

***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 (Preliminary)
Thursday, May 15, 2008***

8:30 am Welcoming Remarks
The Honorable Edward P. Djerejian
Founding Director, James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

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 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

9:45 am

Antonio Vincentelli
President, Venezuela Petroleum Chamber

Potential vs. Status Quo: What Will Happen to Venezuelan Exports?
Kenneth B. Medlock III, Ph.D.
*Fellow in Energy Studies, Baker Institute, and Adjunct Assistant Professor,
Department of Economics, Rice University*

Western Hemisphere: From Integration to Diversification
Michelle Billig
Director of Political Risk, PIRA Energy Group

10:30 am Discussion Period

10:50 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

11:10 am Chavez's Foreign Aid: Oil, Infrastructure, Social Mobilization and the New Regional Politics
Luis E. Lander
Professor, Facultad de Ciencias Economicas y Sociales, Universidad Central de Venezuela (FACES-UCV)

Paradigms for Regional Energy Trade

David Mares, Ph.D.

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

Venezuela's American-Style Foreign Policy: 'Soft Balancing' Against the United States

Mark Williams, Ph.D.

Professor of Political Science and Department Chair, Middlebury College

12:20 pm Discussion Period

12:45 pm Lunch

Keynote Address

The Future of the Oil Refining Industry in the Western Hemisphere: The Approach of Venezuela-CITGO as a Key Player in the World Energy Balance

Alejandro Granado

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

Afternoon Session: Western Hemisphere Energy Markets: U.S.-Venezuelan Perspectives

2:15 pm U.S. International Energy Policy and Western Hemisphere Energy Engagement

Matthew McManus

Division Chief, Energy Producer Country Affairs, Office of International Energy and Commodity Policy, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Angelo Rivero-Santos, Ph.D

Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Washington, D.C.

3:20 pm Discussion Period

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

Moderator: Ali Moshiri, President, Chevron Africa and Latin America Exploration and Production Company

3:40 pm The Petroleum Corporation of the 21st Century: Balancing National and Firm-Level Goals

Nelson Altamirano, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, National University, San Diego, and Visiting Scholar, University of California, San Diego

Adina Bastidas

Executive Director (Venezuela), Inter-American Development Bank

4:45 pm Discussion Period

5:05 pm

Closing Remarks

Amy Myers Jaffe

Wallace S. Wilson Fellow in Energy Studies, Baker Institute