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Re: Invitation to participate as a Guest Panelist at Yale University's Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean Conference (SDLAC)

Dear Ms. Elizabeth Riley,

I am honored to invite you to participate as one of our guest panelists in the Fourth Annual Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean Conference (SDLAC), co-hosted by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies at the MacMillan Center. It will be held from February 22-23, 2019 at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

As a student-led initiative, the fourth SDLAC Conference curates a space where students, staff and faculty can engage in relevant discourse, and connect with leaders and visionaries of sustainable development in the region and the wider, global community.

This year's theme is *Catalyzing Adaptation and Climate Finance*. Featuring speakers from the public and private sector, academia, non-governmental organizations, and local communities, the 2019 edition of the conference will explore the complex contexts of climate finance at international and local levels, successes and failures in adaptation across sectors, gender-responsive adaptation and climate change adaptation and water management within cities.

Given your important contribution to adaptation, finance and sustainable development, we invite you to participate in our panel entitled "Urban Water Management and Climate Change Adaptation". Specifically, the vision for this panel is to highlight how water management in urban areas is intrinsically linked with resiliency especially in relation to disaster risks. Each panelist will make a short presentation, followed by a moderator-led discussion, and a Question & Answer segment where conference attendees will be invited to pose questions to the panel. On behalf of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, and the Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies, I very much hope that you will be available to join us at the conference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at melanie.quigley@yale.edu or the conference organizers directly at sdlac@yale.edu.

Sincerely,

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