II OAS Private Sector Forum
Buenos Aires, Argentina - November 2005
Delivering the Benefits of Democracy Through Job Creation: The Role of the Private Sector

AGENDA

8:00 – 9:45 Registration

10:00 – 11:10 Opening

Welcoming Remarks: Hon. José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States

Introduction: Ernesto Gutiérrez, President, Hemispheric Private Sector Forum

Welcoming Remarks: Hon. Elías Antonio Saca, President of El Salvador

Keynote Speaker: Carlos Slim, President, CARSO Group, Mexico

Welcoming Remarks: Hon. Rafael Bielsa, Minister of Foreign Relations, Republic of Argentina

11:10 – 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20 – 12:30 Session 1: Proposals of Innovative Policies for Job Creation and Sustainable Growth

Moderator: James Fendell, President and CEO, Aeropost International Services, Inc.
Introduction: Dr. Brian J.R. Stevenson, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Organization of American States

Presentation Dr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Director, Employment Department, International Labor Organization (ILO)

Remarks: Hon. Yolanda Gavidia, Minister of Economy, El Salvador
Hon. María del Rosario Guerra, Director, COLCIENCIAS, Colombia
Daniel Funes de Rioja, President, CEATAL
Richard A. Nuccio, Director, Center for Civic Education, United States
Questions and Answers

12:30 – 14:15 Lunch

Introduction Hon. Daniel Scioli, Vice President, Republic of Argentina

Keynote Speaker: Hon. Carlos Gutiérrez, Secretary of Commerce, United States of America
Comments: Susan Segal, President and CEO, Council of the Americas
Héctor Méndez, President, Union Industrial de Argentina
Roberto Giannetti Fonseca, Director of International Relations and Foreign Trade, State of Sao Paulo Industry Federation (FIESP), Brazil

14:15 – 14:30 Coffee Break

14:30 – 16:00 Session 2: Presentation of the Private Sector Recommendations
Moderator: Carlos Jorquiera, President, Santiago de Chile Chamber of Commerce

14:30-14:40 Caribbean. Carol Ayoung, CEO, Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)

14:40-14:50 Central America, Panama, and Dominican Republic. Enrique de Obarrio, Panamanian Association of Executives (APEDE)

14:50-15:00 Southern Cone.
15:00-15:10 North America. John Murphy, Vice President, International Division of Western Hemispheric Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

15:10 – 15:20 Andean Region. José Luís Betancourt, President, Andean Business Council and Eugenio Marulanda, President, CONFECAMARAS, Colombia


15:30 – 15:45 Questions and Answers

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Session 3: “Competitiveness and Job Creation”
Moderator: Joyce de Ginatta, President, Inter-American Entrepreneurial Federation, Ecuador

Introduction: Ambassador Luis Maria Kreckler, Deputy Secretary of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina

Keynote Address: Dr. Enrique Garcia, President, Andean Development Corporation (CAF) “Competitiveness and Job Creation in the Americas”

Special Comments: Dr. Martín Redrado, President, Central Bank of the Republic of Argentina

Presentation of Cases: Dr. José Pablo Arellano, President, Fundación Chile “Ingredients for Competitiveness and Job Creation: The Experience of Fundación Chile”
Questions and Answers

17:00 – 17:30 Closing Comments

Introduction: Carlos De la Vega, President, Argentine Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Roberto Lavagna, Minister of Economy and Production, Republic of Argentina

18:10 – 19:00 Cocktail

20:00 Transportation to Señor Tango (departing from the Hotel Hilton - only available for confirmed participants)

21:00 – 23:00 Dinner at Señor Tango (only available for confirmed participants)