REGISTRATION

OPENING REMARKS

Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations (UN ECLAC)

Luis Carranza, Executive President, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

Yu Weiping, Vice Minister of Finance, People’s Republic of China

SESSION 1. CHINA AND LATIN AMERICA IN A CHANGING WORLD

Global trade is facing increasingly complex challenges resulting from moderate growth, rapid technological transformation, and geopolitical tensions. In this context, Latin America and the Caribbean is tasked with accelerating and diversifying its economic and commercial relationship with Asia, particularly with China. Trade, investment, financing, and government-to-government cooperation between the People’s Republic of China and Latin America and the Caribbean will be essential to strengthen and develop key sectors, increase competitiveness, and achieve sustainable development. This panel will explore trends, common challenges, and opportunities for a renewed China-Latin America and Caribbean relationship.

Moderator: Giovanni Stumpo, Chief of the Investment and Business Strategies Unit, UN ECLAC

Outlook on China - Latin America and the Caribbean Trade and Investment
Keiji Inoue, Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Deputy Chief, International Trade & Integration Division, UN ECLAC

Outlook on the Cooperation between China and Latin America and the Caribbean
Liu Yuqin, Ambassador, Special Representative of the Chinese Government on Latin American Affairs

How to Release China’s Importing Potential
Ning Yong, Vice President, The Export and Import Bank of China

China’s International Development Cooperation
Tian Lin, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, China International Development Cooperation Agency

Investment Cooperation between China and Latin America and Caribbean
Wu Hongliang, Deputy Director General, Department of Foreign Capital and Overseas Investment, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China

Trade Integration as a Pathway to Development
Martín Rama, Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank Group

Q&A

TEA BREAK
SESSION 2: BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA

Latin America requires increased investment levels in order to boost productivity and attain higher rates of growth. Several governments are undertaking ambitious reforms to create business opportunities and attract foreign investment. In this regard, China is viewed as an important partner for the region, particularly in light of its “going out” policy encouraging its enterprises to invest overseas. This panel intends to allow government and development institution representatives to discuss the challenges in generating greater investment opportunities in Latin America to facilitate business with China.

Moderator: Jorge Arbache, Private Sector Vice-President, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

Business and Investment Opportunities in Mexico
Sergio Silva Castañeda, Chief of the Competition and Public Policy Unit for Market Efficiency, Office for Economic Affairs Secretariat of Economy, Mexico

Trade and Investment Opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean
Liu Minqiang, Deputy Director General, Department of Outward Investment and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce, China

Business and Investment Opportunities in Chile
Cristián Rodríguez, Executive Director, InvestChile

Investment Opportunities and Challenges in Panama
Leroy Sheffer, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Panama and Advisor to the Strategic Secretariat for Development and Competitiveness of the Presidency, Panamá

Business and Investment Opportunities in Ecuador
Patricia Armijos, Undersecretary of Investments, Ministry of Production, Foreign Trade, Investments and Fisheries

Venezuela: Crisis or Opportunity?
Alberto Vollmer, President of the Board of Directors, CONAPRI - National Investment Promotion Counsel

12:00-12:15 Q&A

12:15-13:45 LUNCH (BY INVITATION ONLY)

13:45-15:25 SESSION 3. LEVERAGING INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

The People’s Republic of China is home to top global Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) firms and a global leader in infrastructure. Latin America and the Caribbean, for its part, suffers from infrastructure gaps which can hinder development and integration. As an increasing number of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean join China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)— President Xi Jinping’s signature foreign policy to improve connectivity among countries through infrastructure, trade, investment, and technological cooperation — the region offers compelling opportunities for Chinese firms and investors. This panel explores best practices to modernize physical and digital connectivity between the People’s Republic of China and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Moderator: Ricardo J. Sánchez, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations (UN ECLAC)

Overview of Infrastructure Needs & Potential in Latin America and the Caribbean
Antonio Pinheiro, Vice-President of Infrastructure, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America F

Infrastructure and Sustainable Development
Jin Tao, Director General, Global Finance, Americas & Africa Department, China Development Bank

Infrastructure Financing for Development in Colombia
Carlo Bongianni, Vice President of Financing and Investment, FDN – Financiera de Desarrollo Nacional, Colombia

Comparative Advantages of China’s High-speed Rail
Martha Lawrence, Railway Solutions Lead in the Global Practice, World Bank Group

Leveraging Infrastructure Financing for Connectivity and Growth
Shamas-Ur-Rehman Toor, Senior Policy & Strategy Officer, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

15:25-15:45 Q&A
As the challenges associated with climate change become increasingly complex and multidimensional, the People’s Republic of China and Latin America are seeking new areas for cooperation in clean energy and sustainable agriculture through innovative partnerships. The People’s Republic of China has been a global leader in combatting climate change while Latin America and the Caribbean has great potential for the generation of renewable energy and is seeking to improve the environmental sustainability of its agroindustry sector. Cooperation in environmental, industrial, and technology policies can contribute to sustainable development as well as productive and export diversification. This panel will facilitate a dialogue centered on key policy issues relating to environmental sustainability, renewable energy, and sustainable agricultural practices in Latin America and the Caribbean and the People’s Republic of China.

Moderator: Julián Suárez, Sustainable Development Vice-President, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

Opportunities for Chinese investment in Uruguay
Enzo Benech, Minister of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries

Prospects and Challenges of Renewable Energy in Emerging Markets and Developing Countries
Zhu Xian, Vice-President and COO, The New Development Bank

Sustainable Agricultural Development and Prospects for China – Latin America Agricultural Investment Cooperation
Yang Yi, Director General, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China

Green Public Transport
Eduardo Paes, President of Latin America, BYD Motors

The Practice in China and the Prospect in Latin America and the Caribbean of Digital Technology for Sustainable Development
Tan Chongjun, Deputy Dean, AliResearch, Alibaba

17:45-18:00 Q&A

18:00-18:30 CLOSING REMARKS

Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations
Víctor Rico, Secretary General, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America
Zhou Qiangwu, Deputy Director General, Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, China

19:00-20:00 CLOSING COCKTAIL