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SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO SPEAK AT THE PALM BEACH STRATEGIC FORUM
Jose Miguel Insulza among the notable conference speakers from the Americas and the Caribbean

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. (March 20, 2013) – José Miguel Insulza, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS) is confirmed to speak on Tuesday, April 9, at the third annual Palm Beach Strategic Forum at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Currently slated as a keynote speaker for the day's luncheon, Secretary Insulza will be interviewed by John Yearwood, world editor at The Miami Herald, and will discuss the state of economic integration in the Americas.

For a complete roster of confirmed speakers, and updates to the list, please visit <http://forum-americas.org/palmbeach/2013/speakers>.

José Miguel Insulza was elected OAS secretary-general in May 2005, and reelected in March 2010. Immediately prior to his appointment as secretary-general, he served as Chile's minister secretary-general of the presidency, and was President Ricardo Lagos's minister of the interior and vice president of the republic. When he left that post in May 2005, he had served as a government minister for more than a decade, the longest continuous tenure for a minister in Chilean history.

Under the presidency of Patricio Aylwin, Insulza served as Chilean Ambassador for International Cooperation; director of multilateral economic affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and vice president of the International Cooperation Agency. In March 1994, under the administration of President Eduardo Frei, Insulza became under-secretary of foreign affairs and in September of that year was appointed minister of foreign affairs.

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After being in exile for 15 years, Insulza returned to Chile in 1988 and joined the Coalition of Parties for Democracy, the coalition that won the plebiscite against the Pinochet regime in October of that year. A member of the Socialist Party, he has held numerous high-level posts in several Coalition governments.

Insulza is one of the more than 70 global economic and political thought leaders who will discuss this year's theme, The Path to Economic Growth. Other notable speakers from the Americas and the Caribbean include:

- Francisco J. Sánchez, under secretary for international trade, United States Department of Commerce
- Jorge Quiroga, former president, Republic of Bolivia
- Silvio Crestana, former director-president, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)
- A.J. Nicholson, minister of foreign affairs and foreign trade, Jamaica
- Emilio Rappaccioli, minister of energy and mines, Nicaragua
- Julio Velarde, governor, Central Bank of Peru

During the Forum, key issues in the areas of finance, innovation, energy, and trade will be examined. The two-day event will take place April 8 and 9, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

About the Palm Beach Strategic Forum

The Palm Beach Strategic Forum is presented by the International Economic Forum of the Americas (IEFA). Its mission is to address the major governance challenges of the new world economic order.

The objective of the Palm Beach Strategic Forum is to foster a better understanding of opportunities and challenges at stake in the global market. The Forum also seeks to provide a platform for business meetings in a broad spectrum of sectors, including banking and finance, and to foster sustainable economic development.

For more information about the Palm Beach Strategic Forum, please visit www.forum-americas.org/palmbeach.

Media Credentials

Domestic and foreign journalists are invited to cover the entire proceedings of the Palm Beach Strategic Forum. **To attend the event, journalists, photographers, and media technical staff must register by contacting Carla Brown Lucas at CBLucas@BrownLucas.com, or +1 (772) 708-9626, by Wednesday, April 3, 2013.**

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