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The Canadian Foundation for the Americas and the Latin American Research Centre invites you to:

Democratic Governance in the Americas: Canada's National Alliance for the Implementation of Summit Mandates

The Summits of the Americas convene the Heads of State of the Americas every three to four years to discuss common social, economic and political concerns, under the auspices of the Organization of American States. In preparation for the upcoming V Summit of the Americas (Trinidad & Tobago, April 17-19, 2009), FOCAL and the Latin American Research Centre are hosting a series of half-day meetings with Canadian civil society organizations, government officials and democratic governance experts to:

- Discuss Summit themes and processes, status of preparations and what to expect
- Develop a National Alliance Action Plan for advancing democratic governance in Canada in support of Summit mandate fulfillment; and
- Document Canadian experiences and expertise in themes and mandates on the Summit of the Americas agenda.

The discussions are expected to be highly interactive and participant-driven, and topics will include the official theme of the 2009 Summit, "Securing Our Citizens' Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability," and other themes and mandates on the Summit agenda, including strengthening civil society participation in the inter-American system and assessments of Summit follow-up.

This meeting will take place on:

Thursday, March 26th, 2009

9am – 12pm

Escabus Room, MacEwan Conference and Events Centre

MacEwan Student Centre, 2nd Floor (East End)

University of Calgary

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Tiffany Weagle by email at larc@ucalgary.ca.

Further information:

Website of the V Summit, including concept paper and draft Declaration of Port of Spain:

www.fifthsummitoftheamericas.org

OAS Summits website: <http://www.summit-americas.org>

FOCAL Summit follow-up project website: www.democraciaactiva.org