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**Pathways to Prosperity Dialogue on Public Participation in Sustainable Development
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San José, Costa Rica

Conference Room: Corcovado 3

January 22, 2010

1:00 pm **Welcome Remarks**

Esteban Aguero, Director of Trade Negotiations, Comex, Costa Rica
Ambassador Patricio Zuquilanda, OAS Representative in Costa Rica

1:15-1:45 pm **I. State of Access to Environmental Information, Participation and Justice in Latin America**

- Claudia de Windt, Chief Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS

1:45-2:30 pm **II. Existing mechanisms and regulations to promote Public Participation in the environmental decision-making process and enforcement in the region. Introduced and Chaired by Rosa Otero, Director Trade and Environment, SEMARN Dominican Republic**

- The case of Canada. Damian Crawley, Environment Canada
- Opportunities in the International Financial Sector. Jean Aden, Director of Accountability, OPIC

3:00-4:15 pm **III. Overview of best practices and experiences in the region. Introduced and Chaired by Larry Sperling, OES/PCI**

- The Case of Costa Rica. María Guzmán, Director, DIGECA.
- Strengthening Participatory Environmental Governance in DR-CAFTA countries. "Regional strategy development to implement Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration", Leyla Zelaya UNITAR-CCAD.
- Project on a transparency and information access in El Salvador. Marjorie Chorro de Chávez, Trade Coordinator, Department of Legal Studies, The Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development, FUSADES.

4:15-5:15 pm **IV. Open discussion** on Lessons learned and recommendations

Introduced and Chaired by: Joe Ferrante, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

5:15 pm **V. Close of Meeting**