

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- At the broadest level, facilitate an exchange among Heads of Mission and senior headquarters officials on Canada's Latin America strategy, both in terms of current planning and brainstorming on moving the strategy forward
- Set out the important national unity agenda that will unfold over the next several years, and examine its international dimensions, with particular reference to Latin American and Caribbean missions
- Review Canada's human security agenda and its application at the regional level
- Provide Heads of Mission with the latest headquarters thinking on priorities and emerging management issues
- Permit DFAIT officials to better familiarize themselves with programming by other government departments and to hear the perspectives and constructive suggestions of these OGDs on program delivery abroad
- Foster horizontal communication/exchanges among Heads of Mission
- Establish core communication themes concerning Canada's Americas strategy for use at Embassies and High Commissions, and by Heads of Mission on national outreach
- Take advantage of Alberta's specific interests and strengths in the international field by introducing DFAIT officials to a wide cross-section of governmental, non-governmental and corporate actors
- Enable officials to expand the range of their Canadian contacts, and to listen to the opinions of these prominent constituencies
- Assess the quality of client service, particularly support to the business community, and discuss best practices