



**U.S.-CUBA BUSINESS SUMMIT:
*OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES FOR COMMERCIAL
ENGAGEMENT***

May 21, 2019
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Kennedy Caucus Room
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

REGISTRATION

8:00 - 8:30 AM | Conference Registration

OPENING REMARKS

8:30 - 8:35 AM | **Featuring:**
Secretary Carlos Gutiérrez, Chair, Albright Stonebridge Group, and Chair,
U.S.-Cuba Business Council

A VIEW FROM THE HILL

8:35 - 9:05 AM | **Featuring:**
Sen. Patrick Leahy
Rep. Tom Emmer
Rep. Jim McGovern
Sen. John Boozman*
Rep. Kathy Castor*
Rep. Rick Crawford*
Sen. Mike Enzi*
Sen. Amy Klobuchar*
Rep. Barbara Lee*
Sen. Jerry Moran*
Sen. Tom Udall*

THE BUSINESS CASE FOR ENGAGEMENT

Featuring:

Kyle Dorcas, Executive Vice President, Americas, DT One

Brenda Durham, Senior Vice President and Regional General Counsel, Marriott International, Inc.

9:05 - 9:45 AM

Paul Johnson, Chair, United States Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC), and President, Chicago Foods International

David Seleski, Board Member, Centennial Bank, and former President and CEO, Stonegate Bank

Moderator:

Neil Herrington, Senior Vice President, Americas, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

COFFEE BREAK

9:45 - 10:00 AM

Coffee & Networking Break

UPDATE ON U.S.-CUBA BILATERAL RELATIONS

Featuring:

10:00 - 10:20 AM

Amb. Jeffrey DeLaurentis, Senior Advisor, Albright Stonebridge Group, and Chargé d'affaires a.i, U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba (2015-2017)

IN-DEPTH: THE POLITICAL DYNAMICS IN CUBA

Featuring:

10:20 – 11:00 AM

Dr. William LeoGrande, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Department of Government, American University

Emily Mendrala, Executive Director, Center for Democracy in the Americas

Phil Peters, President, Cuba Research Center

Geoff Thale, Vice President, Programs, Washington Office on Latin America

Moderator:

Angela Mariana Freyre, Principal, Squire Patton Boggs

THE LEGAL LENS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Featuring:

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM

John Bellinger, Partner and Co-Chair, Global Law and Public Policy Practice, Arnold & Porter, and Legal Adviser to the Department of State (2005-2009)

Melissa Schwartz, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Aymee D Valdivia, International and Cross Border Transactions Practice, Partner, Holland & Knight

Moderator:

Nnedinma (Nnedi) Ifudu Nweke, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES AND U.S. ADVOCACY ON CUBA

Featuring:

Timothy Rieser, Foreign Policy Aide, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy, and Senate Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate

11:40 AM – 12:20 PM

Other Distinguished Legislative Aides To be confirmed

Moderator:

James Williams, President, EngageCuba

CLOSING REMARKS

Featuring:

Kendra Gaither, Executive Director, U.S.-Cuba Business Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

12:20 - 12:30 PM