



**Eighth Annual World Bank
Conference on Development in
Latin America and the Caribbean**



LACEA

***Closing the Gap: Education and Technology Policies
in Latin America and the Caribbean***

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and the World Bank, we would like to invite you to the **Eighth Annual World Bank Conference on Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (ABCD-LAC 8)**. This year's conference, which will be held on October 10, 2002, in Madrid, Spain, will precede the Annual Meetings of LACEA. Both events will be held at the Bank of Spain

The subject of this year's ABCD-LAC conference is "Closing the Gap: Education and Technology Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean". As in recent years, this year's conference theme will also be the focus of the World Bank's forthcoming report on development in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

This year's ABCD-LAC conference will bring together top policy makers from Latin America and the Caribbean, distinguished leaders from the academic community, officials from international financial institutions, and development professionals involved in the Region. The goal of the conference is to facilitate the exchange of ideas between the public and private sectors, to disseminate them to the general public, and to provide countries' economic decision-makers with the opportunity to discuss alternative policies and experiences.

To register for this year's conference, please visit the official ABCD-LAC web site at: www.worldbank.org/abcdlac. Please feel free to share this invitation with your colleagues who might be interested in the subject of the conference. We look forward to seeing you in Madrid this October.

Sincerely,

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