

Unkown Male Voice: Please welcome to the podium Jonathan Fantini Porter executive director and CEO partnership for Central America.

Jonathan Fantini Porter - Well thank you thank you for that introduction and uh and a sincere thank you to the Export Import Bank to chair Lewis for the invitation and I think most importantly to each of you for being here today for what is really I think an example of the opportunity that can be built when you bring together organizations across the public private uh public private and social sectors to explore opportunities in regions across the world and support our shared objectives so a great thanks to you and a sincere thanks again to the Export Import Bank. Latin America I'll spend a second or two here talking about this region you know we hear a lot about Latin America in the news and here and elsewhere we don't always hear about the full opportunities that exist this region as you know is inextricably connected to the United States and our shared objectives it's among the fastest growing regions in the world direct supply chain connectivity to the United States a cultural connection skilled population mature financial sector low debt to GDP ratios uh globally in many of these countries in the region it's a shovel ready region and I think most importantly as we see supply chain shifting we're seeing significant movement toward this region that's creating a unique and I'll say brief window for foreign investment and so that's where the partnership for Central America comes in we were launched with vice president Harris the White House the state department the US government along with 100 private sector Partners to address the economic roots of in this case migration as we think about Central America and Latin America we bring a collective P3 effort that brings together Partners to tackle specific challenges social and economic and support investors like yourself to enter and succeed in this region with partners most importantly like the Export Import Bank. In the last 18 months we've mobilized \$4.2 billion we've deployed 500 million all toward the objective where we believe a stronger Latin and Central America supports integrated Supply chains across the Americas reduces the poverty that drives migration and creates a double win for investors and those beneficiaries on the ground as I turn now to introduce two esteemed colleagues first baseball Legend Mariano Rivera, who's been a dear friend of our efforts in this region in Latin America and personally his own investment of time and sweat into social causes across Central America across Latin America and so for that we are tremendously grateful as well as Benedetta Audia AIA Benedetta Audia with DA has driven much of the execution as we think about how we drive ideas into reality I'll introduce these two colleagues and as I do I hope we can find ways working with the bank working with you to support us investors and businesses interested in making investments in this Frontier and Emerging Market we are here to help you we are here to support your efforts and interest in investing in Latin America and Central America and as you are exploring opportunities in this region please know that you have a friend with a large mandate to support your investments in Latin

America and Central America so please reach out thank you very much for your time
thank you very much for being here today and look forward to this conversation.