

# Americas Partnership - IDB Responsible Investment Forum

Building a Competitive and Inclusive Hemisphere



**November 2, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. ET

IDB Headquarters - Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Center  
1330 New York Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Group, in partnership with the United States Government, will host the **Americas Partnership - IDB Responsible Investment Forum** on November 2, 2023. The Forum is organized on the occasion of the inaugural Americas Partnership<sup>1</sup> Leaders' Summit, which provides a framework for hemispheric cooperation to foster regional competitiveness, resilience, shared prosperity, and inclusive and sustainable investment. The Forum is also aligned with the *BID for the Americas Program*, an IDB led program which aims to create opportunities to invest in the Latin American and Caribbean region and participate in procurement opportunities financed by the IDB.

In line with the objectives of the Americas Partnership Leaders' Summit, the Forum will focus on discussing opportunities in high-standard investment and trade in infrastructure, medical supplies, semiconductors, and clean energy sectors.

The Forum will convene Heads of State and Government and other high-level officials from the Americas Partnership countries, as well as representatives from investment funds, banks, development institutions, private sector, civil society, academia, and think tanks spanning the four priority sectors.

## Agenda

8:00 – 9:00

REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:30

**Welcoming Remarks and the BID for the Americas Program**

Ilan Goldfajn, President, IDB

Janet Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury, United States

9:30 – 10:15

**Heads of State Panel**

Moderator

- Ilan Goldfajn, President, IDB

Heads of State

- Luis Lacalle Pou, President of Uruguay
- Luis Abinader, President of the Dominican Republic
- Rodrigo Chaves Robles, President of Costa Rica

<sup>1</sup> In June 2022, President Biden announced the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity, or “Americas Partnership,” at the Summit of Americas in Los Angeles, California. The Americas Partnership charts a path forward to tackle economic inequality, foster regional economic integration and good jobs, and restore faith in democracy by delivering for working people across the region.

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10:15 – 11:15

## Economic Integration as an Engine for Inclusive Growth

Regional economic integration is a powerful instrument to address complex challenges and seize the vast opportunities that transcend national borders. This panel will bring together experts, policymakers, and private sector leaders with diverse regional and international perspectives to delve into the multifaceted importance of regional integration.

### Moderator

- **Mike Pyle**, Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics, U.S.

### Leading Speakers

- **Michael Bennet**, U.S. Senator for Colorado
- **Bill Cassidy**, U.S. Senator for Louisiana
- **Christopher Padilla**, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM
- **Alicia Bárcena**, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- **Arrow Augerot**, Director, Americas Public Policy, Amazon
- **Anabel González**, Vice President for Countries, IDB

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11:15 – 12:00

## Heads of State Panel

### Moderator

- **Ilan Goldfajn**, President, IDB

### Heads of State

- **Guillermo Lasso**, President of Ecuador
- **Gabriel Boric**, President of Chile
- **Dina Boluarte**, President of Peru

### Closing Remarks

- **Christopher Dodd**, Special Presidential Advisor for the Americas

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12:00 – 12:10

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION | IDB Invest: Scaling Impact

James Scriven, CEO, IDB Invest

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12:10 – 12:25

## Fireside chat: Partners for Private Sector Development

James Scriven, CEO, IDB Invest

Scott Nathan, CEO, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation

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12:30 – 14:00

## NETWORKING LUNCH

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14:00 – 15:00

## Mobilizing Responsible Investment

In an era marked by global challenges such as climate change, social inequality, and environmental degradation, responsible investment has become a critical driver of positive change. This panel will delve into the pivotal role that responsible investment plays in addressing these issues and explore strategies for mobilizing capital towards productive, sustainable, and socially responsible endeavors in Latin America and the Caribbean. The session will also discuss the opportunities for greater transparency and investment that a potential Global Emerging Markets Risk Database (GEMs) reform could unlock.

### Moderator

- **Jordan Schwartz**, Executive Vice President, IDB

### Speakers

- **Cate Ambrose**, CEO and Board Member, Global Private Capital Association
- **Daniel Zelikow**, Vice Chairman, Public Sector, J.P. Morgan
- **Michele Pena**, COO, Ecoenterprises Fund
- **Agnes Dasewicz**, Chief Operating Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation
- **Michelle Arevalo-Carpenter**, General Partner, IMPAQTO Capital
- **Irene Arias**, CEO, IDB Lab

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## SECTOR-SPECIFIC ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

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15:15 – 16:15

## ROUNDTABLE SESSION I: Sustainable Infrastructure

### Room CR2

Latin America and the Caribbean has the urgent need to invest in modern and sustainable infrastructure to drive economic growth, enhance quality of life, and address pressing environmental concerns. This panel will delve into the challenges and opportunities of building sustainable infrastructure in Latin America, highlighting innovative solutions and the critical role of collaboration among public and private stakeholders.

### Moderator

- **Ana Maria Pinto**, Chief of the Transport Division, IDB

### Introductory Remarks

- **Germán Umaña**, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism of Colombia

### Leading Speakers

- **David J. Odeh**, Senior Vice President and Director, WSP USA
- **Juan Ignacio Rubiolo**, Executive Vice President and President, International Businesses, AES
- **Elizabeth Robberechts**, Chief of Infrastructure and Energy Division, IDB Invest

## ROUNDTABLE SESSION II: Medical Supplies

Room CR3

Diversification of the medical products' supply chain presents an opportunity to strengthen resilience and foster access across the hemisphere. This session will explore the market landscape, including the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean in medical supply chains, identify investment opportunities, and look at regulatory frameworks, including standards that would create a win-win investment and growth opportunity.

Moderator

- **Amanda Glassman**, Executive Advisor to the President, IDB

Introductory Remarks

- **Hilary Marston**, Chief Medical Officer, Food and Drug Administration
- **Paula Bogantes**, Minister of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications, Costa Rica

Leading Speakers

- **Stephen Schondelmeyer**, Professor of Pharmaceutical Economics and Century Mortar Club Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Management & Economics, College of Pharmacy and Director of the PRIME Institute, University of Minnesota
- **Levi Simpson**, Senior Director, Health and Wellness Sourcing, Walmart
- **Alfredo Rimoch**, CEO, Laboratorios Liomont, Mexico
- **Stoney Burke**, iAlumbra
- **Alfredo Weber**, CEO, Gador

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16:15 – 16:30

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16:30 – 17:30

## ROUNDTABLE SESSION III: Semiconductors

Room CR3

This session will explore how to strengthen Latin America and the Caribbean's participation in the U.S. semiconductors' supply chain. Topics will include increased synergies, identifying investment opportunities, and fostering cooperation for skills development.

Moderator

- **Fabrizio Opertti**, Integration and Trade Sector Manager, IDB

Introductory Remarks

- **Jose W. Fernandez**, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, U.S. Department of State
- **Manuel Tovar**, Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica

## Leading Speakers

- **David Talbot**, Associate Director, Economic Policy, Milken Institute
- **Robert Casanova**, Director of Industry Statistics and Economic Policy, Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)
- **Bruce H. Andrews**, Corporate Vice President and Chief Government Affairs Officer, Intel
- **Maria Martinez-Rico**, Director and General Manager, BigBang Semiconductors
- **Kevin McGinnis**, Managing Director, Strategic Technology Initiatives, Arizona State University
- **Monica Retamal**, Director, Talento Digital for Chile

## ROUNDTABLE SESSION IV: Clean Energy

### Room CR2

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) stands at the forefront of a global transition towards clean and sustainable energy systems. With abundant renewable resources, growing energy demand, and a commitment to addressing climate change, the region presents a unique opportunity to accelerate the adoption of clean energy technologies. This panel will address the diverse landscape of clean energy in Latin America and the Caribbean, emphasizing its pivotal role in economic development and environmental conservation, with a specific focus on international collaboration between the LAC region and the United States.

### Moderator

- **Marcelino Madrigal**, Energy Division Chief, IDB

### Introductory Remarks

- **Gustavo Manrique Miranda**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador
- **Claudia Sanhueza**, Under-Secretary for International Economic Relations, Chile

### Leading Speakers

- **Kristin Whitman**, Vice President, External Affairs North America, Albemarle
- **Rolando González-Bunster**, CEO & Chairman, InterEnergy Holdings
- **Steve Comello**, Senior Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Energy Futures Initiative
- **Debra Phillips**, President and CEO, National Electric Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
- **Neil Herrington**, Vice President for the Americas, U.S Chamber of Commerce

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17:45 – 19:00

COCKTAIL