

AGENDA

Thursday, November 2

7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Lucinda Vargas, *Senior Economist*
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch

8:45 a.m. Opening Address

Edward M. Gramlich, *Governor*
Federal Reserve Board

9:15 a.m. Key Aspects of the Economic Growth and Development Program of the Fox Administration

Roberto Newell, *Member*
Economics Transition Team of Mexico's President-Elect Vicente Fox

9:45 a.m. Panel: Free Markets and Mexico's Political Economy

A discussion of the role of free markets in Mexico's fiscal, monetary and trade policies, by representatives of the top policy-making bodies in these areas and commentary from private-sector representatives.

Moderator: William C. Gruben, *Vice President and Director*
Center for Latin American Economics, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Panelists

Moisés Schwartz, *Director of Macroeconomic Analysis*
Banco de México

Abraham E. Vela Bid, *Chief of Advisors*
Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público

Javier Mancera, *Director*
SECOFI-NAFTA Office, Mexican Embassy, Washington, D.C.

Break

Panelists continue

Alberto Fernández Garza, *National President*
Confederación Patronal de la República Mexicana (COPARMEX)

Lino Landeros Santos, *National Vice President, International Affairs*
Cámara Nacional de la Industria de la Transformación (CANACINTRA)

José Manuel Suárez-Mier, *Senior Economist*
Centro de Investigación para el Desarrollo

John H. Welch, *Chief Economist for Latin America*
Barclays Capital, Americas

Noon Lunch and Keynote Address: Free Markets and Regional Growth and Development: The Case of Chihuahua

A presentation on the role of free markets in the state of Chihuahua's political economy.

Francisco Barrio Terrazas, *Former PAN Governor of Chihuahua and Member of President-Elect Vicente Fox's Transition Team*

1:30 p.m. Panel: Toward a North American Common Market?

A discussion on the feasibility of a North American Common Market from the point of view of the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Moderator: Harvey Rosenblum, *Senior Vice President and Director of Research*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Panelists

William C. Gruben, *Vice President and Director*
Center for Latin American Economics, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Maria Elena Vicario, *Senior Economist*
North American Commission for Labor Cooperation

Michael Hart, *Simon Reisman Professor of Trade Policy*
Norman Paterson School of International Affairs
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

Alfredo Hernández, *Consultant*
Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática (INEGI)
Aguascalientes, Mexico

Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda, *Research Director*
North American Integration and Development Center
University of California, Los Angeles

Judy Shelton, *Professor of International Finance*
DUXX Graduate School of Business Leadership, Monterrey, Mexico

Break

4:00 p.m. Panel: Free Markets and the Maquiladora Industry

A discussion of free markets' role in the growth and evolution of the maquiladora industry, with emphasis on recent fiscal and NAFTA-specific developments currently impacting this sector:

Moderator: Lucinda Vargas, *Senior Economist*
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch

Panelists

Lawrence W. Amrich, *Director, Government Relations for Mexico*
Delphi Automotive Systems

Carlos A. de Orduña, *President*
Northwestern Regional Chapter, National Chamber of Mexico's
Electronic Industry

Tom Fullerton, *Assistant Professor of Economics*
University of Texas at El Paso

John Christman, *Director*
Maquiladora Industry Services, CIEMEX-WEFA Inc.

Carlos Angulo, *International Partner*
Baker & McKenzie Abogados, S.C.

5:00 p.m. Adjournment

5:15 p.m. Evening Reception

Friday, November 3

8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks

Lucinda Vargas, *Senior Economist*
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch

8:50 a.m. Opening Address

Timothy P. Roth, *Chairman*
Department of Economics and Finance, University of Texas at El Paso

9:00 a.m. Panel: Free Markets and Infrastructure Development

A discussion of free markets' role in the development of Mexico's infrastructure and how infrastructure conditions impact overall economic growth. Banking (financial system infrastructure), telecommunications and energy will be highlighted.

Moderator: Robert W. Gilmer, *Assistant Vice President and Senior Economist*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch

Panelists

Rafael del Villar Alrich, *Member of Economic Research Team*
Banco de México

Eduardo A. Rodriguez, *Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer*
El Paso Electric Co.

Edward C. Skelton, *International Financial Analyst*
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

George Baker, *Director*
Mexico Energy Intelligence, Houston

Victor M. Herrera, *Managing Director*
Standard & Poor's, Mexico D.F.

José Manuel Suárez-Mier, *Senior Economist*
Centro de Investigación para el Desarrollo

Break

11:15 a.m. Panel: Free Markets and Social Development

A discussion of free markets' role in addressing social issues, with attention to Mexico's existing social conditions and expectations for social progress under the incoming administration.

Moderator: Lucinda Vargas, *Senior Economist*
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch

Panelists

Inés Bustillo, *Director*
United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America
and the Caribbean

José Manuel Suárez-Mier, *Senior Economist*
Centro de Investigación para el Desarrollo

José Luis Escanero, *Coordinator*
Strategic Plan for Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua

Noon Closing Remarks and Adjournment