



# **AGRICULTURE, the FTAA & the WTO**

**A Seminar on**

## ***Trading Arrangements in the Americas and the World Trade Organization***

**Presented by**

***THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY COUNCIL  
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A unique opportunity to discuss trade reforms essential to the development of agriculture on the regional and global level with leading policymakers and agribusiness representatives in preparation for the Third Business Forum of the Americas

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**FAEMG Headquarters, Av. Carandaí, 1.115, 3º Floor  
Belo Horizonte, Brazil**

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## SEMINAR AGENDA

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### Monday, May 12      Opening Dinner & Reception (7:30 pm)

*Automóvel Club of Minas Gerais, Ave. Afonso Pena 1.394, Belo Horizonte*

- Welcome      *Honorable Arlindo Porto, Minister of Agriculture of Brazil*
- Introduction      *Lord Plumb of Coleshill, Former President, European Parliament, IPC Chairman*  
*Antonio de Salvo, President, Confederação Nacional da Agricultura do Brazil*

### Tuesday, May 13      Agriculture, the FTAA & the WTO

*FAEMG, Ave. Carandaí, 1.115, 3<sup>o</sup> Floor, Belo Horizonte*

- Session One      **Implementation of the WTO - the FTAA, WTO, and Implications for Domestic Policies**  
9:00-10:30      *Aart de Zeeuw, Former Chairman, Agricultural Negotiations Committee, GATT*  
*Gilman Viana Rodrigues, President, Federação da Agricultura do Estado de Minas Gerais, Brazil*
- Session Two      **Adjusting to Regional Trading Arrangements - NAFTA, MERCOSUR and the EU**  
11:00-12:30      **(Lessons for the Free Trade Area of the Americas)**  
*Andrés Casco, Subsecretary of Planning, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development*  
*Jorge Zorreguieta, President, Argentine Sugar Producers Association, IPC Member*  
*Rolf Moehler, Former Deputy Director General, European Commission, DG VI, IPC Member*
- Luncheon      **Topic: Integration in the Americas**  
12:30-2:00      *Carlos Aquino González, Director General, Inter-American Inst. for Cooperation on Agriculture*
- Session Three      **International Policy Council Recommendations for the FTAA**  
2:00-2:30      *Dale Hathaway, Former Undersecretary for Int'l Affairs, US Dept. of Agriculture, IPC Member*
- Session Four      **Problems for Free Trade in the Americas (Market Access, Subsidies, etc.)**  
2:30-3:30      *Rob Johnson, Corporate Vice President, Public Affairs, Cargill Inc., IPC Member*  
*Enrique Ospina, Senior Research Fellow, Economic Studies, Banco de la Republica, Colombia*
- Session Five      **Assessing the New Trade Agenda in the WTO**  
4:00-5:30      **(Sanitary & Phytosanitary Standards, Competition Policy, State Trading, etc.)**  
*Bill Miner, Senior Research Associate, Center for Trade Policy and Law, Canada, IPC Member*  
*Manuel Dantas, President, FRUNORTE, Frutas do Nordeste, S.A., Brazil*  
*Arturo Vierheller, Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, Argentina*
- 5:30-6:00      **Summary & Conclusions**  
*Bob Thompson, President & CEO, Winrock International, IPC Member*  
*Pedro de Camargo Neto, Former President, Sociedade Rural Brasileira, IPC Member*
- 7:30-10:00      **Closing Dinner & Reception**

*Simultaneous Translation will be provided in English, Portuguese and Spanish*