

Tuesday, April 17th 2001

8:30 **Registration**

9:15 **Welcome**

Chairs: Pierre Marc Johnson, *Heenan Blaikie*
David Runnalls, *IISD*
Enrique Leff, *UNEP / ROLAC*

10:00 **High-Level Opening Keynotes**

Chair: David McGuinty, *NRTEE*
Pierre Pettigrew, *Minister for International Trade, Canada*
David Anderson, *Minister of the Environment, Canada*

10:45 *Coffee break*

11:00 **Panel One**

Sustainability in the Hemispheric Integration System

*What are the recent results of existing partnerships and initiatives for hemispheric sustainable development?
How can the key institutions collaborate to advance sustainability objectives, and what are the priority issues
and concerns in the hemispheric integration process?*

Chair: Mark Halle, *IISD*
Panelists: Ricardo Sánchez Sosa, *UNEP/ROLAC*
Lionel Hurst, *Ambassador to the OAS of Antigua & Barbuda*
Brennan Van Dyke, *UNEP/RONA*
David Schorr, *WWF USA*

Questions and discussion

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 **Roundtable One**

Sustainable Investment and Financing for the Americas

*How is investment supporting sustainable development in the Americas, and how to finance increased
environmental co-operation? What are the mechanisms to foster synergies between trade expansion and
sustainable development policy objectives?*

Chair: Miguel Reynal, *ECOS*
Intervenors: Konrad Von Moltke, *IISD*
John Redwood, *World Bank*
Scott Otteman, *IAD*
Carolyn Deere, *Rockefeller Foundation*

Questions and discussion

Final Program

15:15 *Coffee break*

15:30 **Panel Two**

Regional Lessons in Competitiveness and Sustainable Trade

What are triple-win policies and technologies, based on success stories in sustainable trade and competitiveness in the Americas? How is North, Latin American and Caribbean industry taking up the sustainable development challenge and what have been the benefits?

Chair: Maria Perez-Esteve, *UNCTAD*
Panelists: Carlos Gonzales Guerrico, *CARI*
Carlos Murillo, *CINPE*
Pierre Baril, *Americana*
Saenandoah Tiradentes-Dutra, *Innova Centre*

Questions and discussion

16:45 **Roundtable Two**

The Role of Civil Society in the Americas Integration Process

Why is it important to ensure civil society involvement in the FTAA debates, and in the broader Americas' Summits? What are mechanisms to foster transparency and public participation, and how to strengthen these in all aspects of hemispheric cooperation?

Chairs: Eric Dannenmaier, *OAS - FIDA*
Alicia Frohmann, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile*
Intervenors: Lorena San Roman, *NCSDs*
Miriam Urzúa Venegas, *UNEP*
Sara Larrain, *RECHIP*
Zoila Giron, *OAS*

Questions and discussion

18:00 IISD/WWF Book Launch for Howard Mann's "A Citizen's Guide to NAFTA Chapter 11".

**Dinner Event with Keynote Speaker
Robert Page, *TransAlta Corporation*
Hosted by NACEC – Janine Ferretti**

Musée de la civilisation

18:30



Wednesday, April 18th 2001

8:30 **Welcome**

8:45 **Panel Three**

Sustainability Highlights of LAC Sub-regional Trade Regimes

How have existing economic accords and integration processes in the Americas taken sustainable development priorities into account? What are key success stories and lessons learned? What are the implications for the Americas?

Chair: Mariane Schaper, *ECLAC*
Panelists: Mauricio López-Dardaine, *Argentina*
Mauricio Castro, *ALIDES*
Byron Blake, *CARICOM*
Gustavo Alanis Ortega, *CEMDA*

Questions and discussion

10:00 *Coffee break*

Sustainable Development and Trade Key Issues Workshops

10:15 ***Regional Opportunities for a Trade and Sustainability Agenda (I)***

1A) Forests and Certification

How can trade liberalisation provide new opportunities to address forest conservation and sustainable use in the Americas? Which certification programs and other efforts can support win-win relationships between trade liberalisation and sustainable development in Americas forestry industries? How can environmental cooperation regimes be strengthened to protect valued wilderness and prevent unsustainable deforestation?

Chairs: Fiona Cook, *FPAC*
David Smith, *EMS*
Intervenors: Jorge Zalles, *Holistica*
Julio Cesar Centeno, *Universidad de los Andes*
Marcel Claude, *TERRAM*
Representative from the Canadian Forest Industry

Questions and discussion

1B) Mining and Stakeholder Involvement

How can trade liberalisation provide new opportunities to address more consultative, safer and more environmentally sound mineral development and metallurgy in the Americas? Which trade and investment provisions can support win-win relationships between trade liberalisation and the environment in mine exploration and development, particularly with regard to community involvement, and in the life cycles of metals use? How can environmental cooperation regimes be strengthened to address social and environmental challenges in mining and metals?

Chairs: David Brooks, *IDRC*
Gordon Peeling, *MAC*
Intervenors: Hernán Blanco, *CIPMA*
Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental*
Coy Roache, *Jamaican Council of Mining*
Rick Killam, *Placer Dome*

Questions and discussion

12:00 Lunch

13:30 **Regional Opportunities for a Trade and Sustainability Agenda (II)**

2A) Drinking Water and Sanitation - Trade in Environmental Services and Technologies

How can trade liberalisation provide new opportunities to encourage more sustainable urbanisation in the Americas, particularly with regard to water use and contamination? Which trade provisions can support win-win relationships between trade liberalisation and sustainability, encouraging the dissemination of technologies for environmental improvement? How can local and regional environmental cooperation regimes be strengthened to address urban water infrastructure and other challenges, while supporting trade liberalisation?

Chairs: Malcolm Mercer, *IUCN*
Sheila Abed Zavala, *IDEA*
Intervenors: Lester Forde, *GWP*
Guillermo Constain, *IDB - IWRN*
Jake Caldwell, *NWF*
François Bédard, *Réseau-Environnement*
Adam Rankin, *CENSAT – Agua Viva*

Questions and discussion

2B) Biodiversity, Indigenous Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights

How can trade liberalisation provide new opportunities for indigenous peoples and biodiversity conservation in the Americas? How could intellectual property rights and other provisions support win-win situations for communities with special traditional knowledge? How can environmental cooperation regimes be strengthened to address in situ conservation challenges and what is the role of liberalisation?

Chairs: Anne Mitchell, *CIELAP*
Mindahi Bastida Muñoz, *UNEP*
Intervenors: Jorge Cabrera, *University of Costa Rica*
Manuel Ruiz, *SPDA*
Grethel Aguilar Rojas, *IUCN*
Alvaro Soto, *NEOTROPICO*

Questions and discussion

15:15 Coffee Break

15:30 **Opportunities to Enhance Americas Trade and Environment Cooperation**

3A) Climate Change, Cost Internalisation & Energy - the CDM

How can trade liberalisation provide new opportunities to address climate change issues in the Americas? Which international provisions are needed to support triple-win relationships between trade liberalisation and sustainability in the development of clean energy technologies across the region? How can environmental regimes, particularly the CDM, be strengthened and used to address GHG reductions and vulnerability at the global level, and what are best scenarios for regional cooperation?

Chairs: Robert Page, *TransAlta Corporation*
Elizabeth May, *Sierra Club*
Intervenors: Christiana Figueres, *CSDA*
Patrick Patelin, *Argentina*
Luiz Pinguelli Rosa, *COPPE / UFRJ*
Andrei Marcu, *IETA*
Representative from Pan-Canadian Petroleum

Questions and discussion

Ministerial Keynote: *Special Representative from the Dominican Republic*

3B) The Cartagena Protocol, GMOs & Agriculture - Safe Release and Trade

How can trade liberalisation provide new opportunities to address biosafety issues in the Americas? Which international provisions are needed for triple-win relationships between trade and sustainable development in the agricultural sector? How can environmental cooperation regimes be strengthened to address inherent challenges of safe release and prior informed consent at the global level, are there potential regional agendas?

Chair: Rodrigo Artunduaga, ICA
Michael Dorsey, Sierra Club USA

Intervenors: Diego Malpede, MRECIC
Roxana Salazar, Fundación AMBIO
Kristin Dawkins, IATP
Orlando Rey Santos, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Cuba

Questions and discussion

17:00 **Social Equity and Participation in the Hemispheric Integration Process**

Henri Massé, *Fédération des Travailleurs du Québec – People's Summit*

17:30 **Ministerial Keynote**

Victor Lichtinger, *Secretary of SEMARNAT, Mexico*

18:00 Book launch & Cocktail with David Runnalls, IISD; Victor Lichtinger, SEMARNAT; & Ricardo Sánchez-Sosa, UNEP

IISD-ICTSD-UNEP “*Reglas de Comercio y Sustentabilidad en las Americas*” with Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Mindahi Bastida-Muñoz, Jorje Zalles, Mónica Araya, Ana Karina Gonzales, Maria Lechner & Hernán Blanco.

Release of new IISD – UNEP working paper “*Ecological Rules and Sustainability in the Americas*”

**Dinner Event with Guest of Honor and
High-Level Keynote Speaker:**

Dr. Oscar Arias

Hosted by NRTEE – David McGuinty

Musée de la civilisation

19:00

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Final Program

Thursday, April 19th 2001

8:30 Reports from the Chairs of Workshops

9:15 Panel Four

A Trade and Sustainability Policy Agenda for the Americas

How can the FTAA process support sustainable development? How can we build political and institutional support for a trade and sustainability agenda in the Americas? Which actors should be involved, and what are key starting points? What are the next steps?

Chair: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, *ICTSD*

Panelists: Robin Rosenberg, *North-South Center*

Juan Carlos Chavez, *PRISMA*

Marie-Claire C. Segger, *IISD*

Questions and discussion

10:30 *Coffee break*

10:45 Closing Keynotes

Strengthening Americas Environmental Cooperation

How can Americas' environmental cooperation be strengthened to support a sustainable agenda for hemispheric integration? What should be the focus of Americas' environmental policy in the context of increased trade liberalisation and economic integration, and how can there be a bridge for dialogue between the environment and the trade agendas?

Chairs: David Runnalls, *IISD*

Enrique Leff, *UNEP/ROLAC*

Maria Minna, *Minister for International Cooperation, Canada*

Walter Francois, *Minister of the Environment, St. Lucia*

Janine Ferretti, *NACEC*

Questions and discussion

12:00 Conclusion: The Way Forward

Pierre Marc Johnson, *Heenan Blaikie*

12:20 Closing

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David Runnalls, *IISD*

Enrique Leff, *UNEP / ROLAC*

Marie-Claire C. Segger, *Director*

Karel Mayrand, *Director*