

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### PREFACE

This event was hosted by *The Canadian Centre for International and Development Reporting (CCIDR)*, which was established in the spring of 1998 to promote understanding of international issues as they relate to Canada and to involve journalists with other players in the development of foreign policy.

The Centre is housed at *The National Press Club* in Ottawa and used the Club's premises for this event. *The National Press Club* was a partner in organizing and staging the event.

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The event was funded by *The Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development* [<http://www.cfp-pec.gc.ca>] which is part of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade [<http://www.dfait.maeci.gc.ca>]. The Centre's mandate is to "help Canadians outside of government contribute to the development of Canadian foreign policy." The funding came from its John Holmes Fund, which supports policy option projects.

The Honourary Co-ordinator of **Trade and Values: Team Canada's Mission to Latin America** was W. Bilal Syed, who in addition to being a freelance journalist working on Parliament Hill, is also the President of the National Press Club.

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