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CSIS STATESMEN'S FORUM

THE PANAMA CANAL

Vice President to Outline Plans for Panama Canal Expansion

FEATURING:

Samuel Lewis Navarro

Vice President, Panama

The Honorable Samuel Lewis Navarro, vice president & Foreign Affairs minister of Panama, will discuss the historical announcement of the **Expansion of the Panama Canal and its Implications** addressing some of the key issues and concerns regarding this important project., at a CSIS *Statesmen's Forum* at **9:00 AM on Friday, May 19, 1800 K Street, N.W., B-1 conference level.**

Panama is embarking on the most ambitious and significant project of its history, the expansion of the Panama Canal. The implications of such an undertaking stretch far beyond the borders of this small country, and have a direct impact on the trade and security of the hemisphere. Panama's strategic geographic location has guided it to become an international, multimodal center for world commerce, 5 percent of which currently passes through the Canal.

The CSIS *Statesmen's Forum* is designed to provide political leaders from around the world the opportunity to present their views about critical policy issues before a group of U.S. government executive and legislative branch officials, foreign diplomats, academic and regional experts, leaders from the corporate community, and the media. The forums give those who have professional responsibility for policy determination and interpretation a chance to assess the positions and perspectives of global leaders and to engage them in dialogue.

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