



UNITED STATES-MEXICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CÁMARA DE COMERCIO MÉXICO-ESTADOS UNIDOS

XVI Annual U.S. - Mexico Congressional Border Issues Conference

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
334 Cannon House Office Building
(Committee on Veteran's Affairs)

6:00 – 7:30 pm

CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION

Master of Ceremonies and Introduction of Special Guests:
Honorable Al Zapanta, President & CEO, USMCO

Welcome Remarks Co-Chairs:

Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) **
Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX) **
Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX) **

Guests of Honor:

Gov. Juan Sabines, Governor of the State of Chiapas **
Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary of International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) **

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Gold Room (2168), Rayburn House Office Building

9:00 – 9:30 am

WELCOME

Honorable Al Zapanta, President & CEO, USMCO

OPENING REMARKS BY SPECIAL GUESTS & CO-CHAIRS

Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) **
Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX) **

9:30 – 10:45 am

PANEL I: ENERGY, WATER & SUSTAINABILITY

Panel Moderator:

Steve Molina, of Counsel, SNR Denton **

Congressional Co-Convener:

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA)

Panelists:

Ed Drusina, Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission **

Matthew Rooney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State **

Rafael Escandon, Director of Project Administration and Technical Services, North American Development Bank **

George Liparidis, President & CEO, Sempra International **

Susanna Werner, Advisor, Border Energy Forum **

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

PANEL II: TRADE, COMMERCE, & INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

Panel Moderator:

Anne Alonzo, Vice President, Global Public Policy, Kraft Foods **

Congressional Co-Convenor

Congressman Francisco Canseco (R-TX) **

Panelists:

Walter Bastian, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for the Western Hemisphere, U.S. Department of Commerce **

Carlos Guzman, Director General, PROMEXICO **

Erik Lee, Associate Director, North American Center for Transborder Studies at ASU **

Kevin K. McAleenan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, CBP Office of Field Operations **

Rachel M. Poynter, Coordinator, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs, U.S. Department of State **

Miguel Perez, Director of Border Crossing Operations, Ryder Systems **

John Chrisos, Vice President of North American Sales, AS&E **

12:00 – 12:30 pm

LUNCHEON

Keynote Speaker: Sen. John Cornyn, Senator of the State of Texas **

12:30 – 1:45 pm

PANEL III: U.S.-MEXICO SECURITY COOPERATION & THE FUTURE OF THE MERIDA INITIATIVE

Moderator:

Honorable Al Zapanta, President & CEO, USMCOC

Congressional Co-Conveners

Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) **

Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX) **

Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX) **

Panelists:

Thomas Winkowski, Acting Chief Operation Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection **

William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State **

Marilyn Quagliotti, Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy **

Eric Olson, Associate Director, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center **

Elías Scheker Da Silva, Assistant Economist, REMI **

1:45 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

Amb. Arturo Sarukhan, Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S.

2:00 p.m.

WRAP UP

*(**) Confirmed Speakers*