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Latin America Business Forum

“Challenges and Opportunities in Latin America”

Synopsis

By 2050, Latin America is projected to grow to 750 million inhabitants, with UN-Habitat projecting that 90% of these inhabitants will be living in cities. To cater to this trend of increasing urbanisation, investments in infrastructure in Latin America and the Caribbean have been gaining momentum in the past few years; for instance, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, and Colombia top the list of the most welcoming countries for PPPs in the region^[1]. Externally, Latin America countries have been cultivating relationships between the region and the rest of the world to facilitate trade and investment opportunities^[2]. This is seen by the recently signed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the landmark deal signed between 12 participating nations, which will lower trade barriers and tariffs between Asia-Pacific and Latin American counterparts.

This Latin America Business Forum aims to bring together leaders of the region to share on the urban, water, and environmental challenges faced, as well as the upcoming trade opportunities available to address these issues. The forum will look at some of Latin America's largest economies: Brazil, Mexico and Colombia. The Mexican government's 2014-2018 National Infrastructure Plan will see public and private investments in infrastructure reach US\$590 billion, adding between 1.8 and 2 percentage points to Mexico's growth rates by 2018^[3]. The Brazilian government has announced a new list of planned infrastructure concessions worth US\$55 billion to be auctioned off to private sector companies. The Colombian government is aggressively pursuing investments in infrastructure and has announced a US\$70 billion infrastructure plan to 2035, including an ambitious Fourth Generation (4G) road infrastructure programme, the largest of its kind in Latin America^[4]. Business leaders familiar with this region will be sharing market trends, opportunities, their experiences and views on doing business in these countries and sectors.

[1] <http://infrascopes.fomin.org>

[2] http://www.latamcham.org/?page_id=57

[3] <http://www.iesingapore.gov.sg/Venture-Overseas/Browse-By-Market/Americas/Mexico/Country-Information>

[4] <http://www.theworldfolio.com/files/file/report-56bb1f665531e.pdf>

Programme

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Time	Description
9.00am	Introduction/Networking
9.10am	Welcome Address Mr Satvinder Singh , Assistant Chief Executive Officer, International Enterprise Singapore
9.15am	Opening Address Dr Benedito Braga , President, World Water Council and Secretary for Sanitation and Water Resources for the State of Sao Paulo
Session 1: Brazil In-Focus	
9.25am	Chairperson's remarks Dr Alfonso Vegara , President, Fundación Metrópoli
9.30am	Insights to the Minas Gerais Structure Plan with Airport City Mr Raphael Chua Teck Lee , Managing Director (Americas & Russia/CIS Market), Surbana Jurong Pte Ltd
9.40am	Panel Discussion Moderated by Dr Alfonso Vegara , President, Fundación Metrópoli

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Raphael Chua Teck Lee, Managing Director (Americas & Russia/CIS Market), Surbana Jurong Pte Ltd • Mr Peter Lee Chung Shek, Managing Director, Changi Airport Planners & Engineers • Ms Paula Andrade, Associate Director, Asset Management, Changi Airports International Pte Ltd. Formerly Coordinator (Foreign Trade), Minas Gerais State Secretariat for Economic Development • His Excellency Flavio Soares Damico, Brazil Ambassador to Singapore
10.00am	Questions and Answers
10.10am	Opportunities in Brazil's Water Sector Mr Wagner Carvalho , Executive Director, Senior Project Manager, AEGEA
Session 2: Colombia In-Focus	
10.25am	Opportunities in the Colombia Urban Infrastructure Sector Mr Sergio Escobar Solórzano , Executive Director, Agency for Cooperation and Investment of Medellin and the Metropolitan Area (ACI)
Session 3: Mexico In-Focus	
10.40am	Trends and Opportunities in the Mexican Water Sector Mrs María Margarita Dafne Lobato Calleros , Head of Project National Laboratory Network , CONAGUA (National Water Commission of Mexico)
10.50am	Panel Discussion Moderated by Dr Alfonso Vegara , President, Fundación Metròpoli <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin, Mexico Ambassador to Singapore • Mrs María Margarita Dafne Lobato Calleros, Head of Project National Laboratory Network , CONAGUA (National Water Commission of Mexico) • Mr Oon Chong Howe, Senior Managing Director, Hyflux Ltd
11.10am	Questions and Answers
11.20am	Closing Remarks Dr Alfonso Vegara , President, Fundación Metròpoli
11.25am	Networking
Noon	End

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Speakers



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