



**FIRST ENCOUNTER OF THE FINANCE MINISTERS OF THE
AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN**

CANCUN, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO

JUNE 23-24, 2008

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Monday 23rd

19:00-21:00 Welcome Cocktail / Reception (informal)

Tuesday 24th

7:30-7:45 Access to the Meeting Room

8:00-8:30 Opening by the President of Mexico, Mr. Felipe Calderón
Media presence

8:30-10:15 Session 1.- The World and Regional Economic Outlook

Lead Speakers

Topic

Dominique Strauss-Khan, Managing Director, IMF

World and regional economic outlook

Robert B. Zoellick, President, World Bank

Rising food and energy prices

Henry M. Paulson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Treasury

Perspective of the U.S. economy

Introduction to the discussion by:

Guido Mantega, Minister, Brazil Ministry of Finance

(TBD)

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:30 Session 2.- Future Role of the International Financial Institutions (IFIs)

Lead Speakers

Topic

Dominique Strauss-Khan, Managing Director, IMF

The Role of the IMF

Robert B. Zoellick, President, World Bank

The Role of the WB

Luis Alberto Moreno, President, IDB

The Role of the IDB

James Flaherty, Minister, Canada Department of Finance

The need of strong and responsive IFIs to support growth and stability in the region

Introduction to the discussion by:

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12:30-12:45 Official Photo

12:45 -14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45 **Session 3.- Strategic Vision on a Hemispheric Agenda of Cooperation**

Lead speakers

Topic

Luis Alberto Moreno, President, IDB

The hemisphere's connectivity,
infrastructure and finance

Andrés Velasco, Minister, Chile Ministry of Finance

Future of the Financial Ministers of
the Americas and the Caribbean's
Encounter

Introduction to the discussion by:

Oscar I. Zuluaga, Minister, Colombia Ministry of
Finance and Public Credit

15:45-16:00 Concluding Remarks

16:00-16:30 Press Conference of the Chair of the Encounter

17:00-19:00 Space for Bilateral Meetings

19:15-19:30 Transportation to the restaurant

19:30-21:30 Closing Dinner