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Latin America Challenged

Current Issues in Politics and Economics in Latin America

Panelists:

- **Sue Cronin**, Director for Brazil and the Southern Cone, Office for the Western Hemisphere of the US Trade Representative
- **Graciana del Castillo**, Managing Director, Macroeconomic Advisory Group
- **Mike Esterl**, Special Writer for Emerging Markets, Dow Jones Newswire

This session will analyze such current economic issues as free trade, regional trade agreements, and programs to promote sustainable development in terms of their impact on governmental policies, as well as inter-American relations. Efforts on the part of Brazil to generate consensus within Latin America in order to influence US policies will be examined. The role of global market forces will also be reviewed, as well as the efforts of international organizations, including the United Nations and international financial institutions, to influence governmental and other policies.

As Director for Brazil and the Southern Cone, **Susan Cronin** is responsible for management of trade policy with respect to Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. She served as deputy to the lead negotiator of the recently concluded U.S. - Chile Free Trade Agreement and is currently managing the Office of the Americas role in its implementation. She also served as Economic Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States.

Dr. Graciana del Castillo is a founding partner and Managing Director of MAG, Macroeconomics Advisory Group. She previously served as Director for Sovereign Ratings at Standard & Poor's. Graciana held senior positions in the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and at the International Monetary Fund. She has taught in graduate programs on the Latin American economy at Columbia University and has published extensively in leading professional journals on countries in crises, both financial crises and post-conflict. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in Economics.

Mike Esterl is a special writer for emerging markets. Before that, he served three years as Latin America editor for Dow Jones Newswire. Prior to that, he served as the Mexico City bureau chief. He obtained his masters degree from the University of Toronto.

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