

High-Level Florida Delegation Goes to Brazil

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Florida Secretary of State, Glenda Hood, Ambassadors Sue and Charles E. Cobb, and President Jorge L. Arrizurieta, together with a group of private sector leaders, are heading a mission to Brazil with stops in Brasília and São Paulo.

They intend to advocate Miami's efforts to secure the FTAA Permanent Secretariat. During the visit, the delegation will host private media briefings in both cities.

The Brasília media roundtable will happen April 18 at the U.S. Embassy. In São Paulo, there will be a lunch and another media roundtable, on April 20 at Hotel Emiliano.

While in Brasília, delegates will meet with Brazilian President's Chief of Staff, José Dirceu; General Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Samuel Pinheiro Guimarães Neto and Brazilian FTAA coordinator, Tovar da Silva Nunes.

In São Paulo, delegates will meet with leaders of several organizations, including the Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of São Paulo State Commercial Associations (FACESP), São Paulo Commercial Associations (ACSP), the Federation of Industries of São Paulo State (FIESP), along with other key leaders of the private sector.

The delegation members include Secretary of State Glenda Hood; Ambassador Charles E. Cobb, Chairman of Florida FTAA; Jorge L. Arrizurieta, President of Florida FTAA; Ambassador Sue Cobb, Cobb Partners; Jose Perez Jones, Senior Vice President of Seaboard Marine; Carlo Barbieri, President of Oxford USA and Julio Barbosa, Legal Counsel for Becker Poliakoff.

The group also includes Marilyn Blanco Reyes, Legal Counsel of FedEx Express Corporation; Michael Gerrard, Chairman and CEO of Broadspan Capital; Timothy McCarthy, Managing Partner of Hughes Hubbard and Reed; Mark Nerenhausen, President and CEO of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts; Eugene Rostov, Managing Partner of Baker McKenzie; and Blaine Zuver, President of Free Via Networks.

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