



TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF THE ANDEAN REGION IN THE CONTEXT OF FREE TRADE

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AGENDA

9:30 Opening

- Dr. Carlos Maria Ocampos, OAS Representative in Ecuador
- Mónica Silva, President of CEDA
- Enrique Fócil Baquerizo, Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry, Fisheries and Competitiveness of Ecuador

10:00 Environmental and Trade Policy Integration

- The Environment within the Framework of Free Trade, *Maria Antonieta Rivas, Ministry of Environment of Nicaragua.*
- Public Participation in Regional Trade Agreements, *Luis Guadarrama, CEMDA (Environmental Law Center of Mexico)*
- Integrated Evaluations as a Planning Tool for Public Policies, *Benjamin Simmons, Legal Officer, UNEP.*

11:15 Questions and Answers

11:30 Coffee

11:45 Environmental Evaluations of Trade, Links and Importance for the Andean Region. *Claudia de Windt, OAS and Francisco Veintimilla, Executive Director of CEDA.*

12:00 Context and Socio-Economic and environmental Impacts: Case Studies

- Colombia: meat, leather and textiles, *Angela Uribe, ICDA.*
- Ecuador: tuna and African palm, *Gabriela Muñoz, CEDA*
- Peru: tropical lumber and textiles, *Wagner Safra, SPDA.*

1:15 Comments and Clarifications

1:30 Lunch

2:30 Opportunities and Challenges for the Andean Region with Trade Liberalization

- Markets and Competitiveness: *Jorge Hernan Chiriboga, Viceminister of Agriculture of Ecuador.*
- Legal and Institutional Framework: *Maria Julia Oliva, CIEL.*
- The Role of Key Stakeholders in the Success of Integrated Policies: *Maria Fabiana Oliver, FARN, Argentina*

3:30 Questions and Answers: Open Discussion

4:00 Main Conclusions and Recommendations: *Hernán Blanco, RIDES*

5:00 Closing