

**AUSTRALIA LATIN AMERICA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
(ALALP)
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY
THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
THE MINISTER FOR TRADE AND COMPETITIVENESS**

The Australia Latin America Leadership Program (ALALP) is an important initiative sponsored by the Council on Australia Latin America Relations and has made a significant contribution to the goal of strengthening relations between Australia and Latin America.

The Government strongly supports the ALALP. It is a vehicle aimed at building linkages between future decision-makers. In Australia and Latin America people-to-people links are an intrinsic component of Australia's relationship with Latin America and the bonds established through the ALALP will provide opportunities for lasting partnerships with future leaders.

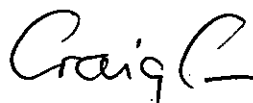
This exciting program, first held in 2009, will provide a further opportunity for a minimum of 48 mid-career men and women (one half drawn from Australia and one half from Latin America), from business, government, trade unions, education and other non-government organisations to participate in an intensive and practical leadership development program. The program will be held over a 12-day period in September/October 2013.

In the current challenging circumstances, the ALALP theme of "*Sustainability in the Context of the Australia Latin America Business Relationship*" is highly relevant. Participants will have presentations from experts and undertake field trips to regional Australia to enable them to review sustainability in a broad range of Australian industry sectors including in mining and energy, agriculture and agribusiness, technology, manufacturing, research and education.

We strongly encourage you to support the ALALP through sponsorship including providing participants from your organisation. We commend the organisers and participants and wish them every success in furthering this important program.



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