

**Consultation with Civil Society and the
Academic Community on the
VIII Conference of Defence Ministers of the
Americas:
Towards the development of a thematic agenda**
*Bridgetown, Barbados
06-07 March 2008*



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Thursday 6 March

- Throughout the day **Arrival**
Transport of participants from the Grantley Adams International Airport to the Hilton Barbados
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Official Photograph**, Needham Room 1
- 17:00 – 17:15 **Opening remarks**, Colonel (ret'd) Michael Snell, CDMA Executive Director
- 17:15 – 17:30 **Introduction remarks**, Vincent Rigby, Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy), Department of National Defence (Canada)
- 17:30 – 18:30 **Update on the CDMA planning process**
- **Introduction**, Colonel (ret'd) Michael Snell, CDMA Executive Director
 - **Account of the last thematic development meeting in Costa Rica, 15-16 November 2007**, Marcela Donadio (RESDAL - Argentina) and Luis Guillermo Solis (FLACSO - Chile)
 - **Update on the Lessons-learned and the International Security Research and Outreach Program (ISROP) projects**, Nancy Mackinnon, CDMA Policy Team
- 18:30 – 19:30 **Interventions by participants on agenda issues**
- 19:45 **Reception**, Reception area outside of Needham room 1

Friday 7 March

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Roundtable discussion on current hemispheric threats**, Needham Room 1

- Individual attendee assessment of the most important threats facing the hemisphere today

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Perspectives on civil-military relations when responding to natural disasters or hosting major national or regional events

- **Presentation**, “*The cooperation of the armed forces in case of natural disasters*,” Mario Mérida, Centro de Estudios Estratégicos y de Seguridad para Centroamérica (Guatemala)
- **Roundtable Discussion**

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch, Hilton Bridgetown

14:00 – 15:15

Perspectives on civil-military relations when conducting peacekeeping missions

- **Introduction**, Colonel (ret’d) Michael Snell, CDMA Executive Director
- **Presentation**, “*Women in peacekeeping*,” Marcela Donadio, Directora Ejecutiva Seguridad Estratégica Regional (Argentina)
- **Roundtable Discussion**

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45

CDMA: should a more permanent architecture be created?

- **Presentation**, “*A way forward for the CDMA*,” Margaret Daly Hayes, Evidence Based Research Associates (United States)
- **Roundtable Discussion**

16:45 – 18:00

Conclusion

20:00

Dinner, Lighthouse Garden, Hilton Bridgetown

Saturday 8 March

Throughout the day

Departure

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