



*Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Republic of Colombia*

October 9, 2013, 14:00h to 18:00h

*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 Santamaría, will be honored to chair the 5th Meeting of Finance Ministers of the Americas and the Caribbean. The Inter-American Development Bank, through the Integration and Trade Sector of the Vice Presidency for Sectors and Knowledge, is acting as the Technical Secretariat of the process, in coordination with the Colombian Ministry of Finance and Public Credit.

**DISCUSSION THEMES**

Session 1

**The Region's Macroeconomic Outlook and Challenges**

*What are the best policy strategies in the new global economic scenario?*

1. The normalization of the Fed's monetary policy and its impact on the region's financial markets.
2. China's economic perspectives and Latin America's terms of trade.
3. Emerging markets slowdown: Trend or cycle? Policy measures to address the recent slowdown of Latin America's manufacturing sector.

Session 2

**Setting a Balance between Equality, Formality and Productivity in the Public Policy Agenda**

*How can social and economic challenges be addressed simultaneously?*

1. The pending policy agenda to address inequality, informality and low productivity.
2. Possible inconsistencies between the three objectives.
3. A balanced policy mix to move forward on all three fronts.

## AGENDA

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12:00 – 13:45	<b>Registration</b>
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	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
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14:00 – 14:15	Mr. Mauricio Cárdenas	Minister of Finance and Public Credit Colombia
	Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno	President Inter-American Development Bank

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	<b>The Region's Macroeconomic Outlook and Challenges</b>
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	Ms. Christine Lagarde	Managing Director International Monetary Fund
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14:15 – 15:45	<b>Prepared Remarks by:</b>	
	Mr. Jacob J. Lew	Secretary of the Treasury United States of America

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	<b>Open Discussion</b>	
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15:45 – 16:00	<b>Official Photograph</b>
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16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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	Mr. Santiago Levy	Vice President for Sectors and Knowledge Inter-American Development Bank
	Mr. Hasan Tuluy	Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean The World Bank

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16:15 – 17:45	<b>Prepared Remarks by:</b>	
	Mr. Luis Miguel Castilla	Minister of Economy and Finance Peru

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	<b>Open Discussion</b>	
	With brief remarks by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and Mr. Enrique García, Executive President and CEO of the CAF - Development Bank of Latin America	

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17:45 – 18:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
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18:15 – 18:45	<b>Press Conference</b>
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19:00 – 21:00	<b>Closing Dinner of Heads of Delegations Residence of the Ambassador of Colombia to the United States</b>
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