

*Central America's economic dilemma: food, energy, and the impact of the U.S. crisis*

October 28, 2008

2:00 – 5:30 PM. Flom Auditorium

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Conference agenda

2:00 PM – Welcome and opening remarks – Cynthia Arnson, Woodrow Wilson Center

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

U.S. economic slowdown and its effects in Central America: remittances, trade, and finance

*Pablo Rodas Martini*, Chief Economist, Central American Bank for Economic  
Integration (BCIE)

*Gregory Watson*, IADB, Multilateral Investment Fund

*Yolanda Mayora de Gavidia*, Former Minister of the Economy, El Salvador

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM – 5:20 PM

Effects of food and energy price increases

*Jorge Máttar*, Deputy Director, Economic Commission for Latin America and the  
Caribbean(ECLAC) Sub-Regional Secretariat, Mexico City

*Humberto López*, Lead Economist, Central America region, World Bank

*Patricia Vásquez*, Energy Intelligence

*Jorge Asturias*, Regional Director for Central America, Organización Latinoamericana  
de Energía (OLADE)

5:20 PM – 5:30 PM

Closing remarks – Cristina Eguizábal, Florida International University