

“David & Goliath” Negotiating Free Trade Agreements with the United States

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In the Western Hemisphere, as in the rest of the world, the importance of bilateral trade agreements has stepped into the spotlight as the multi-lateral approach of the Doha Round of trade talks remains seemingly stalled. Given the strength and size of the US economy and the close geographic proximity, it is natural for the US to seek free trade agreements with other countries of the Americas and vice versa. Officials from throughout the hemisphere will impart insight from direct experience negotiating in a trade environment, which at least from the outside, appears to involve an uneven economic playing field. The panelists' discussion will provide a greater understanding of the interests, positions, and strategies of the parties involved.

Speakers:

H.E. Tomas Duenas, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the US. CAFTA chief negotiating Minister and former Vice Chairman of the WTO Ministerial Meeting at Doha

Mr. Juan Botero, Director of Colombia Government Trade Bureau. Former Deputy Chief Negotiator U.S. - Andean Free Trade Agreement and chief counselor by Colombian before the WTO

Mr. Alex Foxley, Executive Director for Chile and Ecuador at the Inter-American Investment Corporation. Alternate Executive Director for Chile and Peru at the Inter-American Development Bank

Mr. James Holbein, U.S. Secretary for the NAFTA Secretariat at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Professor at Georgetown University Law Center; American University, Washington College of Law; and the University of Maryland. President of Global Trade Consulting. Author of numerous international trade publications

Moderator: Professor Padideh Alai, Washington College of Law, American University

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