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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – DAY 1

18:30 PM WELCOME COCKTAIL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – DAY 2

08:00 AM	Registration and Arrival of Participants
09:00 AM	Welcome Remarks. ROBERTO ZAMORA , President, CEAL International.
09:30 AM	Welcome Remarks. GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
10:15 AM	DFC Strategy for Economic Strengthening and Partnerships between the United States and Latin America. BEN BLACK , Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).
10:55 AM	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 AM	Europe and Latin America in a New Global Landscape: Opportunities to Invest and Grow. GIORGIO SILLI , Secretary General of the International Italo-Latin American Organization (IILA).
11:50 AM	Leadership with Purpose: The Role of Business in Addressing New Social Challenges. RODRIGO GUERRA , Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America (The Vatican).
12:30 PM	Special Address by the President of Paraguay. H.E. SANTIAGO PEÑA , President of the Republic of Paraguay.
13:10 PM	Lunch at the WALDORF ASTORIA



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – DAY 2

14:25 PM **Critical Infrastructure in the Digital Age: How to Prepare for Emerging Risks.** **ANDREW MCCLURE***, Director of the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) at the Department of Energy.

15:05 PM **Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CEAL and IREX.** In support of the U.S. Department of State’s Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI) Fellowship Program. **ROBERTO ZAMORA**, President, CEAL International, and **ROB MOSBACHER**, Vice President of IREX.

15:35 PM **Digital Trust in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Security, Payments, and Business Protection.** **EDUARDO COELLO**, Regional President for Visa Latin America and the Caribbean.

16:15 PM **Emerging Global Threats: Intelligence, Technology, and Security in the New International Environment.** **MICHAEL J. ELLIS***, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

16:55 PM **Private Capital, Family Offices, and Regional Investment.** New sources of capital, intraregional investment, opportunities for family businesses, private funds, and Latin American growth platforms.

19:00 PM **CENA DE GALA - Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium**

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – DAY 3

09:00 AM	CEAL Education Agenda: Progress, Lessons Learned, and Next Steps. A session to present progress on CEAL’s educational commitment in different countries across the region.
09:50 AM	Special Address by the President of Honduras. H.E. NASRY ASFURA , President of Honduras.
10:30 AM	COFFEE BREAK
10:50 AM	A New Agenda for Trade and Growth: United States and Latin America. HOWARD LUTNICK* , U.S. Secretary of Commerce.
11:40 AM	Infrastructure, Connectivity, and Regional Competitiveness. Ports, airports, logistics corridors, digital connectivity, regional integration, and the conditions necessary for Latin America to become more competitive.
12:30 PM	Almuerzo en el WALDORF ASTORIA
13:45 PM	Building New Business Bridges: Latin America and the Arab World. MOHAMED ALSHARHAN , Distinguished Fellow, Managing Director, World Governments Summit Organization, Office of the Prime Minister, United Arab Emirates.
14:35 PM	United States and Latin America: Strengthening a Strategic Alliance for the Future. Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Department of Commerce and CEAL. ROBERTO ZAMORA , President, CEAL International, and MARCO RUBIO , U.S. Secretary of State.
15:05 PM	Energy for the New Economy: AI, Data Centers, and Regional Competitiveness. Senior Executive, Amazon Web Services.
15:45 PM	Geopolitics and Economic Security: The New Landscape for Latin America. LAURA DOGU , Foreign Policy Advisor, United States Army.
19:00 PM	CLOSING DINNER - 101 Constitution Rooftop 📍 1101 Constitution Ave NW, Suite L-140 Washington, DC

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