



# CEPA Echos Support for Mitigating Central American Migration Through Private Sector Investment

WASHINGTON, D.C., (December 13, 2021) -- The [Coalition for Economic Partnerships in the Americas](https://cepacoalition.com/) (CEPA), a group of major American companies and manufacturers dedicated to promoting regional trade and job growth, today released the following statement regarding Vice President Kamala Harris's virtual Call to Action: Private Sector Investment to Promote Economic Opportunity in Central America.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to join Vice President Kamala Harris, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Partnership for Central America, and some of the country's most prominent business leaders in this critical discussion. It is vitally important that Vice President Harris and the Biden administration continue to include all stakeholders that have and will continue to contribute to the growth of the region, including retailers," said **CEPA spokesperson Beth Hughes**. "Addressing the root causes of migration in Central America, including modernizing the rules that govern trade under the current CAFTA-DR to encourage investment in the region, will be key. [Studies](#) have shown that by creating jobs and generating economic growth through international trade, the United States can help workers throughout the Americas find prosperity in their own communities and mitigate the driving forces of migration. By nurturing better regional infrastructure, energy projects, health/vaccination partnerships along with existing trade policies to support these types of private sector investments within key industries, the current administration can promote economic opportunity and long-term stability throughout the region."

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