

PRELIMINARY AGENDA*
September 17th, 2015
VH Gran Ventana Beach Resort
Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. **Opening Ceremony**

Honor Guests, His Excellency, Danilo Medina Sánchez, President of the Dominican Republic, Ministers and Private Sectors Representatives.

Welcome Remarks by Jean Alain Rodríguez, Executive Director of the Export and Investment Center of the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD).

Keynote Speaker Remarks by Arnold Donald, President and Executive Director of Carnival Corporation.

9:30 a.m. **Morning Official Address: Tourism**

Francisco Javier García, Minister, Ministry of Tourism.

9:50 a.m. **Plenary Session. *Puerto Plata: A Tourist Destination that has it all***

- Julio Almonte Nina, Viceminister of Tourism for the North Coast and Puerto Plata.
- Francisco Carreras, Presidential Advisor for Cruise Tourism.
- Simón Suárez, President, Asociación de Hoteles y Turismo de la República Dominicana (ASONAHORES).
- Máximo Iglesias, President, Clúster Turístico de Puerto Plata.
- Roberto Casoni, Executive Vicepresident, VH Hotels & Resorts.
- José Redondo, President, Grupo Rescue.

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10:50 a.m. **Networking and Coffee Break**

11:10 a.m. **Plenary Session. *Potential of the Industrial Sector in the North Coast***

- José Del Castillo Saviñón, Minister, Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
- Luisa Fernández, Executive Director, Consejo Nacional de Zonas Francas de Exportación (CNZFE).
- Alexandra Izquierdo, General Director, Centro de Desarrollo y Competitividad Industrial (PROINDUSTRIA).
- Loweski Luciano, President, Zona Franca Industrial de Puerto Plata.
- Augusto Ramírez, Executive President, Brugal y Compañía.

12:10 m. **Plenary Session. *Investment Projects Portfolio***

- Riviera Azul (Marcos Villanueva).
- Blue Jack Tar Condos (Paul Brugal).
- Plaza Comercial Mansión Ariza (Juan Morales).
- “Montellano, Tesoro del Atlántico” (COPRA).
- Projects of the Clúster Turístico de Puerto Plata.

1:30 p.m. **Networking Lunch**

3:00 p.m. **Plenary Session. *Financing Offers for Projects in Strategic Sectors***

- Enrique Ramírez Paniagua, General Manager, Banco de Reservas de la República Dominicana.
- Manuel Alejandro Grullón, President, Grupo Popular.
- Luis Molina Achecar, President, Grupo BHD-León.
- Luis Alberto Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

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- 4:00 p.m. **Networking and Coffee Break**
- 4:20 p.m. **Afternoon Official Address: Transportation and Logistics**
Gonzalo Castillo, Minister, Ministry of Public Works and Communications.
- 4:40 p.m. **Plenary Session. *Advantages in Infrastructure and Connectivity of the North Coast***
- Mayobanex Escoto, Director, Autoridad Portuaria Dominicana.
 - Marino Collante, Executive Director, Departamento Aeroportuario.
 - Jeffrey Rannik, President, Agencias Navieras B&R and Asociación de Navieros de la República Dominicana.
 - Monika Infante, Executive Director, Aeropuertos Dominicanos del Siglo XXI (AERODOM).
 - Mairení Bournigal, President, Mairení Bournigal & Cía.
- 5:40 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
- 6:00 p.m. **Networking Cocktail**

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