



8th Meeting of Finance Ministers of the Americas and the Caribbean

October 5, 2016 | 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

*Andrés Bello Auditorium, 9th Floor | Inter-American Development Bank
1300 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC*

The Minister of Finance of the Republic of Paraguay, **Mr. Santiago Peña Palacios**, has the honor to chair the 8th Meeting of Finance Ministers of the Americas and the Caribbean, organized by the Ministry of Finance of Paraguay with the support of the Technical Secretariat lead by the Inter-American Development Bank.

DISCUSSION THEMES

Session 1

Global Economic Growth Prospects

How to respond to unstable domestic and global demand with a view to generating growth?

1. Global economic prospects and their impact on the region.
2. Economic policy challenges for generating growth in the short term.
3. The role of cyclical and structural policies in promoting medium and long-term growth.

Session 2

Regional Integration in the Current Economic Slowdown

How can deeper integration stimulate regional development?

1. The institutional and regulatory architecture to promote trade integration.
2. The key role of physical and logistical integration.
3. Challenges for strengthening financial integration.

AGENDA

12:00 – 1:45 **Registration**

2:00 – 2:15 **Opening Remarks**

Mr. Santiago Peña Palacios Minister of Finance of Paraguay

Global Economic Growth Prospects

Ms. Christine Lagarde Managing Director
International Monetary Fund

Mr. Jim Yong Kim President
The World Bank Group

2:15 – 3:45

Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno President
Inter-American Development Bank

Prepared Remarks by

Mr. Jacob.J. Lew Secretary of the Treasury
United States

Open Discussion

3:45 – 4:00 **Official Photograph**

4:00 – 4:15 **Coffee Break**

Regional Integration in the Current Economic Slowdown

Presentation of the Policy Discussion Briefs prepared by the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank Group, the International Monetary Fund, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America, and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Mr. Augusto de la Torre Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean
The World Bank Group

Prepared Remarks by

4:15 – 5:45

Mr. Dulcideo De La Guardia Minister of Economy and Finance
Panama

Open Discussion

With brief remarks by

Mr. Enrique García, Executive President, CAF

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Mr. Alejandro Werner, Director of the Western Hemisphere Department, IMF

Mr. Santiago Levy, Vice President for Sectors and Knowledge, IDB

5:45 – 6:00 **Closing Remarks**
