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ABSTRACT: This research guide has been compiled by the USAID Knowledge Services Center staff for review by the US Agency for International Development. The guide is a focused selection of resources on Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Andean Pact

<http://www.comunidadandina.org/endex.htm>

Formed in 1969, the Pact is the oldest trade regime in Latin America and is made up of Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador and Peru. The site is a portal to sectoral related web-pages and to pages relating economic and social data and documents in this strategically important part of the region.

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

<http://www.caricom.org>

CARICOM was founded in 1973 when Commonwealth Caribbean leaders decided to transform the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) into a Common Market and establish the Caribbean Community. The site provides information that might not be found on the larger LAC sites on political, economic and finance trends among the smaller island countries in the Caribbean.

Free Trade Agreement of the Americas

http://www.ftaa-alca.org/alca_e.asp

The FTAA was formally launched in April 1998 at the Second Summit of the Americas in Santiago, Chile. The site provides information on political, economic and finance trends across both American continents.

Inter-American Development Bank

<http://www.iadb.org>

The IDB is the largest and oldest regional bank in the world and is the main source of multilateral financing for economic, social and institutional development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The site provides information on projects, data and current economic issues in LAC.

MERCOSUR

<http://www.mercosur.int/msweb/portal%20intermediario/es/index.htm>

Mercosur was created by Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay in 1991 with the signing of the Treaty of Asuncion. The site provides helpful information on trade and finance data and issues in Latin America

Organization of American States (OAS)

<http://www.oas.org>

The OAS is the region's main multilateral forum for strengthening democracy, promoting human rights, and confronting shared problems such as poverty, terrorism, illegal drugs and corruption. It is a portal to many sites related to political, economic, social and foreign policy issues involving Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Transparency International

http://www.transparency.org/regional_pages/americas

TI is a global civil society organization founded in 1993 that focuses on the impact that political and economic corruption has on democracy across the world. The TI site utilizes several helpful measures and scales on corruption and its impact on economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean and also portals to other sites addressing civil society.

World Bank - Latin America and the Caribbean

<http://go.worldbank.org/F7T4DTVE20>

The World Bank's Latin America and Caribbean pages provide information on Bank activities and reports, as well as statistics for many indicators for countries in the region.

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