

The Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL) is pleased to invite you to:

Health, Education and Marginalized Populations in Latin American and the Caribbean: An Initial Review of Policy

**Monday, June 9, 2008
Ottawa, Canada
Carleton University – Azreili Theatre 102**

The event will convene development officials and experts from Canada and the region with experience in working with marginalized populations. The conference is designed to initiate an exploration of themes, policy interventions and building blocks from Canada and the LAC region, as well as share knowledge and develop new public policies for improving access to health and education services by marginalized populations in the LAC region.

The conference will include four panel discussions and a working lunch around the following themes:

- Identity, Ethics and Deficiencies: Data Collection and Other Issues Facing Development Officials and Policy Makers
- Education: Emerging Issues, Leading Practices in the Region and New Niches for Canada
- Working Lunch: Case Study of Breakwater Resources & the El Mochito Mine in Honduras
- Health: Emerging Issues, Leading Practices in the Region and New Niches for Canada
- Canadian Practices and Experience

Opening remarks will be made by:

- Carlo Dade, Executive Director, FOCAL
- Linda Kolko, Vice President for Operations, IAF
- Susan McCoy, Director Policy, Planning and Management, Americas Branch, CIDA

Speakers include:

- Marcelo Paixao, LAESER, Brazil
- Harry Patrinos, World Bank
- Dayana Martinez-Burke, Congress of Honduras
- Romero Rodríguez, ORAPER, Uruguay
- German Flores, Ministry of Social and Economic Integration, Ecuador
- Aaron Steeghs, Breakwater Resources
- Jose Guillermo Guevara Torres, Consultant, Peru
- Dr. Jose Luis Di Fabio, PAHO
- Javier Diez Conesco, former Congressman of Peru
- Ken Fells, Halifax Regional School Board
- Conrad Saulis, Health Canada
- Steve Estey, Disabled Peoples International

Please share with interested colleagues.

*Advanced registration for this event is required. Please RSVP by **June 2, 2008** to Leslie Fillion-Wilkinson at lfillion-wilkinson@focal.ca or 613-562-0005 x243. For further information, contact Leslie or Tania Shephard at tshephard@focal.ca or 613-562-0005 x224.*

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