# Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean

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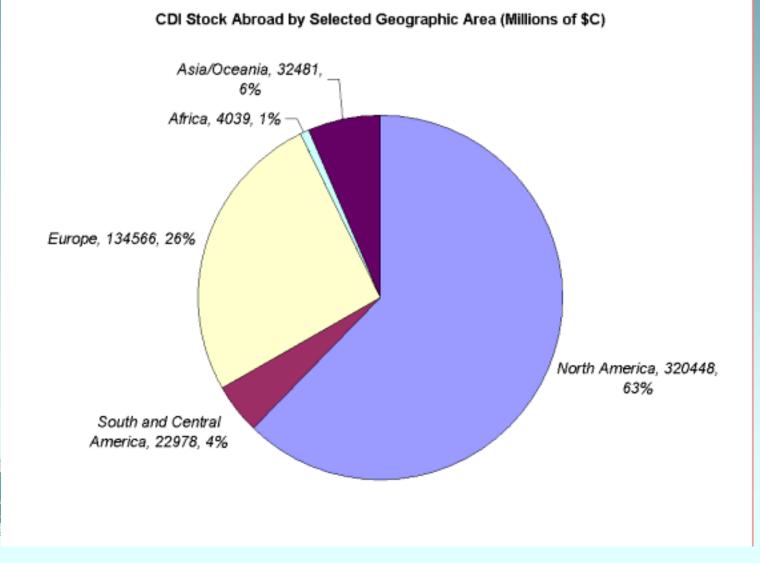
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#### Introduction

- Overview of Canada's Investment in LAC
- Current Issues in LAC
- Opportunities for Canadian companies
- Standards in a Global Economy

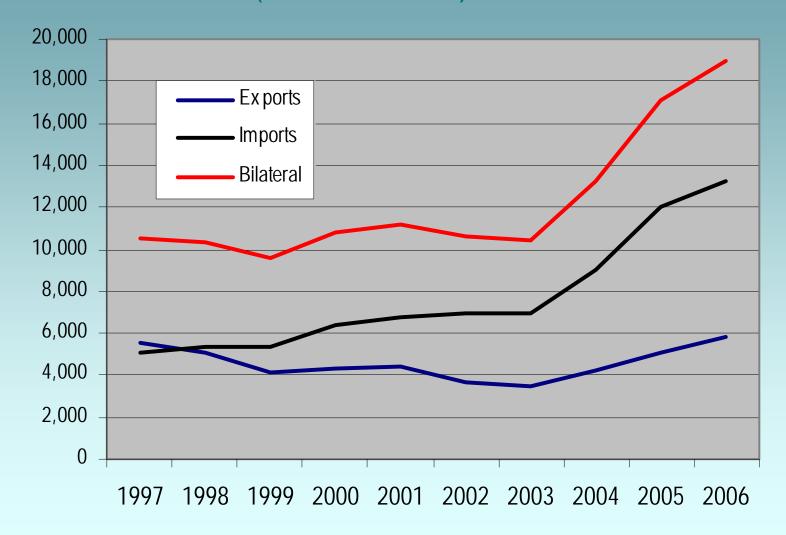


#### 2007 CDI Stock Abroad by Geographic Area (millions of C\$)





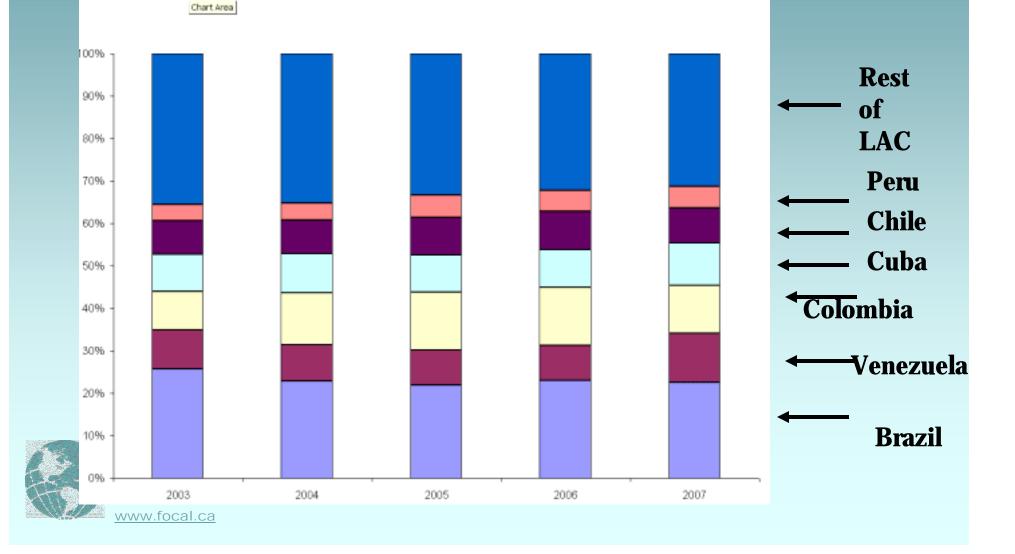
# Canada's Trade with Latin America



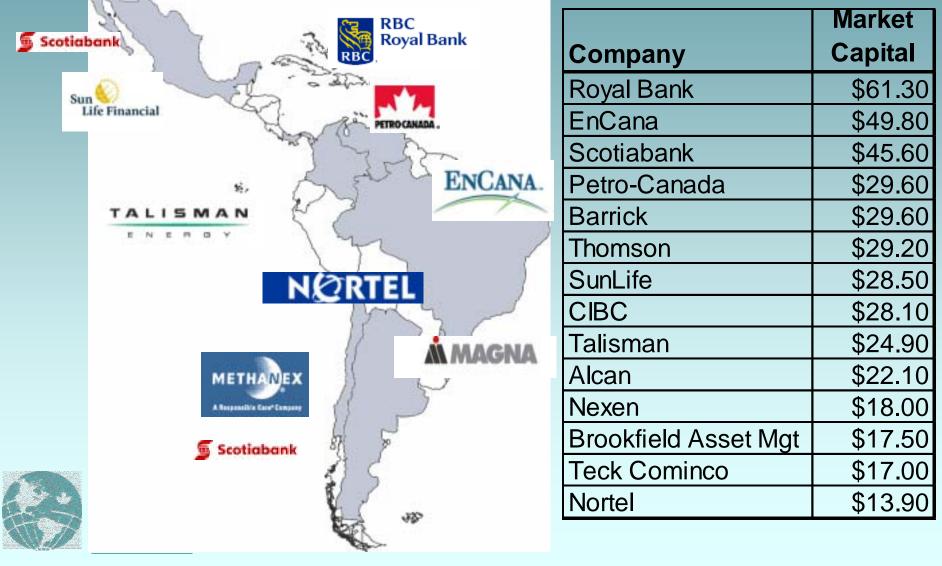


#### Destination of Canadian Exports to LAC, Top 6 - (Excluding Mexico)

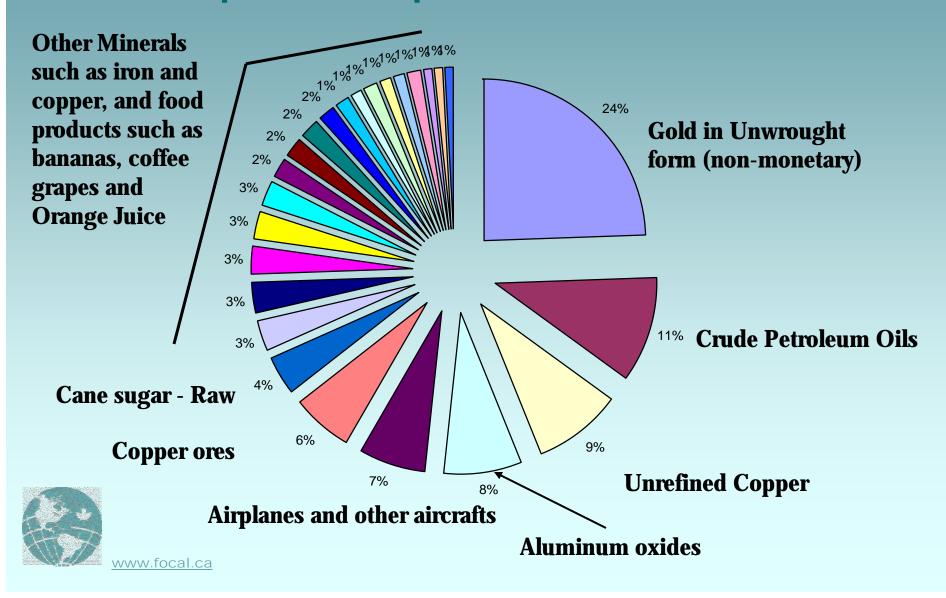
Total Exports Canada to LAC (Excluding Mexico)



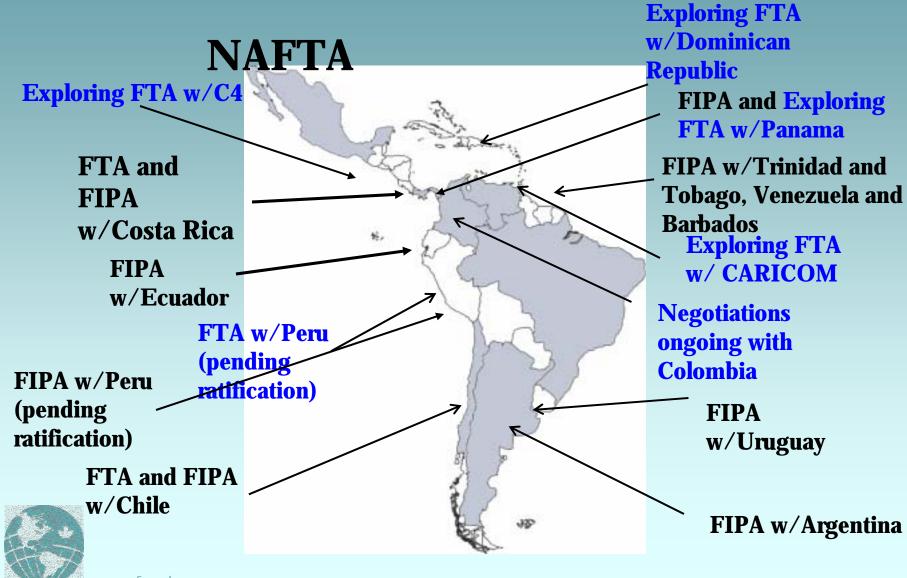
#### Canadian Companies Present in Latin America



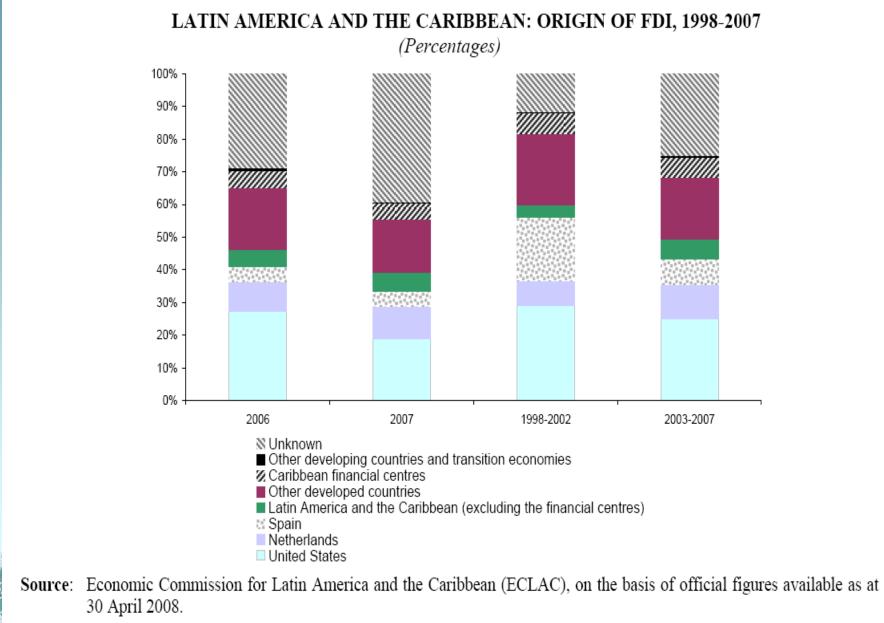
#### Top 25 imports from LAC



#### Current Agreements

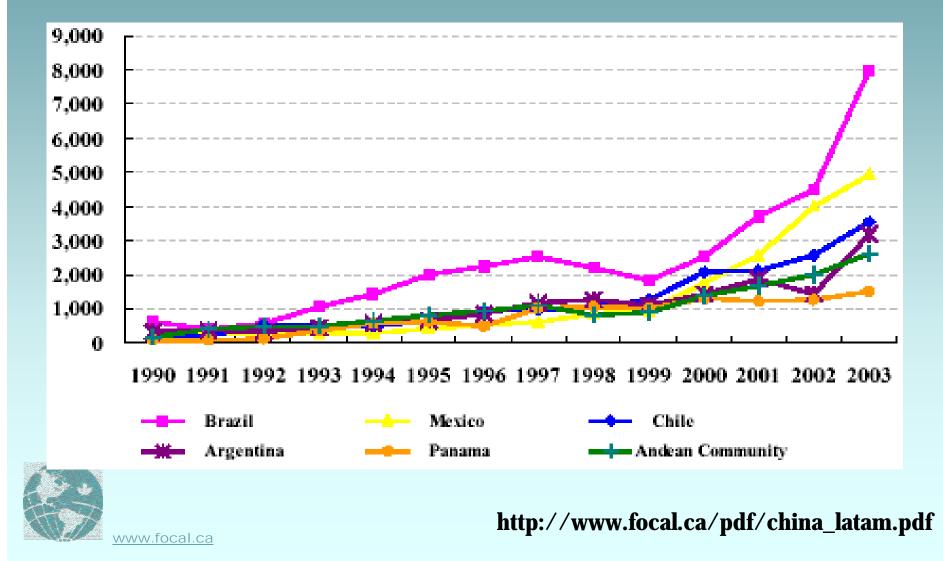


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#### China's Total Trade with Top 5 LAC Countries, 1990-2003 US\$mil



#### A decade of Change

- Growing Economies
  - Brazil
  - Peru
  - Colombia



- Stable Democracies
- Stronger Institutions: rule of law and good governance



# What is Missing?

- 1. More Sophisticated Understanding of the Market
  - False assumptions about the region and missed opportunities.
  - Less extreme opportunities, e.g., Uruguay

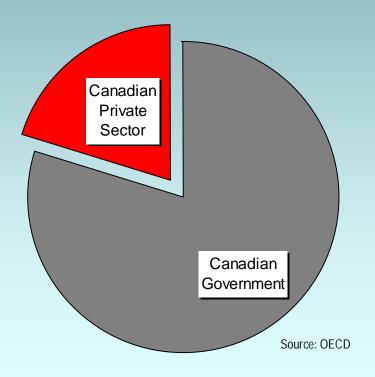


# What is Missing?

#### 2. Corporate Social Responsibility

- CSR is not missing, rather under-emphasized
- Should be a Canadian competitive advantage
  - Canadian firms 25% of CIDA spending
- Government needs to support CSR activities
  - Falconbridge, PlaceDome, Glamis

Canadian Private Sector and Government Spending on Development/CSR – Guatemala, Chile, T&T, 2005



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#### Opportunities for Canadian companies in LAC

- Sectors previously explored:
  - Extractive Industry
  - Financial Sector and Insurance
  - Manufacturing
  - Management of Companies and Enterprise

• Other Areas to consider: Infrastructure, Telecommunications, Information Technology



### Standards In Latin America

- Looking out for WTO SPS and TBT compliance
- Assisting partner countries to achieve international standards.
- Making products together: global supply chain.

