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Senior Leadership from the Inter-American Development Bank, the Caribbean Development Bank, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration to be featured at the upcoming Miami Conference on the Caribbean Basin

Washington, D.C. – October 13, 2006.....Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA) announced today that Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Inter-American Development Bank will join Compton Bourne, the President of the Caribbean Development Bank and Harry Brautigam, the President of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, as speakers at the upcoming Miami Conference, December 4-6, 2006.

Luis Alberto Moreno has served as President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) since October 2005. The IDB, established in 1959, is the oldest and largest regional development bank and is the main source of multilateral financing for economic, social and institutional development projects as well as trade and regional integration programs in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Compton Bourne has served as the President of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) since May 2001. The CDB is the leading Caribbean development finance institution, working with borrowing members towards the systematic reduction of poverty in their countries, through social and economic development.

Harry Brautigam became the President of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) in September 2003. Since 1960, CABEI has represented the united effort of the five Central American nations to create a bank focused on the promotion of integration and economic and social development in the region. Now the largest financial institution in Central America, its strategic axis is based on the fight against poverty, regional integration and the competitive insertion of Central America in the global economy.

Confirmed Heads of State for this year's Miami Conference include Prime Minister Owen Arthur of Barbados, Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller of Jamaica and President Enrique Bolaños of Nicaragua. Other invited leaders include Prime Minister Denzil Douglas of St. Kitts & Nevis, President Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic, President Manuel Zelaya of Honduras, President Oscar Berger of Guatemala, and President Rene Preval of Haiti.

The Miami Conference titled "A United Third Border" is an important milestone for CCAA as we celebrate 30 years of involvement in the economic development of the Caribbean Basin, through advocacy, partnerships and alliances with the public and private sectors in the region.

Confirmed sponsors for the Miami Conference include Scotiabank, Chevron, ExxonMobil, Enterprise Florida, Tropical Shipping, Florida FTAA, PriceSmart, Seaboard Marine, SOGENER,

Angostura, Bladex, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Port of Miami, Rums of Barbados, Santa Lucia Estate Coffee and Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLC.

CCAA is a non-governmental organization that promotes private sector-led economic development in the Caribbean Basin. More information on the organization and the Annual Miami Conference, including times of speaker presentations, can be found by visiting CCAA's website at www.c-cao.org.

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