

6th Meeting of Finance Ministers of the Americas and the Caribbean

Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Republic of Colombia

October 8, 2014, 9:00h to 12:30h

*Andrés Bello Auditorium, Inter-American Development Bank Headquarters
1300 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC, USA*

The Minister of Finance and Public Credit of the Republic of Colombia, Dr. Mauricio Cárdenas, will be honored to chair the **6th Meeting of Finance Ministers of the Americas and the Caribbean**, organized with the support of the Technical Secretariat lead by the Inter-American Development Bank.

DISCUSSION THEMES

Session 1

Stability and Social Progress in an Uncertain Macroeconomic Environment

How can the region address poverty and inequality amid economic headwinds?

1. Regional economic perspectives in a context of slow global growth.
2. The challenge of opening fiscal space for social investment.
3. Focusing on skills development to maximize the impact of social policies.

Session 2

New Frontiers for Regional Integration

What investments and regulatory reforms can best contribute to a deep integration agenda?

1. Enhancing investment in regional infrastructure to promote productive integration.
2. Trade facilitation and regulatory convergence to support participation in global and regional value chains.
3. Expanding the integration agenda to new areas such as energy, finance and innovation.

AGENDA

08:00 – 08:45	Registration	
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Opening Remarks		
09:00 – 09:20	Mr. Mauricio Cárdenas	Minister of Finance and Public Credit Colombia
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Stability and Social Progress in an Uncertain Macroeconomic Environment		
	Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno	President Inter-American Development Bank
	Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati	Managing Director The World Bank
09:20 – 10:45	Ms. Christine Lagarde	Managing Director International Monetary Fund
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Prepared Remarks by:		
	Mr. Jacob J. Lew	Secretary of the Treasury United States of America
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Open Discussion		
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10:45 – 11:00	Official Photograph	
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11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
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New Frontiers for Regional Integration		
	Mr. Santiago Levy	Vice President for Sectors and Knowledge Inter-American Development Bank
11:15 – 12:15	Mr. Jorge Familiar	Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean The World Bank
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Open Discussion		
With brief remarks by Mr. Enrique García, Executive President of the CAF - Development Bank of Latin America		
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12:15 – 12:30	Closing Remarks	
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