HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR

STRUCTURAL CHANGE AND PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH – 20 YEARS LATER.
OLD PROBLEMS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES
Santo Domingo, 10-11 June 2008

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 10 June

3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.  Latin America and the Caribbean and structural changes in the world economy

Moderator:  Rebeca Grynspan, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panellists:
- Carlota Pérez, Consultant and Researcher, University of Cambridge, University of Sussex and Technological University of Tallinn (Estonia)
- Carl Dahlman, Professor, Georgetown University
- Luc Soete, Director, Maastricht Economic and Social Research and Training Centre on Innovation and Technology, United Nations University (UNU-MERIT)
- Ludovico Alcorta, Director, Research and Statistics Branch, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

4.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.  Coffee break
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Competitiveness and learning in the natural-resources sector**

Moderator: João Carlos Ferraz, Director, Planning and Research Area, National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES), Brazil

Panellists:
- Adrián Alfredo Fernández, President, National Institute for Ecology of Mexico
- Carlos Gustavo Cano, Co-director of the Banco de la República of Colombia
- Carlos Ferraro Rey, Deputy Minister for Industry of Peru

**Wednesday 11 June**

9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. **Competitiveness and learning in the manufacturing and services sectors**

Moderator: Temístocles Montás, Minister for Economic Affairs, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic

Panellists:
- Luiz Antonio Elias, Executive Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology of Brazil
- Luisa Fernández, Executive Director of the National Council for Free Trade Areas of the Dominican Republic
- Juan Alberto Fuentes, Minister of Finance of Guatemala
- René Villarreal, President, Intellectual Capital and Competitiveness Centre (CECIC) of Mexico
- José Luis Rodríguez, Minister for Economic Affairs and Planning of Cuba

10.30 p.m. to 11 a.m. **Coffee break**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Public-private alliances for innovation, structural change and productivity growth**

Moderator: Kim Sung-hwan, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea

Panellists:
- Carlos Álvarez, Executive Vice-President, Production Development Corporation (CORFO) of Chile
- Francisco Sagasti, Executive Director of FORO Nacional/Internacional of Peru and Director of Agenda: Perú
- Juan José Palacios L., Professor and Coordinator, Transnational Studies Programme, Department of Political Studies, University of Guadalajara