

PRELIMINARY AGENDA*

September 4-5, 2014

JW Marriott Hotel, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Thursday, September 4, 2014

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. **Opening Ceremony**

His Excellency, Danilo Medina, President of the Dominican Republic

Jean Alain Rodríguez, Executive Director of the Export and Investment Center of the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD)

Ministers and Private Sectors Representative

Keynote Speaker Conference

9:30 a.m. **Welcome Cocktail and Networking Session**

10:00 a.m. **Morning Official Address: “Dominican Republic: The Top Investment Destination of the Region”**

Jean Alain Rodríguez, Executive Director of the Export and Investment Center of the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD)

10:45 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION. The Dominican Republic in the context of a Global Economy**

Moderator: Manuel Diez, President, Consejo Nacional de la Empresa Privada (CONEP)

Panelists:

- José Luis Corripio, President, Grupo Corripio
- Héctor Valdez Albizu, Governor, Banco Central de la República Dominicana
- Felipe Vicini, Managing Partner, Grupo Vicini
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

11:45 a.m. **Networking and Coffee Break**

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12:00 m. **PLENARY SESSION. *The Dominican Republic: An Attractive and Competitive Investment Climate***

Moderator: Andrés Van Der Horst Álvarez, Executive Director, Consejo Nacional de Competitividad (CNC)

Panelists:

- McDonald Benjamin, World Bank Representative in the Dominican Republic
- Carlos González, President, Asociación de Empresas de Inversión Extranjera (ASIEX)
- Courtney Fingar, Editor of the FDI Magazine/FDI Intelligence, Financial Times Group

1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch**

2:30 p.m. **Afternoon First Official Address: TOURISM INDUSTRY**

"Moving Forward to a Country Goal: 10 Million Tourists", Francisco Javier García, Minister of Tourism

3:00 p.m. **PLENARY SESSION. *The Dominican Republic: The Tourism Destination by Excellence***

Moderator: Luis R. Pellerano, Senior Partner, *Pellerano & Herrera*

Panelists:

- Frank Rainieri, President of Grupo PUNTA CANA
- Luis Emilio Velutini, President of Grupo Velutini
- Roberto Chapur, President of Hard Rock Hotel Punta Cana
- Luis Emilio Rodríguez Amiama, President, Asociación Nacional de Hoteles y Restaurantes (ASONAHORES)

4:00 p.m. **Networking and Coffee Break**

4:15 p.m. **Afternoon Second Official Address: ENERGY INDUSTRY**

"Opportunities in the Energy Industry. Role of the New Ministry of Energy and Mines", Pelegrín Castillo, Minister of Energy and Mines

4:45 p.m. **PLENARY SESSION. *Potential of the Energy Industry in the Dominican Republic***

Moderator: Roberto Herrera, Managing Director, Consorcio Energético Punta Cana-Macao (CEPM)

Panelists:

- Rubén Bichara, Executive Vice-president, Corporación Dominicana de Empresas Eléctricas Estatales (CDEEE)
- Enrique Ramírez, Executive Director, Comisión Nacional de Energía (CNE)
- Luis Ernesto de León, General Manager, Empresa Distribuidora de Electricidad del Este (EDEESTE)
- Marcelo Aicardi, General Manager, EGEHAINA and Parque Eólico Los Cocos
- Edwin de los Santos, President, AES Dominicana

5:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

6:00 p.m. **Executive Networking Cocktail**

Friday, September 5, 2014

8:30 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**

9:10 a.m. **Morning Official Address: SERVICES AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES**

“Competitiveness of the Industrial Sector in the Dominican Republic”, José Del Castillo Saviñón, Minister of Industry and Commerce

9:40 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION. Potential of the Manufacturing and Services Sectors in the Dominican Republic**

Moderator: Circe Almánzar, Executive Vice-President, Asociación de Industrias de la República Dominicana (AIRD)

Panelists:

- Luisa Fernández, Executive Director, Consejo Nacional de Zonas Francas de Exportación (CNZFE)
- Alexandra Izquierdo, General Director, Centro de Desarrollo Industrial y Competitividad (PROINDUSTRIA)
- José Manuel Torres, Executive Vice-president, Asociación Dominicana de Zonas Francas (ADOZONA)
- Fernando Capellán, President, Grupo M
- Alejandro Pérez, President of TELEPERFORMANCE Ibero-Latam

10:40 a.m. **Networking and Coffee Break**

11:00 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION. Investment Projects in the Dominican Republic**

Moderator: Miguel Calzada León, President, Caribbean Traveling Network (CTN)

Panelists:

- Roberto Weill, Latino Baseball Town
- Kevin Ransom, Playa Diamante
- Roberto Modesto, JFK 50
- Raúl Roquel, Boca Chavón Marina
- Enzo Odoguardi, Rosa de Bayahibe
- Christoph Kamps, Baoba Bay

**Panels subject to confirmation.*

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11:00 a.m. **SPECIAL DISCUSSION PANEL. Bi-National Strategy for Investment Promotion (Invitation only)**

Participants:

- Fernando Capellán, President, Grupo M
- Manuel Estrella, President, Grupo Estrella
- Juan Vicini, Partner, Grupo Vicini
- Norma Powell, Executive Director, Centre for Facilitation of Investments (CFI) of Haití
- Ambassador Alberto Navarro, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation in the Dominican Republic
- Antonio Vargas, National Authority of the European Development Funds in the Dominican Republic
- Escipión Oliveira, Executive Director, Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA)

12:00 m. **PLENARY SESSION. Agribusiness: Global Positioning and Development Initiatives**

Moderator: Kai Schoenhals, Corporate Affairs Director, Grupo Vicini

Panelists:

- Ángel Estévez, Minister of Agriculture
- Carlos Segura Foster, Administrator, Banco Agrícola de la República Dominicana
- Federico Antún Batlle, Administrator, Banco Nacional de la Vivienda y Producción (BNVP)
- Antonio López, Director, Fondo Especial para el Desarrollo Agropecuario (FEDA)
- Osmar Benítez, Executive Vice-President, Junta Agroempresarial Dominicana (JAD)

1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch**

2:30 p.m. **Afternoon Official Address: TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS**

"Opportunities in the Infrastructure Sector", Gonzalo Castillo, Minister of Public Works and Communications

3:00 p.m. **PLENARY SESSION. Dominican Republic: A World-Class Logistics Network**

Moderator: Mónica Infante, Executive Director of Aeropuertos Dominicanos del Siglo XXI (AERODOM)

Panelists:

- Ramón Rivas, Executive Director, Autoridad Portuaria Dominicana (APORDOM)
- Arístides Fernández Zucco, Executive Director, Departamento Aeroportuario
- Norman Anderson, President of CG/LA Infrastructure
- Lisandro Macarrulla, President of Sans Soucí Ports
- Samuel Conde, President of Caucedo Logistics Center
- Marcelo Bahia Odebrecht, President, ODEBRECHT

4:00 p.m. **PLENARY SESSION. *Financing Opportunities for Projects in Strategic Sectors***

Moderator: Carlos Pared Vidal, General Deputy Director of the Export and Investment Center of the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD)

Panelists:

- Enrique Ramírez Paniagua, General Manager, Banco de Reservas de la República Dominicana
- Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Daniel Shepherd, Senior Operations Officer Latin America & Caribbean, International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group

5:00 p.m. **PLENARY SESSION. *Diversification of the Tourism Industry in the Dominican Republic***

Moderator: Francisco Carreras, Presidential Advisor for Cruise Tourism

Panelists:

- Alejandro Cambiaso, President, Asociación Dominicana de Turismo de Salud
- Gabriel Acevedo, President, Ocoa Bay
- José Redondo, President of the Board of Directors, Grupo Rescue

6:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**