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Panamanian Trade Minister Roberto Henríquez to Join Global Services Summit

(Washington, DC) Panamanian Minister of Commerce and Industry Roberto Henríquez has confirmed his participation in the **Global Services Summit: *Services Drive the Global Economy and Create Jobs*** to be held on October 13-14, 2009, in Washington DC. Minister Henríquez will make remarks at the event following an address by United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk. The Minister will join a session that also includes Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Anand Sharma, EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton and Australian Trade Minister Simon Crean on the morning of October 13th.

The Summit will bring together world leaders from government, the private sector, international organizations, think tanks, and academia to debate and explore strategies that will expand services trade and investment to the benefit of developed and developing countries alike.

“Representing a smaller economy heavily dependent on services, Minister Henríquez understands the importance of services to international trade and investment and will be an important voice for Central and South America at this Global Summit,” said Bob Vastine, President of CSI. “Moreover, we hope that Minister Henríquez’ presence in Washington will help advance the US-Panama FTA, an agreement that CSI strongly supports.”

The Summit is being organized by CSI in partnership with the Global Services Coalition, which includes the Australian Services Roundtable, the Barbados Coalition of Service Industries, the Canadian Services Coalition, the European Services Forum, the Hong Kong Coalition of Service Industries, International Financial Services London, the Japan Services Network/Keidanren, India’s NASSCOM, the Taiwan Coalition of Service Industries, and the Trinidad & Tobago Coalition of Service Industries.

For more information on the Summit, click here: <http://uscsi.org/ServicesSummit2009.html>.

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