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Two Members of Congress to Speak at Upcoming GIC Conference in Sarasota.

TWEET: Join [@interdependence](https://twitter.com/interdependence) and Congresswoman Stacey E. Plaskett and Congressman Carlos Curbelo in Sarasota at [@USFSM](https://twitter.com/USFSM) on 2/22. <http://bit.ly/2vFU6Z2>

SARASOTA, FLORIDA-

WHAT

Cuba and the Caribbean: What Now?: The Global Interdependence Center (GIC) is returning to Sarasota, FL for a conference exploring the implications of America's revised Cuban policies. Recent changes in US policies toward Cuba have reinvigorated debate over US-Cuba relations. Sessions of this daylong conference will touch on policies affecting American business, trade and travel, as well as the well-being of the Cuban people. Top professionals will discuss the outlook of US-Cuba relations as well as the impact and economic recovery of the Caribbean following Hurricane Irma. GIC is partnering on this program with USF Sarasota-Manatee, Cumberland Advisors, and The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

WHO

- Congresswoman Stacey E. Plaskett, Member of United States Congress serving the US Virgin Islands
- Congressman Carlos Curbelo, Member of United States Congress serving the 26th District of Florida
- Mark Abbott, Managing Director, Raymond James
- Eugenio J. Alemán, Director and Senior Economist at Wells Fargo
- Sara Banaszak, Senior Federal Affairs Adviser, ExxonMobil
- Luke Bencie, Managing Director, Security Management International
- Robert F. Bunting, CEO, Waterstone Strategies Inc.
- Jorge Duany, Director, Cuban Research Institute and Professor, Florida International University
- Bob Harrigan, Chief Meteorologist, WWSB ABC
- Karen Holbrook, Regional Chancellor, USF Sarasota-Manatee
- Vicki Huddleston, Ambassador
- Stephen J. Kay, Americas Center Director, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- David Kotok, CIO of Cumberland Advisors

- Collin Lavery, President, Cuba Educational Travel
- Dave Seleski, Founder and President and CEO, Stonegate Bank

WHEN Thursday, February 22, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Selby Auditorium
(Address: 8350 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34243)

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