

INVITATION

Dear Colleague:

The Americas Program of the Center for Strategic and International Studies is pleased to invite you to a panel discussion:

Outlook for Venezuela's Economy: 2009 and Beyond

Friday, May 22, 2009, 10:00 - 11:30am

B1 Conference Center
Center for Strategic and International Studies
1800 K Street NW, Washington, DC, 20006

With presentations by:

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This event will examine Venezuela's economic outlook in the immediate and mid-term. Potential issues to be covered include the macroeconomic policies of the government of Venezuela in the face of the global downturn, the effects of declining revenue flow from oil exports, projections for state and private finance, the outlook for foreign and domestic investment, and projections for the energy sector.

This event is open to the public. RSVP required. Please contact the CSIS Americas Program at rsvp_americas@csis.org or (202) 775-3180 to register.