

Costa Rica: A New Investment Opportunity

June 25, 2015

Marriott Hotel

San Jose, Costa Rica

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Ragnhild Melzi, Vice President, Americas Society/Council of the Americas

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Luis Guillermo Solís, President of Costa Rica

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Panel: Costa Rica and the Region's Economic Outlook

Panelists:

- **César Arias**, Director, Latin American Sovereigns Group, Fitch Ratings
- **José Rafael Brenes**, CEO, National Stock Exchange of Costa Rica
- **Luis Mesalles**, Associate Economist of the Central American Academy
- **Moderator:** Alberto Franco, Economist, Founder and Consultant, Ecoanálisis

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Introduction of keynote speaker: Christine Zhenwei Qiang, Practice Manager, Investment Climate Unit, Trade & Competitiveness Global Practice, World Bank Group

Keynote Speaker : Roberto Echandi, Global Lead, Investment Policy, Trade & Competitiveness Global Practice, World Bank **via Video**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Panel Costa Rica: Challenges & Opportunities for Foreign Investors

Panelists:

- **Ed Sanchez**, Citi Country Officer, Costa Rica
- **Doyle Boyd**, Solutions Director, Marketing Digital Production and Content Services, Accenture
- **Dave Dalton**, President, General Microcircuits
- **Vincent Guglielmetti**, General Manager, Intel Costa Rica
- **Charlie Noel**, Vice President of Operations, MicroVention, Inc.
- **Moderator:** Jorge Sequeira, Managing Director, Costa Rica's Investment Agency (CINDE)

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks:

Alexander Mora, Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica