



## Governance and Social Justice in Cuba: Opportunities and Constraints

Delta Montreal Hotel, 475 President Kennedy Avenue  
Concerto Room

September 4, 2007

### Registration and Breakfast

8:15 am – 8:45 am

### Panel One

#### The Road Ahead

8:45 am – 10:00 am

Moderator: Damián Fernández (Director, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University)

Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva (Professor, Centro de Estudios de la Economía Cubana, University of Havana): "La economía actual y sus perspectivas"

Carmelo Mesa-Lago (Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh): "Future Social Policies in Cuba: Searching for an Optimal Balance"

Laurence Whitehead (Official Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College, Oxford University): "International Opportunities and Constraints"

Discussion

### Break

10:00 am – 10:15 am

### Panel Two

#### Exploring Strategies for Stimulating Economic Growth, the Creation of Wealth, and Improved Distribution in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Moderator: Cristina Warren (Program Director, Research Forum on Cuba, Canadian Foundation for the Americas)

Carlos Saladrigas (Co-Chairman, Cuba Study Group): "Unleashing Microeconomic Reforms: Investing in Cubans"

Mauricio de Miranda (Professor, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali and Universidad Complutense de Madrid): "Los retos de la política económica y los problemas del desarrollo y la inserción internacional de Cuba"

Daniel P. Erikson (Senior Associate for U.S. Policy and Director of Caribbean Programs, Inter-American Dialogue): "Transforming Socialist Economies: Comparative Lessons for Cuba"

Discussion

### **Lunch**

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

### **Panel Three**

**Lessons in Governance and Social Justice: How Can Lessons Learned Be Applied to Cuba?**

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Moderator: Katrin Hansing (Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University)

Myrna Alexander (Independent Consultant): "Rising Income Inequality During Transition: Can Cuba Avoid the Worst?"

Bert Hoffmann (Deputy Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies in the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg): "Transformation as a Clash of Societies? Notes from the German Case"

Velia Cecilia Bobes León (Professor, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Mexico City): "Ciudadanía, Gobernanza, y Justicia Social"

Discussion

### **Break**

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

### **Roundtable**

**Concluding Thoughts: Constraints and Opportunities for an Agenda of Social Justice and Good Governance**

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Moderator: Cristina Eguizabal (Program Officer, Security and Cooperation in the Western Hemisphere, Ford Foundation)

Rafael Rojas (Professor, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico City)

Haroldo Dilla (Coordinator, Grupo de Estudios Multidisciplinarios, Ciudades y Fronteras)

Lia Añé (Investigator, Centro de Estudios de Población y Desarrollo de Cuba)

Lisandro Pérez (Professor of Sociology, Florida International University)

### **Reception**

Ravel Room

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm