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**AGENDA OF THE SECOND INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF MINISTERS AND HIGH  
LEVEL AUTHORITIES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

*“Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas”*

(October 6 – 8, 2010 – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)

1. Follow up on the Santa Cruz +10 Declaration

The meeting will provide a space for Ministers to reflect and take note of progress to date in the implementation of the Santa Cruz +10 Declaration, establishing a dialogue on challenges and opportunities to advance the agenda defined in the context of this declaration, that addresses the following issues: Sustainable Development of Water Resources; Disasters; and Sustainable Forest Management, Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Tourism.

2. Implementation of the Inter-American Program on Sustainable Development (PIDS) (2006-2009)

The Ministers will take note on progress in the implementation of the Inter-American Program on Sustainable Development 2006-2009 (PIDS)<sup>1/</sup> and will analyze the challenges and opportunities for the advancement of its priority areas in the region, emphasizing those areas that were not included in the Declaration of Santa Cruz + 10:

- Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity;
- Coastal Zone Management and Adaptation to Climate Change;
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Promotion; and
- Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening for Sustainable Development and Environmental Management.

The ministerial dialogue will focus on the existing mechanisms in the framework of the OAS and possible future actions and opportunities for cooperation to follow up in the implementation of the PIDS to advance towards Sustainable Development in the Americas.

3. Vulnerability in the Context of Sustainable Development

1. The Inter-American Program on Sustainable Development (2006-2009) (PIDS), includes the following themes: Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Forest Management and other natural resources; Water Resources, Land and Health; Natural Disasters Risk Management; Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity; Coastal Zone Management and Climate Change Adaptation; Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Promotion; and Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening for Sustainable Development and Environmental Management.

Under this theme the Ministerial dialogue will focus on existing vulnerability in the Americas especially as it relates to increasing climate variability and challenges to ecosystems, their services as well as additional pressures on energy, infrastructure and water dependent sectors such as agriculture and tourism as captured in economic models, climate change scenarios and vulnerability assessments. Emerging challenges linked to seismic threats will also be considered.

4. Risk Management and Planning

Best practices in Risk Management –in the context of climate-related hazards, will be explored. Particular attention will be given to innovative tools and mechanisms for risk management, including those that contribute to climate change adaptation through biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of ecological services, as well as capacity building for improving Risk Management through land use planning, development and implementation of building codes standards and norms – including application and compliance, construction quality assurance, and planning of land occupation –rural and urban settlements. Legal and institutional challenges related to Risk Management will also be reviewed.

5. Institutional and Management Aspects related to Climate Change

The Ministerial will serve as a forum for countries to share experiences regarding their national policy strategies to address the challenges of climate change in the context of sustainable development. The Ministers are expected to address challenges in development and implementation of strategies in areas such as financing, risk transfer, decentralization and public participation. Also, that they take into account conflict prevention through programs that support respect of cultural values and patrimony, aim to reduce poverty, promote gender equity, and contribute to meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Moreover legal and institutional frameworks required for successfully implementing these policies, programs and strategies will be explored by the Ministers, considering support for continuous exchange in these areas as well as in the area of private public partnerships through the OAS, among others.