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### **AmericasRelief Team Participates in the 2009 International Aid & Trade Event**

August 8, 2009 - *AmericasRelief & Development Team* was a participant at this year's International Aid & Trade Event. In addition to hosting a booth, **AmericasRelief Team's** Executive Director, Dr. Teo A. Babun, Jr. spoke during workshops on Effective Transport Systems and Logistics Management, Pre-Positioning, & Stockpiling. The event took place On July 9-10 in Washington, D.C.

The International Aid & Trade Event is the leading international exhibition and conference on aid, humanitarian relief, and development. The event consists of workshops, panel discussions, and learning sessions covering a host of humanitarian issues and involving key speakers, networking opportunities, and international exhibition. This event is the platform for communication, coordination, and partnership between aid agencies to encourage more effective humanitarian aid response and relief leading towards sustained development on a global scale. The event has been really successful and there was a significant increase in attendees this year.

#### **About AmericasRelief Team:**

*AmericasRelief Team* is a nonprofit organization formed by a collaboration of corporations and nonprofit organizations to expedite relief to the Caribbean and Latin America in response to natural disasters and human crises. AmericasRelief Team focuses on coordinating logistics through guidance, education, and state-of-the-art techniques while planning and implementing effective distribution of humanitarian aid. AmericasRelief Team also coordinates storage and transportation through its members' assistance.

**AmericasRelief Team's** mission is to reduce the suffering and increase the self-sufficiency of the most vulnerable groups in the Americas, and provide tools and resources needed to increase their self-sufficiency.

**AmericasRelief Team** accomplishes its mission by creating strategic agreements with key non-profit and corporate partners to leverage combined assets with greater efficiency and effectiveness for selected relief and development activities.

*AmericasRelief Team's partners include top executives from American Red Cross of Greater Miami & the Keys; Antillean Marine Shipping Corp, Carnival Corporation; FedEx Latin America; Baptist Health System; Belle Plume Communications; Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA); Cross International: DRT International, Enterprise Florida; Feed the Children; Lucent Technologies; Caribbean Central America Action (CCAC); Florida Stevedoring; Food for the Poor; Miami-Dade Aviation Department; Miami River Marine Group; Port of Miami Terminal Operating Co. (POMTOC), Seaboard Marine; SeaFreight Agencies USA; Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA); Harvest International; Pan American Development Foundation (PADF); REPUBLICA; WorldCity Media; World Vision-South Florida.*

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**Sandy Acosta Cox and Dr. Teo Babun represented AmericasRelief Team at the International Aid & Trade conference.**

