

INVITATION

Dear Colleague:

The Americas Program of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, in partnership with the U.S. Department of State and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, is pleased to invite you to a panel discussion:

“Access to Justice: Lessons From Civil Rights Experiences in Brazil and the United States”

Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 2:00 - 4:00pm
B1 Conference Center
Center for Strategic and International Studies
1800 K Street NW, Washington, DC, 20006

Opening Remarks by

His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota
Ambassador of Brazil to the United States

Panelists to include

Wade Henderson
President, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Elaine Jones
Former President, NAACP Legal Defense Fund

His Excellency Edson Santos
Minister of the Special Secretariat for
Policies to Promote Racial Equality, Brazil

Other speakers to be confirmed

As part of the U.S.-Brazil memorandum of understanding signed in 2008 to discuss issues of racial and ethnic discrimination, this event is part of a two-day bi-national steering committee meeting to deepen the dialogue on the civil rights agenda of both nations.

Following their remarks, the experts will answer questions from the audience. To register for this event please contact the CSIS Americas Program at rsvp_americas@csis.org or (202) 775-3180.

Sincerely,

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