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THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY
WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 4-6 IN MIAMI

Cuba's Evolving Socio-Economic and Political Landscape

The Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE) will hold its 21st Annual Conference at the Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel (1601 Biscayne Boulevard) from Thursday, August 4 through Saturday, August 6, 2011. The conference will focus on recent developments in the economic, political and social situation in Cuba and the challenges for the future. The overall theme is "Cuba's Evolving Socio-Economic and Political Landscape."

Approximately one-hundred economists and experts from Cuba, the United States and other countries will present their research. Their work will focus on a number of economic policy challenges facing the Cuban authorities, including: the ongoing political, social and economic changes; the impact of agricultural policies; changes in banking, credit and tax policies; revisions to the civil code, particularly as they refer to property rights and foreign investment; labor conditions, self employment and micro enterprises; the Cuban Diaspora, remittances and the implications for private micro investments and tourism; developments in the health conditions, biotechnology and the Cuban international medical missions; the energy sector and the search for petroleum; the status of education; architecture in Cuba; the Communist Party Congress; bloggers and the impact of the Internet; and Cuba-Venezuela relations.

Carmelo Mesa-Lago, distinguished Professor emeritus of Economic and Latin American Studies of the University of Pittsburg, will deliver the Ernesto Betancourt Keynote Address at the official conference luncheon on Friday. Accredited journalists are welcomed to attend the conference and the registration fee is waived (though the luncheon costs \$50).

The Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy is a non-profit, non-political organization incorporated in the state of Maryland in 1990 affiliated with the American Economic Association and the Allied Social Sciences Association. The primary mission of the Association is to study the transition to a free market economy and an open society in Cuba, as well as to promote scholarship, research, and make available publications by its members. ASCE supports a broad range of research which focuses primarily on economic developments but also pays due attention to the social, legal, demographic and environmental problems.

For information about ASCE, the conference program, and pre-registration forms please visit www.ascecuba.org or contact Joaquín Pujol at asce@ascecuba.org or jppujol342@aol.com.