



9th Meeting of Finance Ministers of the Americas and the Caribbean

October 11, 2017 | 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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

The Minister of Finance of the Argentine Republic, **Mr. Luis Andrés Caputo**, has the honor to chair the 9th Meeting of Finance Ministers of the Americas and the Caribbean, organized with the support of the Technical Secretariat led by the Inter-American Development Bank.

DISCUSSION THEMES

Session 1

Global Economic Growth Prospects

How can the region resume growth in a rapidly changing international environment?

1. Global economic trends 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

Financial Inclusion and Regional Integration

How can inclusive financial systems and deeper regional integration support growth prospects?

1. Policy options to promote access to credit and financial inclusion.
2. Priorities to secure correspondent banking relationships.
3. Pragmatic policy solutions to promote intra-regional trade integration.

AGENDA

1:30 – 2:45 **Registration**

3:00 – 3:20 **Opening Remarks**

Mr. Luis Andrés Caputo Minister of Finance of Argentina

Global Economic Growth Prospects

The panel discussion will assess the key trends in the global economy and growth prospects for the region.

3:20 – 4:40

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| Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno | President Inter-American Development Bank |
| Mr. Mitsuhiro Furusawa | Deputy Managing Director International Monetary Fund |
| Mr. Jorge Familiar | Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean The World Bank Group |

Prepared Remarks

Mr. David Malpass Under Secretary for International Affairs
U. S. Department of the Treasury

Open Discussion

4:40 – 4:55 **Official Photograph**

Financial Inclusion and Regional Integration

The ministerial roundtable will focus on policy priorities to promote financial inclusion and regional integration. The debate will be based on the Policy Discussion Briefs prepared by the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America, and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Prepared Remarks

4:55 – 6:15

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| Mr. Mauricio Cárdenas | Minister of Finance and Public Credit Colombia |
| Mr. Dulcideo De La Guardia | Minister of Economy and Finance Panama |
| Mr. Wilfredo Cerrato | Minister of Finance Honduras |

Open Discussion

6:15 – 6:30 **Closing Remarks**
