



The **XXII International Conference of Private Business Organizations** will be held on **September 11th – 13th, 2008 in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia** jointly with the XIX Plenary Assembly of CEAL, The Business Council of Latin America (<http://www.ceal-int.org>). The general theme of our conference is "With Democracy, Without Poverty". At CEAL, we are intrigued with the fact that most market economies, and democratic societies, have not been able to eradicate poverty. In Latin America young democracies, social equilibrium is at risk. The perception of the population that market economies do not deliver social equity inflates the electoral odds of populist proposals, as unfeasible as they may be. Those kinds of governments threaten the very institutions that allowed them to take power, and embark in authoritarian projects. We want to hear our Counterpart friends, learn what their countries have done that has worked on the realm of dwelling more equitable societies, without hampering the entrepreneur engine of the private initiative.

Last year, the International Counterparts / CEDA International Climate Change Conference was held on November 15-16, 2007 in Sydney, Australia. It brought together leading experts from Europe, North America, Asia and Australia to analyze the rapidly evolving scientific and economic debate over climate change and explore cutting-edge options for policy response.

ABOUT THE NETWORK

Close relationships exist independent, nonpolitical research organizations all over the world. Such counterpart groups are composed of business executives and scholars and have similar objectives, which they pursue by similarly objective methods. This program has resulted in a number of joint policy statements involving such international matters as energy, East-West trade, assistance to developing countries, and the reduction of nontariff barriers to trade.

Joint Projects

JOINT PROJECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNTERPARTS

Addressing Global Poverty Project

At a meeting in May 2002, the "Counterpart Organizations" determined to address jointly the question of global poverty. They were motivated by the common belief that, while global integration is a positive force, it needs to be harnessed by sound public policies to address the prevalence of dire poverty around the world.

This project called for policy recommendations by Counterpart Organizations, providing a global perspective to a global problem. The summaries of these policy recommendations have been compiled in the *Addressing Global Poverty booklet*. (http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_counterpart_poverty.pdf).

The full-length version of the Counterparts' policy recommendations can be found through the following links:

Foreign Investment and the Internationalization of the Spanish Economy

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_counterpart_pov_spain.pdf

Círculo de Empresarios, Spain

Reducing Global Poverty: The Role of Women in Development

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_globalization_women.pdf

Committee for Economic Development, USA

Corruption

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_counterpart_pov_ceal.pdf

Consejo Empresario de América Latina

Reducing Global Poverty, Best Practice: Education and Distance Education

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_counterpart_pov_australia.pdf

Committee for Economic Development of Australia

The Role of ICT in Poverty Reduction

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_counterpart_pov_finland.pdf

Elinkeinoelämän Valtuuskunta, Finland

Counterpart Best Practices Project on Global Poverty: Trade Policy

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_counterpart_pov_germany.pdf

Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft, Köln, Germany

Participants

There are currently 12 members of the International Network of Private Business Organizations.



Committee for Economic Development of Australia

<http://ceda.com.au>



China Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD)

<http://www.chinareform.org>



The Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA

<http://www.eva.fi/eng>

Institut de
l'entreprise

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<http://www.institut-entreprise.fr>

 Institut der deutschen
Wirtschaft Köln

Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft Köln (IW)

<http://www.iwkoeln.de>



Keizai Doyukai

<http://www.doyukai.or.jp/en>



The Business Council of Latin America / Consejo
Empresarial de America Latina (CEAL)

<http://www.ceal-int.org/>



Stichting Maatschappij en Onderneming (Society
and Enterprise Foundation - Netherlands)

<http://www.smo.nl>



Forum de Administradores de Empresas - Portugal

<http://www.faeonline.pt>



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Círculo de Empresarios de España

<http://www.circulodeempresarios.org>



Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's
Association

<http://www.tusiad.org>



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