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**The Canadian Foundation for the Americas and
UBC's Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions 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 Fifth Summit of the Americas (Trinidad & Tobago, April 17-19 2009), FOCAL and the CSDI 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:

March 27, 2009, 9 am – 12 pm

**Liu Institute- Multipurpose Room, The University of British Columbia
6476 NW Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC.**

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to: monnerat@interchange.ubc.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