

XII ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON CENTRAL AMERICA, PANAMA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REAL INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

Costa Rica, November 21-22, 2013

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

7:00–9:00 p.m. Reception – Salon Arboleda I

Thursday, November 21, 2013

12:30–2:00 p.m. *Informal Lunch – Salon Arboledas*

2:00 –2:30 p.m. **Inauguration – Salon Cedros**

Opening Remarks

- Rodrigo Bolaños, President of Central Bank of Costa Rica
- David Lipton, First Deputy Managing Director, IMF

Closed session begins, by invitation only—media withdraws

2:30 –3:45 p.m. **Session I: Developments and Prospects of the Latin-American Economies – Salon Cedros**

This session will present an overview of the economic situation in Latin-America, and the related outlook and risks

Speaker: Alejandro Werner, Director, Western Hemisphere Department, IMF

Moderator: Francisco de Paula Gutierrez

Questions and Discussion

3:45 –4:15 p.m. Coffee break.

4:15 –5:45 p.m. **Session II: Policies to Mitigate Macroeconomic Vulnerabilities in CAPDR – Salon Cedros**

This session will present a review of vulnerabilities in CA and measures needed to tackle weaknesses in policy frameworks in the region

Speaker: Lorenzo Figliuoli, Division Chief, Central America Division, IMF

Moderator: Francisco de Paula Gutierrez

Questions and Discussion

7:30 –10:00 p.m. **Dinner – Sala de Eventos Campo Lago**

Introduction: Rodrigo Bolaños, President of Central Bank of Costa Rica

Keynote speaker: David Lipton, First Deputy Managing Director, IMF

Topic: [Developments and Prospects of the Global Economy]

Friday, November 22, 2013	
9:00 –10:15 a.m.	<p>Session III: Productivity, Growth and Informality in Central America – Salon Real III</p> <p>Speaker: Santiago Levy, Vice-President, Sector and Knowledge, IDB</p> <p>Moderator: Lizardo Sosa</p> <p>Questions and Discussion</p>
10:15 –10:45 a.m.	Coffee break
10:45 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	<p>Session IV: Colombia's Experience – Salon Real III</p> <p>Speaker: Mauricio Cardenas Santamaría, Minister of Finance of Colombia</p> <p>Moderator: Lizardo Sosa</p> <p>Questions and Discussion</p>
12:00–12:30 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p>Marta Evelyn Arevalo, President, Central America Monetary Council</p> <p>Alejandro Werner, Director, Western Hemisphere Department, IMF</p>
1:00 –1:30 p.m.	<i>Press Conference – Salon Real III</i>
12:30 –2:30 p.m.	<i>Informal Lunch – Terraza, Salon Real</i>