

REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN THE AMERICAS AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

Date: November 23, 2009

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center (Washington DC)

8:30 AM Welcome remarks

WWC (TBC) or

Andrés López, Executive Director, Red Mercosur,

8:45 AM Panel 1: Evolution of the economic crisis and Latin America's regional integration groups

Roberto Bouzas: Why are regional integration agreements stagnated?

Carol Wise: The political economy of integration agreements and the crisis

Discussants:

Marcel Vaillant (DECON/Red Mercosur)

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Panel 2: Policymakers and experts perspectives

Rubens Barbosa

Sydney Weintraub

Jeffrey Schott (TBC)

12:00 PM Lunch break

1:30 PM Panel 3: A role for regional integration agreements in the architecture of international finance?

José María Fanelli (CEDES/ Red Mercosur)

Pablo Sanguinetti (CAF)

Roy Culpeper (NSI) (TBC)

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM Panel 4: Conclusions, inter-regional comparisons, and the way forward

Ramón Torrent

Marcelo Olarreaga (TBC)

Rebecca Grynspan (UNDP) (TBC)

Robert Devlin (ECLAC) (TBC)

4:45 PM Closing remarks

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