



**Inaugural Ceremony
Inter-American Peace Forum**

Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Hall of the Americas, OAS
Washington, D.C.

- 9:30 a.m.** Private meeting between the Secretary General and President Arias
Secretary General's Office MNB
- 10:00 a.m.** Welcoming Remarks by OAS Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza
Hall of the Americas
- Remarks by President Oscar Arias
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- 11:00 a.m.** Press Conference
Rowe Room
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch in honor of the special guests
Remarks by Ambassador of Belize, Nestor Mendez, Chairman of the Permanent Council
San Martin Room
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First Seminar of the Inter-American Peace Forum

- 3:00 p.m.** Welcome by the Director of the Department of Democratic Sustainability and Special Missions
Victor Rico
- 3:10 p.m.** Remarks by OAS Assistant Secretary General
Ambassador Albert Ramdin

Panel No. 1: "Types and Potential of Conflicts"

Presentation: Sir Marrack Goulding, former Under Secretary General, United Nations

Commentators:

- *Ana Maria Romero de Campero, Executive Director, "Unir" Foundation, Bolivia*
- *Ivelaw Griffith, Provost, Senior Vice President, York College*
- *John Biehl, Director OAS, Uruguay and former OAS Secretary for Political Affairs*

Moderator: Alfonso Quiñonez, Secretary for Integral Development, OAS

Panel No. 2: "What is Peace in the Americas in the XXI Century? Towards a New Hemispheric Peace Agenda."

Presentation: Ambassador Álvaro Tirado Mejía, Former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Commentators:

- *Jaime Aparicio, President, Inter-American Juridical Committee*
- *Ambassador Aristides Royo, Permanent Representative of Panama to the OAS*
- *Rosario Green, Chairwoman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mexico*

Moderator: Alexandre Addor-Neto, Secretary for Multidimensional Security

Closing Remarks: Ambassador Gustavo Albin, Chairman of the Committee on Hemispheric Security and Permanent Representative of Mexico

- 5:30 p.m.** Cultural Event and Reception

