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FIU's Pino Global Entrepreneurship Center to Host First Americas Venture Capital Conference

Early Registration Ends Oct. 8, 2010

MIAMI--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Leading venture capitalists, international business experts and entrepreneurs will convene in Miami this November for the first venture capital conference of its kind to focus on Latin American enterprises.

The 2010 [Americas Venture Capital Conference](#), presented by Florida International University's [Eugenio Pino and Family Global Entrepreneurship Center](#), will take place on November 17-18, 2010 at FIU's College of Business Complex. The theme of the inaugural conference is "Latin America: The New Mainstream."

"At a time of rising international interest in Latin American economies, we will take an important step in building a global community to support Latin American ventures," said Conference Chair and Director of the Pino Center Irma Becerra-Fernandez.

Keynote speakers include Gustavo A. Cisneros, chairman of the Cisneros Group of Companies; R. Marcelo Claure, founder, chairman, president and CEO, Brightstar Corporation; Constancio Larguia, founder and CEO, Weemba, and co-founder, Patagon.com; and Don Browne, president, Telemundo Communications Group, Inc.

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In addition to keynote presentations, panel discussions and networking sessions, 15 innovative ventures will present business plans to venture capitalists and other potential investors. The program and a complete list of speakers is available at the official conference website: www.americasvcconference.com.

The conference is designed for businesses, financiers and service providers who are conducting or exploring business in Latin America, as well as those who are already established in the area.

The fifteen innovative ventures selected by a committee to present at the conference are established businesses with headquarters in Latin America/Caribbean or South Florida and primarily conduct business in the region. These businesses span seven sectors identified as having the highest projected growth rate in Latin America: agriculture and water quality; biotechnology; pharmaceutical and health; consumer products; energy and green technologies; information, communication and web technologies; and metals and mining. Presenting ventures will compete for three prizes, with a total of value of \$35,000.

"International business and entrepreneurship are at the core of our mission," said Executive Dean of the FIU College of Business Administration Joyce J. Elam. "We look forward to hosting this dynamic group of prestigious, talented and involved individuals, and we hope this conference will be a milestone in Latin American venture development."

Registration for the two-day conference is USD \$395.00 per attendee before October 8, 2010, and USD \$495.00 after October 8, 2010. The conference fee includes admission, meals, networking breaks, and a closing reception.

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Americas Venture Capital Conference is organized by the [Eugenio Pino and Family Global Entrepreneurship Center](#) at [Florida International University](#). For more information on the conference, please call 305-348-7156 or visit www.AmericasVCConference.com.

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