of State (C)

Roland Malins-Smith, Seafreight Agencies (USA) Inc. (C)

Andres Otero, Kroll (C)

William Shepherd, State Prosecutor of Florida (C)

Grantley Watson, Regional Security System (I)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Location: Bayfront A (Lower)

PRIORITY ISSUE:

ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO THE REGION

Foreign Investment has become a major source of economic growth in the Caribbean and Central America. Arrangements such as CAFTA-DR and the expected integration of the Caribbean can act as further incentives to foreign investment, but even within these agreements countries are competing. How much do regional arrangements vs. national policies affect the decisions made by foreign investors? What is driving intra-regional investment? Is there a need for a regional investment policy that would level the playing field for all of the countries; or will the national enabling environment always trump any regional policy?

MODERATOR:

Ines Bustillo, UN-Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean (C)

PRESENTERS:

Jose Domingo Arias, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Panama (C)

Lisa Bell, Jamaica Trade and Invest (I)

Richard Coles, CIC/Coles Group, Haiti (C)

Manuel Mencia, Enterprise Florida (C)

Ralph O'Neal, Ministry of Finance, British Virgin Islands (C)

Mildred Santos, Export and Investment Center of the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD) (C)

Julian Wilkins, Digicel Group(C)

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm Location: Versailles (Upper)

PLENARY LUNCH

ADDRESS:

SENATOR BOB GRAHAM (C)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Location: Sevilla (Lower)

FOCUS ON TOURISM

Tourism is the principal revenue earner for many Caribbean economies, and is growing in importance in Central America. However, the region has to evaluate its sustainability. Many of the needs are known: more efficient energy consumption, better management of the physical environment, improved use of the technology and information available that can refine and improve the tourism product. Is the region making use of all of the available resources? Are tourism stakeholders working cohesively? Or are competing national or industry objectives impeding an effective regional approach to this critical driver of development?

MODERATOR:

Jennifer Nugent-Hill, Tropical Shipping (C)

SPEAKERS:

Jose Napoleon Duarte, Ministry of Tourism, El Salvador (C)

Annie Hillary, NOAA (I)

John Issa, Superclubs (C)

Yves Lesenfants, Multilateral Investment Fund (C)

John Maginley, Ministry of Tourism, Antigua and Barbuda (C)

Enrique de Marchena, Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (C)

Guiselle Mendez, National System of Conservation Areas, Government of Costa Rica (C)

Alvaro Pilar, Puerto Rico Ports Authority (C)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Location: Bayfront B (Lower)

FOCUS ON ENERGY

Volatile energy costs have affected regional competitiveness. Renewable energy costs are high, with regional governments and private sector without the technology or capital to invest in alternative energy projects. What incentives or policy changes can increase private sector participation in renewable and alternative energy projects? What initiatives and policies for promoting conservation and energy efficiency have proven successful? How are traditional energy suppliers contributing to the regional efforts to address energy security?

MODERATOR:

Matt Ross, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice (C)

SPEAKERS:

Leandro Alves, Inter-American Development Bank (C)

Roger Bryan, The Sol Group (C)

Nigel Hosein, CARILEC (C)

Joel Velasco, Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association (UNICA) (C)

3:45 pm - 5:30 pm

CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLES

3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Location: Bayfront A (Lower)
CUBA

As Cuba struggles to maintain economic stability the offer of greater regional integration and the potential lifting of the 50+ year embargo are on the table. While Cuba has decided to remain outside of the OAS system, it is trading with countries in Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Will this sustain the economy? What is the potential impact of the recession on Cuba's willingness to open its markets? And what are the opportunities and challenges to the US and Caribbean Basin should it do so?

MODERATOR:

Peter Johnson, Caribbean Central American Action (C)

SPEAKERS:

Timothy Ashby, Tiber Group (C)

Jay Brickman, Crowley (C)

Bruce Jay Colan, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (C)

Maria Mendez, Alabama State Port Authority (C)

Jorge Piñon, University of Miami (C)

Juan Tamayo, El Nuevo Herald (C)

3:45 pm - 5:30pm Location: Gusman/Tuttle (Lower)

**SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES/
REMITTANCES**

The health of Small and Medium Enterprises is critical to the health of the economies of the Caribbean Basin. Two-thirds of the regional SME's have fewer than ten employees but are up to 95% of the total number of businesses, and their survival during the current economic downturn will have repercussions throughout the economy. Many of these SME's depend on remittances – either as a source for financing or as the principal source of income for customers – but remittances to the region have been declining during 2009. How are SME's and SME-dependent industries surviving the downturn? Are there programs underway that can help beneficiaries of remittances better administer their income? What is the role of the formal banking sector?

MODERATOR:

Oscar Bazoberry, World Data (I)

SPEAKERS:

Carlos Acevedo, Central Reserve Bank, El Salvador (C)

David Alvarez, Nexxo Financial Corp. (C)

Hector Cordova, FEDECACES (C)

Alison Germak, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (C)

Ingrid Figueroa de Santamaria, Cenpromype (C)

Wayne Hewitt, Scotiabank (C)

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Location: Versailles Foyer
(Upper)

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