

The New Governance of Oil in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: Implications for the Venezuelan Energy Sector and Its Export Role in the Western Hemisphere

Symposium Working Agenda Thursday, May 15, 2008

8:30 am Welcoming Remarks
Amy Myers Jaffe
Wallace S. Wilson Fellow in Energy Studies, Baker Institute

Opening Addresses

8:45 am Venezuela's Vision for the Future and International Relations
His Excellency Bernardo Alvarez Herrera
Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United States

9:05 am Understanding the Bolivarian Revolution and Its Impact on
Venezuela's Oil Sector
His Excellency Bernard Mommer
*Deputy Minister of Hydrocarbons, Venezuela, and Director, Petróleos de Venezuela
S.A. (PDVSA)*

9:45 am Discussion Period

Panel 1: Reality and Potentialities of the Venezuelan Energy Industry

Moderator: Amy Myers Jaffe, Wallace S. Wilson Fellow in Energy Studies, Baker Institute

10:10 am **Antonio Vicentelli**
President, Venezuela Petroleum Chamber

Kenneth B. Medlock III, Ph.D.
Fellow in Energy Studies, Baker Institute

Further panel participants TBD

11:00 am Discussion Period

11:20 am Coffee Break

Panel 2: Venezuela, Oil and Regional Politics

Moderator: Ronald Soligo, Ph.D., Baker Institute Rice Scholar and Professor of Economics, Rice University

11:40 am **Adina Bastidas**
Executive Director (Venezuela), Inter-American Development Bank

David Mares, Ph.D.

Baker Institute Scholar for Energy Studies, Rice University, and Professor of Political Science, University of California, San Diego

David Voght

Managing Director, IPD Latin America

Andrés Serbín

President, Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES)

12:50 pm Discussion Period

1:15 pm Lunch

Keynote Address

Alejandro Granado

Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and CEO, CITGO Petroleum Corporation

Discussion Period: Venezuelan and U.S. Relations

Moderator: TBD

2:40 pm **Speakers TBD**

Panel 3: Domestic Goals and the Energy Sector: Social Welfare, Industry Reform and Production Goals

Moderator: Ali Moshiri, Managing Director, Chevron Latin America

4:05 pm **David Mares, Ph.D.**
Baker Institute Scholar for Energy Studies, Rice University, and Professor of Political Science, University of California, San Diego

Nelson Altamirano, Ph.D.
Instructor, National University, San Diego

Francisco Monaldi
Coordinator, International Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA)

Luis Lander
Professor, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Sociales, Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV)

5:10 pm Discussion Period

5:30 pm Closing Remarks
Amy Myers Jaffe
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