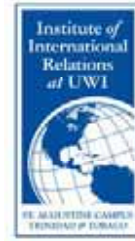




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**April 14-15-16, 2009  
Institute of International Relations (IIR), University of West Indies (UWI)  
Trinidad and Tobago**

The fifth Summit of the Americas will be held in April 2009 for the first time in a Caribbean country, Trinidad and Tobago, fifteen years after the first Summit in Miami in December 1994. After 1889 and 1948, the Miami Summit launched a new phase of hemispheric regionalism in a climate of general optimism concerning the future of the Western Hemisphere. A main objective in remodeling the institutional design of inter-American cooperation was to re-establish the relevance of that level of cooperation after more than two decades of relative stagnation.

In the fifteen years following the first Summit, the world has changed considerably, and so have the Americas. Diverging views have shattered the consensus of the early 1990s. Competing strategies for economic development and political representation were adopted, making regional governance more and more difficult. External actors are more present in the region, and new institutions are now challenging older ones. Truly, the landscape has changed considerably in the Americas over the past 20 years.

## DETAILED SCHEDULE

### APRIL 14, Institute of International Relations, UWI campus

17h30

Welcome to Trinidad & Tobago, the University of the West Indies, and the Institute of International Relations, by Tim Shaw

17h40

Introduction to keynote, by Campus Principal Clement Sankat

Keynote by Norman Girvan, Professorial Research Fellow: The Caribbean in a Turbulent World

18h30

Appreciation to the keynote, by Gordon Mace

18h35

A few words on the importance of the 5<sup>th</sup> Summit, by Alexandra Bugailiskis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Latin America & the Caribbean & Summit Sherpa, Canada

18h55

Acknowledgements to Alexandra Bugailiskis, by Andy Cooper

19h00

Cocktail

### APRIL 15, Institute of International Relations, UWI campus

#### **Panel 1: A Changing Landscape**

9h00 to 12h00 (coffee break 10h30-11h00)

Chair: Gail Rigobert

#### ***Theme 1: A New Power Game?***

Presentation: Diana Tussie (Confirmed)

#### ***Theme 2: The Institutional Framework***

Presentation: Richard Feinberg (Confirmed)

#### ***Theme 3: Cuba under Raul Castro: The Future of US-Cuba Relations in the Hemisphere***

Presentation: Andy S. Gomez (Confirmed)

#### ***Theme 4: The Efficiency of Middle States Diplomacy***

Presentation: Jorge Heine (Confirmed)

**Luncheon address by OAS Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Albert R Ramdin: the Western Hemisphere: beyond the Summit of the Americas  
12h00 to 14h00**

**Panel 2: Responding to Challenges  
14h00 to 17h30 (coffee break 15h30-16h00)**

Chair: **Patrick Watson**

***Theme 1: Fostering more Equitable Trade Relations***

Presentation: **Maryse Robert** (Confirmed)

***Theme 2: Developing Energy Synergies***

Presentation: **Thomas O'Keefe** (Confirmed)

***Theme 3: Helping to Establish Effective Democracy and Protecting Human Rights***

Presentation: **Thomas Legler** (Confirmed)

***Theme 4: Increasing Security***

Presentation: **Rut Diamint** (Confirmed)

***Theme 5: Reducing Poverty***

Presentation: **Nicola Phillips** (Confirmed)

**APRIL 16, Institute of International Relations, UWI campus**

**Panel 3: The Effectiveness of Other Institutions  
9h00 to 12h30 (coffee break 10h30-11h00)**

Chair: **David Goldberg**

***Theme 1: The Mercosur***

Presentation: **Marc Schelhase** (Confirmed)

***Theme 2: NAFTA***

Presentation: **Louis Bélanger** (Confirmed)

***Theme 3: The CARICOM and the Association of Caribbean States***

Presentation: **Debbie Mohammed & Anselm Francis** (Confirmed)

***Theme 4: The ALBA Institutions and Mechanisms***

Presentation: **Josette Altmann** (Confirmed)

**Panel 4: Reconstructing a Regional System for the Americas**  
14h00 to 17h30 (coffee break 15h30-16h00)

Chair: **Andy Cooper**

***Theme 1: The US Policy Towards the Americas***

Presentation: **Dan Erikson** (Confirmed)

***Theme 2: A Stronger Voice for Smaller Economies?***

Presentation: **Anthony Bryan** (Confirmed)

***Theme 3: Continuity and Change***

Presentation: **Mark Kirton** (Confirmed)

***Theme 4: Stronger Legitimacy***

Presentation: **Gordon Mace and Jean-Philippe Thérien** (Confirmed)

**Round-Table: Voices from the Americas**  
17h30

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Chair: **Indira Rampersad**

Objective:

This is a round table grouping representatives from selective think tanks over the Americas who will discuss the current state of inter-American relations and offer suggestions for improved cooperation.

Participants: **Tim Shaw** (IIR-UWI), **Carlo Dade** (FOCAL), **Francisco Rojas** (FLACSO), **Cristina Eguzabal** (LACC), **Andres Serbin** (CRIES) and **Paulo Sotero** (WWC)