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Speaker Profiles

Wednesday, September 9	
Introductory Remarks 2:00 – 2:30 PM Ballroom	
	<p>Enrique García  @AgendaCAF</p> <p>Enrique García has served as president and CEO of CAF – Development Bank of Latin America since 1991 and is co-vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Dialogue. Previously, he was Bolivia’s minister of planning and coordination, head of the economic and social cabinet, and has also served as treasurer of the Inter-American Development Bank. MORE</p>
	<p>Luis Almagro  @Almagro_OEA2015</p> <p>Luis Almagro Lemes is the secretary general of the Organization of American States, and was the minister of foreign affairs of Uruguay from 2010 until March 2015. He also served as ambassador to China from 2007 until 2010 and represented Uruguay in UNESCO in 1998. MORE</p>
	<p>Michael Shifter  @The_Dialogue</p> <p>Michael Shifter is president of the Inter-American Dialogue and adjunct professor of Latin American politics at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. Shifter previously served as the organization’s vice president for policy, and managed the Dialogue’s programs on democratic governance and the Andean region. MORE</p>

**Conversation: “The Geopolitical Challenges of the Hemisphere: the Way Ahead”
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.**



Patricia Janiot (moderator)

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Patricia Janiot is a senior anchor for CNN en España, and anchors the Emmy-winning evening newscast Panorama Mundial. She is president of the Colombianitos foundation, which helps children who are victims of the Colombian armed conflict. [MORE](#)



Luis Almagro

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Marco Aurélio Garcia

Marco Aurélio Garcia is foreign policy advisor to President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil, a position he also held during the Lula administration from 2007 to 2010. Previously, he was interim president and international secretary of the Workers Party (PT). Garcia is also a professor at the State University of Campinas.



Roberta Jacobson

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Roberta Jacobson is assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs at the US Department of State. Her prior appointments include deputy assistant secretary for Canada, Mexico, and NAFTA issues; director of the office of Mexican affairs; deputy chief of mission at the US embassy in Lima, Peru; and coordinator for Cuban affairs. In June 2015, Jacobson was nominated US ambassador to Mexico; her appointment is pending US Senate confirmation. [MORE](#).



María Ángela Holguín

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María Ángela Holguín is minister of foreign affairs of Colombia. She has held several high-level positions in the government of Colombia, including in the Office of the President of the Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Office of the Inspector General of the Nation. She also served as Colombia’s permanent representative to the United Nations and ambassador to Venezuela. [MORE](#).



Jose Ramón Cabañas (to be confirmed)

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José Ramón Cabañas is chief of mission of the Embassy of Cuba in the United States. He was previously director of Consular Affairs and Cuban Resident Abroad Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He joined the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1984 and two years later moved to the North America Division.



Martín Torrijos

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Martín Torrijos served as president of Panama from 2004 to 2009. He has been a member of the Inter-American Dialogue since 2010 and sits on its Board of Directors. As president of Panama, Torrijos oversaw the passing of a USD \$5 billion expansion plan of the Panama Canal and negotiated the Panama-US Trade Promotion Agreement. [MORE.](#)

**Session II:
“Elections and Political Scenario in Latin America: Focus on Argentina,
Peru, Venezuela, and Guatemala”
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**



Michael Shifter (moderator)

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Sergio Berensztein

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Sergio Berensztein is founder and president of Berensztein, a political and strategy consulting firm, and co-founder and former CEO of Poliarquía Consultores. He has served as an advisor to CAF – Development Bank of Latin America, the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations Development Program, and the World Bank. He also acted as the special advisor to the Institute for Business Development in Argentina (IDEA).



Rosa María Palacios

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Rosa María Palacios is a Peruvian lawyer and journalist. She is a columnist for La República, runs an independent political blog, and hosts the program En el mismo punto on Espacio360. Previously, Palacios was director and host of the television show Prensa Libre from 2004 to 2011.



Vladimir Villegas

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Vladimir Villegas is a Venezuelan journalist and politician currently serving as the news director of Globovisión. From 2003 to 2004, he was president of Venezolana de Televisión. Villegas has also served as Venezuela's ambassador to Brazil and Mexico, and deputy foreign minister for Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania.



Alfonso Quiñónez

Alfonso Quiñónez is former secretary of external relations of the Organization of American States. During his tenure at the OAS, he also served as executive secretary of the Summit of the Americas and executive secretary for integral development, as well as permanent representative of Guatemala. He currently chairs the finance committee of the UN Institute for Training and Research.



Michael Reid

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Michael Reid writes the Bello column on Latin America for *The Economist* and is the magazine's writer-at-large for the region. He previously served as Americas editor, South America bureau chief, and Mexico and Central America correspondent.

Thursday, September 10

Session III
“Latin America’s Present and Future Development Challenges in the Current Global Environment”
9:00 – 10:30 am

	<p>Enrique García  @AgendaCAF</p> <p>Enrique García has served as president and CEO of CAF – Development Bank of Latin America since 1991 and is co-vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Dialogue. Previously, he was Bolivia’s minister of planning and coordination, head of the economic and social cabinet, and has also served as treasurer of the Inter-American Development Bank. MORE</p>
	<p>Axel Kicillof  @Kicillofok, @PrensaEconomia</p> <p>Axel Kicillof is minister of economy and public finances of Argentina. He previously served as secretary for economic policy and developmental planning, deputy manager of Aerolíneas Argentinas, and economics professor at the University of Buenos Aires. MORE.</p>
	<p>Luis Miguel Castilla  @Emb_of_Peru, @CancilleriaPeru</p> <p>Luis Miguel Castilla is ambassador of Peru to the United States. From 2011 to 2014, he served as minister of economy and finance. Castilla was previously vice minister of finance, chief economist and vice president of public policies and competitiveness at CAF – Development Bank of Latin America, and an adviser at the World Bank. MORE</p>
	<p>Alejandro Werner  @IMFNews</p> <p>Alejandro Werner is director of the Western Hemisphere Department of the International Monetary Fund. He previously served as undersecretary of finance and public credit of Mexico, head of corporate and investment banking at BBVA-Bancomer, and director of economic studies at the Bank of Mexico. MORE</p>
	<p>Jorge Familiar  @Familiar BM @BancoMundialLAC</p> <p>Jorge Familiar is vice president of the World Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean. Familiar has served as vice president and corporate secretary of the World Bank Group, CEO of Mexico’s Instituto del Fondo Nacional para el Consumo de los Trabajadores (Instituto FONACOT), and executive director and alternative executive director for the World Bank Group. MORE</p>



José Antonio Ocampo

José Antonio Ocampo is a professor at Columbia University, where he directs the School of International and Public Affairs' economic and political development concentration. Ocampo has served as United Nations undersecretary general for economic and social affairs and executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). He has also headed three national executive ministries in the government of Colombia. [MORE](#)



Luciano Coutinho (to be confirmed)

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Luciano Coutinho is the president of BNDES, the Brazilian Development Bank. From 1985 to 1988, he was the executive secretary of the ministry of science and technology in Brazil. He is also a co-founder of LCA Consulting. [MORE](#)

Session IV
“The Growth of the Middle Class in Latin America and its Future Sustainability”
Thursday, September 10, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Guillermo Perry (moderator)

Guillermo Perry is a professor at the School of Economics at the University of the Andes in Colombia, a non-resident fellow at the Center for Global Development, and a senior external advisor to the president of CAF – Development Bank of Latin America. From 1996 to 2007, he was chief economist for Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Bank and has also served as both minister of finance and public credit and minister of mining and energy of Colombia. [MORE](#)



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Santiago Levy

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Santiago Levy is vice president for sectors and knowledge at the Inter-American Development Bank, and previously served as general manager and chief economist for the organization's research department. He was also general director of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), the deputy minister at the ministry of finance and public credit of Mexico, and the president of the FCC in Mexico. [MORE](#)



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Nancy Birdsall is founding president of the Center for Global Development. From 1993 to 1998, she was executive vice president of the Inter-American Development Bank, and previously served as senior associate and director of the Economic Reform Project at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Before joining the IDB, she spent 14 years working at the World Bank. [MORE](#)



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Latin America & the World: A Conversation
12:00 – 1:00 pm



Moisés Naím (to be confirmed)

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Moisés Naím is a distinguished fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a member of the Dialogue, the chief international columnist for *El País* and *La República*, a contributor to the *Financial Times* "A-List," and a contributing editor to *The Atlantic*. He is also the host and producer of Efecto Naím, a weekly television program on international affairs that airs throughout the Americas. [MORE](#)



Enrique V. Iglesias

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Session V
"What is Happening with the Regional Integration of Latin America?"
2:00 – 3:30 pm



Alicia Bárcena (moderator)

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Alicia Bárcena is the executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). She has been a member of the Inter-American Dialogue since 2010 and sits on its Board of Directors. Bárcena previously served as undersecretary general for management under Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, cabinet chief to Secretary General Kofi Annan, and

	<p>coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Program of the UN Development Program (UNDP). MORE</p>
	<p>Eladio Loizaga @MREParaguay</p> <p>Eladio Loizaga is a Paraguayan lawyer and diplomat currently serving as minister of foreign affairs. From 2001 to 2009, he served as Paraguay's permanent representative to the United Nations and has also represented his country before the World Trade Organization. MORE</p>
	<p>Alejandro Foxley @CIEPLAN</p> <p>Alejandro Foxley is a Chilean economist and politician currently serving as president of Corporación de Estudios para Latinoamérica (CIEPLAN) in Santiago. Previously, he served as minister of finance, minister of foreign relations, and national senator. Foxley was also a senior associate of the international economics program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a governor of the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank. MORE</p>
	<p>Gustavo Fernández</p> <p>Gustavo Fernández is a Bolivian lawyer and diplomat who served as minister of foreign affairs. He was also minister of the presidency from 1989 to 1993 and Bolivia's ambassador to Brazil from 1983 to 1984. MORE</p>
	<p>Carlos Malamud @CarlosMalamud @RIElcano</p> <p>Carlos Malamud is a senior analyst for Latin America at the Elcano Royal Institute, professor at the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, and director of the Latin America department at the Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset, where he also heads the Latin American Security and Defense Observatory (OSAL). MORE</p>



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Session VI
“The Relations Between Latin America and Asia: Enchantment or Disappointment?”
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.



Andrea Bernal (moderator)

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Hiroshi Watanabe

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Session VII

**“New Horizons for Cuba after December 7, 2014: the Path towards Transformation”
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

	<p>Mario Bergara (moderator)  @BancoCentral_Uy</p> <p>Mario Bergara is president of the Central Bank of Uruguay, a position he also held from 2008 to 2013. He was previously minister of economy and finance from 2013 to 2015, deputy minister of economy and finance from 2005 to 2008, and director of Uruguay's Communications Services Regulatory Unit from 2001 to 2005. MORE</p>
	<p>Alberto Trejos  @INCAE</p> <p>Alberto Trejos is a Costa Rican economist and professor at INCAE Business School in Costa Rica, where he has also served as dean and general director of the Latin American Center for Competitiveness and Sustainable Development. Previously, he was minister of foreign trade and president of the Costa Rican Investment Board (CINDE). MORE</p>
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	<p>Germán Ríos  @grrios @AgendaCAF</p> <p>Germán Ríos is director of strategic affairs for CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and a professor of macroeconomics at the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Caracas. Previously, he served as the director of public investment in Venezuela's Ministry of Planning and Development. He has consulted for the Inter-American Development Bank, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the World Bank.</p>
	<p>Ted Piccone  @Piccone_Ted @BrookingsFP</p> <p>Ted Piccone is a senior fellow with the Project on International Order and Strategy and Latin America Initiative in the Foreign Policy Program at the Brookings Institution. During the Clinton administration, he held senior positions in the National Security Council, State Department, and Department of Defense. Piccone was also co-founder and served as executive director of the Democracy</p>

	Coalition Project. MORE
 A portrait of Juan Triana, a middle-aged man with a mustache, wearing a light-colored shirt.	<p>Juan Triana</p> <p>Juan Triana is a graduate professor at the Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy (CEEC) at the University of Havana. He speaks internationally at conferences on the Cuban economy, as well as at academic, government, nongovernmental and foreign institutions.</p>
 A portrait of Vilma Hidalgo, a woman with long hair, wearing a light-colored shirt.	<p>Vilma Hidalgo</p> <p>Vilma Hidalgo is vice president of the Universidad de La Habana and professor in the faculty of economics.</p>