

Dominican Republic



Population
8.3 million (1999 est.)

Capital
Santo Domingo

Total area
48 734 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
February 27
(Independence Day)

Currency
peso

GDP
\$17.4 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$1117.7 (1998)

Canadian exports
\$107.8 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$98.7 million (1999)



Head of state and government:

President Hipólito **Mejía** Domínguez

Born February 22, 1941. A graduate in agronomy. Began his political career in 1978 when appointed Secretary of Agriculture. Held this portfolio for four years, then entered the private sector as an international consultant. In 1990 was running mate of Dr. José Francisco Peña Gómez in his unsuccessful bid for the presidency. Elected President on May 16, 2000.

El Salvador



Population
6.2 million (1999)

Capital
San Salvador

Total area
21 893 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
September 15
(1821 Independence Day)

Currency
colón
U.S. dollar

GDP
\$12.4 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$2014 (1999)

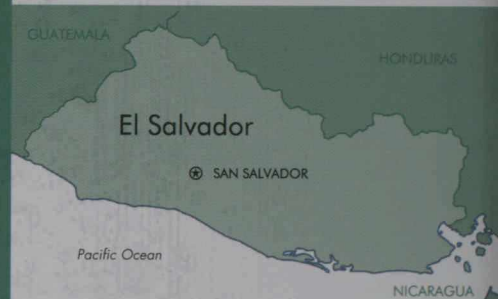
Canadian exports
\$13.8 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$36.4 million (1999)

Head of state and government:

President Francisco **Flores**

Born October 17, 1959. A graduate in political science; holds a master's degree in philosophy. A university professor for 14 years. Entered politics in 1991 and served in several posts, including Deputy Minister for the Presidency and Presidential Adviser. In 1997, elected President of the National Assembly. Elected President of El Salvador on March 7, 1999.



Ecuador



Population
11.8 million (1999 est.)

Capital
Quito

Total area
256 370 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
August 10
(1822 Independence Day)

Currency
U.S. dollar

GDP
\$13.7 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$1101 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$85.33 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$146.91 million
(1999)

Head of state and government:

President Gustavo **Noboa** Bejarano

Born August 21, 1937. A lawyer by profession. Was rector of the Catholic and the public universities of Guayaquil. An independent politician and former governor of Guayas province, served as Vice-President from 1998. Assumed the presidency after removal of his predecessor, Jamil Mahuad, in January 2000.



Grenada



Population
100 500 (1999 projection)

Capital
Saint George's

Total area
340 km²

Language
English

National day
February 7
(1974 Independence Day)

Currency
East Caribbean dollar

GDP
\$351.8 million (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$2445 (1996)

Canadian exports
\$4.84 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$1.60 million (1999)



Head of government:

Prime Minister Dr. Keith **Mitchell**

Born November 12, 1946. Holds a doctorate in mathematics and statistics. Taught mathematics at Howard University in Washington, D.C., from 1977 to 1983; headed his own consulting firm from 1979 to 1984. Served as Minister of Works, Communications and Public Utilities from 1984 to 1989. Elected Prime Minister in 1995; re-elected in 1999.