



VERSIÓN 8 NOVIEMBRE

Conference
**“Economic Integration and Social Cohesion:
Lessons learned and perspectives”**

ECLAC / European Commission / Government of Mexico

Tlatelolco, Mexico City, 11-12 November 2004

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(There will be simultaneous translation between English and Spanish)

Thursday 11, November

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00 – 10:00 **Opening Session:** **Mr. José Luis Machinea**
Executive Secretary, ECLAC
Mr. Hervé Jouanjan
Deputy Director General, Directorate General for External
Relations, European Commission
Mr. Luis Ernesto Derbez
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

10:00 – 11:00 **“Latin America and the Caribbean: integration and recent economic and social
performance: the need for social cohesion strategies”**
Speaker: **Mr. José Luis Machinea**
Executive Secretary, ECLAC

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **“Regional policies to foster economic integration and social cohesion”**

Moderator: **Mr. Gert Rosenthal**
Former Executive Secretary of ECLAC and Guatemala
Ambassador to the United Nations

“The European Union Experience”

Panelists: **Mr. Vasco Cal**
Principal Administrator of the European Commission
Specialist of Regional Policies
Mr. Philippe Pochet
Director, European Social Observatory
Mr. Jos Chabert
First Vice President of the Brussels Regional Council
Former President and present member of the EU Committee of
the Regions

“German experience with social and economic asymmetries in The unification context”

Speaker: **Mr. Caio Koch-Weser**
Vice-Minister of Finance, Germany (to be confirmed)

General debate

13:00 - 15:00 **Lunch**

15:00 - 16:00 ***“Integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean”***

Moderator: **Mr. Rubén Arturo Silié**
Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States

The experience of CACM

Mr. Oscar Santamaría
Secretary General, Central American Integration System

The experience of CARICOM

Mr. Ivor Carryl
Caribbean Community (CARICOM) - Caribbean Single
Market and Economy (CSME) Unit

The experience of MERCOSUR

Mr. Eduardo Amadeo
Ambassador of the Commission of Permanent Representatives
of MERCOSUR

The experience of the ANDEAN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS

Mr. Saúl Pineda Hoyos
Principal Advisor to the Secretary General, CAN
Perú

16:00 - 16:45 ***“Mechanisms to address social and economic asymmetries in the integration process in Latin America and the Caribbean”***

Speaker: **Mrs. Billie Miller**
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Barbados (to be confirmed)

16:45-17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00-18:30 ***“Mechanisms to address social and economic asymmetries in the integration process in Latin America and the Caribbean”***

Moderator: **Ms. Inés Bustillo**
Director, ECLAC Washington Office

Panelist: **Mr. Andras Uthoff**
Coordinator, Special Studies Unit
ECLAC

Mr. Robert Blecker
Center of North American Studies
American University

General Debate

Friday, 12 November

9:00 – 10:30 **“Selected experiences to address economic and social integration in the European Union”**

Moderator: **Mrs. Irma Gómez**
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Panelists:

Spain **Mr. Laureano Lázaro Araujo**
Professor at University Carlo III in Madrid, Former Deputy
Director of FEDER, Spain

Ireland **Mr. John Fitzgerald (to be confirmed)**
Head of the European Social Fund Mission, Ireland

Italy **Mr. Michele D’Ercole**
Head of Office, Structural Funds Unit
Department for Development and Cohesion Policies
Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 - 12:15 **“Regional funds in Latin America and the Caribbean”**

Moderator: **Mr. Luis Enrique Berrizbeitía**
Vice-President, Andean Development Corporation

Panelists:

Plan Puebla Panamá: **Mr. Ignacio Villaseñor**
Ambassador of Mexico, Head of the Coordinating Unit of the
Puebla-Panama Plan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Infrastructure Integration in South America:

Mrs. Celina Fróes Bragança Peres
Territorial Planning Manager
Ministry of Planning, Brazil

The North American Development Bank

Mr. Raul Rodríguez Barocio
Manager Director

12:15 - 12:30 **Coffee break**

12:30 - 13:30 **General Debate**

13:30 - 14:15 **Closing Session**

Mr. José Luis Machinea
Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Mr. Germano Straniero-Sergio
Head of Delegation of the European Commission in Mexico

Mr. Luis Ernesto Derbez
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
