The Special Summit of the Americas, to be held in January 2004 in Mexico, will allow the region's leaders to address hemispheric challenges in three central areas: economic growth with equity, social development, and democratic governance. To inform the Washington community about this important upcoming hemispheric event,

The Office of External Relations of the Organization of American States
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are pleased to invite you to attend a panel discussion on

**THE SPECIAL SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: EXAMINING THE KEY ISSUES**

Thursday, December 11, 2003
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
OAS Hall of the Americas
17th Street and Constitution Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Program

9:30   Registration

10:00  Opening Remarks

**Ambassador Mark Lortie**
Assistant Deputy Minister for the Americas, Government of Canada

“Introduction to the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) Process”

10:20  Dr. Richard Feinberg
Professor of International Political Economy; Director, APEC Study Center, University of California, San Diego

“Civil Society and the Summit of the Americas: The Road to Mexico 2004”
10:45          Panel Presentations

Moderator:      Don Mackay  
                Executive Director, FOCAL (Canadian Foundation for the Americas)

Panelists:      
                **Topic: Economic Growth and Equity**  
                Sheila Donovan  
                Director, Department for Development Programs, Inter-American  
                Agency for Cooperation and Development

                **Topic: Democratic Governance**  
                Elizabeth Spehar  
                Executive Coordinator, OAS Unit for the Promotion of Democracy

                **Topic: Social Development**  
                Sofialeticia Morales  
                Director, OAS Unit For Social Development and Education

11:30           Dialogue with the Audience

12:00           Program Ends

( For speaker biographies, please click [here](#) )

Registration:

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