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Meeting of NACo's International Economic Development Task Force

Monday, February 27, 10:45 AM—12:00 PM | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel | Room: Roosevelt 4

International Economic Development Task Force Leadership

- Chair:** Hon. Larry Johnson, Commissioner, DeKalb County, Ga.
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Meeting Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome

- **The Hon. Larry Johnson**, Commissioner, DeKalb County, Ga.

Brief Remarks from U.S. Department of State

- **Mr. Ashley Bell**, Special Assistant to the Secretary, U.S. Department of State

Introductions

Foreign Investment and U.S. Exports – A Networking Opportunity for County Elected Officials

From employment in U.S. subsidiaries of foreign businesses, to jobs in U.S. companies exporting abroad, international trade brings many jobs to county economies. Counties play an essential role in creating the business-friendly environment for these activities. In this meeting, representatives of industry groups from different countries and world regions – Canada, Chile and Africa – will talk with county officials about the investment interests of foreign businesses in the United States, what export opportunities exist and what counties can do to foster the international side of their economy. The meeting is structured in 15 minute sessions that allow county officials to network directly and in small groups with the industry representatives, foster connections and learn how they can encourage economic growth through international investment.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Virginia Beckett**, Deputy Director, Canadian American Business Council
- **Mr. Rodrigo Andres Contreras**, Head of Economic Dept./Trade Commissioner, ProChile, Embassy of Chile
- **Mr. Jason LaTorre**, Minister-Counsellor & Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada
- **Ms. Patricia Sheikh**, Director of Agribusiness, Corporate Council on Africa

Closing Remarks

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