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Invite you to a panel discussion on

The Road to Copenhagen: Progress and challenges on Sustainable Development in Chico Mendes's homeland

Monday, October 5th - 3 to 5 PM,
Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars
Flom Auditorium, 6th floor

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Simultaneous translation will be provided

Featuring

Speakers: **Arnóbio (Binho) Marques**, Governor of the Brazilian Amazon state of Acre; **Foster Brown**, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Research Center; **Adriana Gonçalves Moreira**, World Bank Senior Environmental Specialist, Sustainable Development Department for Latin America and Caribbean Region. *Moderator:* **Paulo Sotero**, Director, Brazil Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center; **Michael Shifter**, Vice President for Policy, Inter-American Dialogue.

Building on the legacy of Chico Mendes' socio-environmentalism, in the last twenty years his followers in the state of Acre have developed and implemented the most successful sustainable development strategy in the Amazon basin. The pioneering work of the father and martyr of Brazil's environmental movement has flourished in a series of innovative approaches guided by the concept of *florestania*, or *forestinzanship*, which brings together the expansion of citizenship rights with demands for better quality of life for the peoples of the Rainforest. As governments and environmental, scientific and business organizations prepare to launch the negotiations of a new global protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in December, in Copenhagen, the governor of the state of Acre, Binho Marques, will present an overview of achievements and challenges, including new paths for regional cooperation and integration with Peru and Bolivia, countries that share borders with Brazil in Acre. "This integration still has to do justice to the thousands of Bolivians, Peruvians and Brazilians who live on the Amazon border, where poverty contrasts with a rich nature," said the Governor in a recent interview. Two experts on the Acre experience, Foster Brown, Senior Scientist at the Woods Hole Research Center, and Adriana Gonçalves Moreira, Senior Environmental Specialist at the World Bank Sustainable Development Department for Latin America and Caribbean Region, will offer their perspectives.