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## PRESENTATION BY THE SUMMIT CHAIR ON PROGRESS BY THE HOST COUNTRY IN PREPARATION FOR THE SIXTH SUMMIT



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# Importance of the Summits of the Americas Process

**Partnership for prosperity** based on democratic practice and the strengthening of democratic institutions.

Only forum for **hemispheric dialogue** at the highest political level:

- ✓ Analysis of difficulties
- ✓ Search for solutions

**to improve the quality of life of the peoples of the Americas.**



# A Message of Unity

## The Hemisphere:

- ✓ Will present itself as a **unified whole** to the rest of the world
- ✓ Will send a message of **unity** and **opportunities** to the international community



# Through ...

A brief and specific Declaration to transmit, to the peoples of the Americas and of the world:

A clear political message:

The Hemisphere as a region of **opportunities** and resolved to overcome its **difficulties** through:

- ✓ Partnerships for cooperation
- ✓ Combined efforts to attain higher rates of growth and prosperity.



# And ...

## With mandates that are:

- ✓ Specific
- ✓ Attainable
- ✓ Measurable
- ✓ Backed by resources
- ✓ Equipped with monitoring mechanisms

that will provide effective solutions to problems, in particular the poverty faced by millions of people





# The Americas: A Hemisphere of Opportunities

**Human capital** that is **young** and **qualified**; rich in **natural resources** and **sources of energy**; **consistent economic growth**; **political stability** and **financial soundness**; **attractive market** because of its size and population; **opportunities for investment** and for those wishing to participate in its **project of wellbeing and integral development**

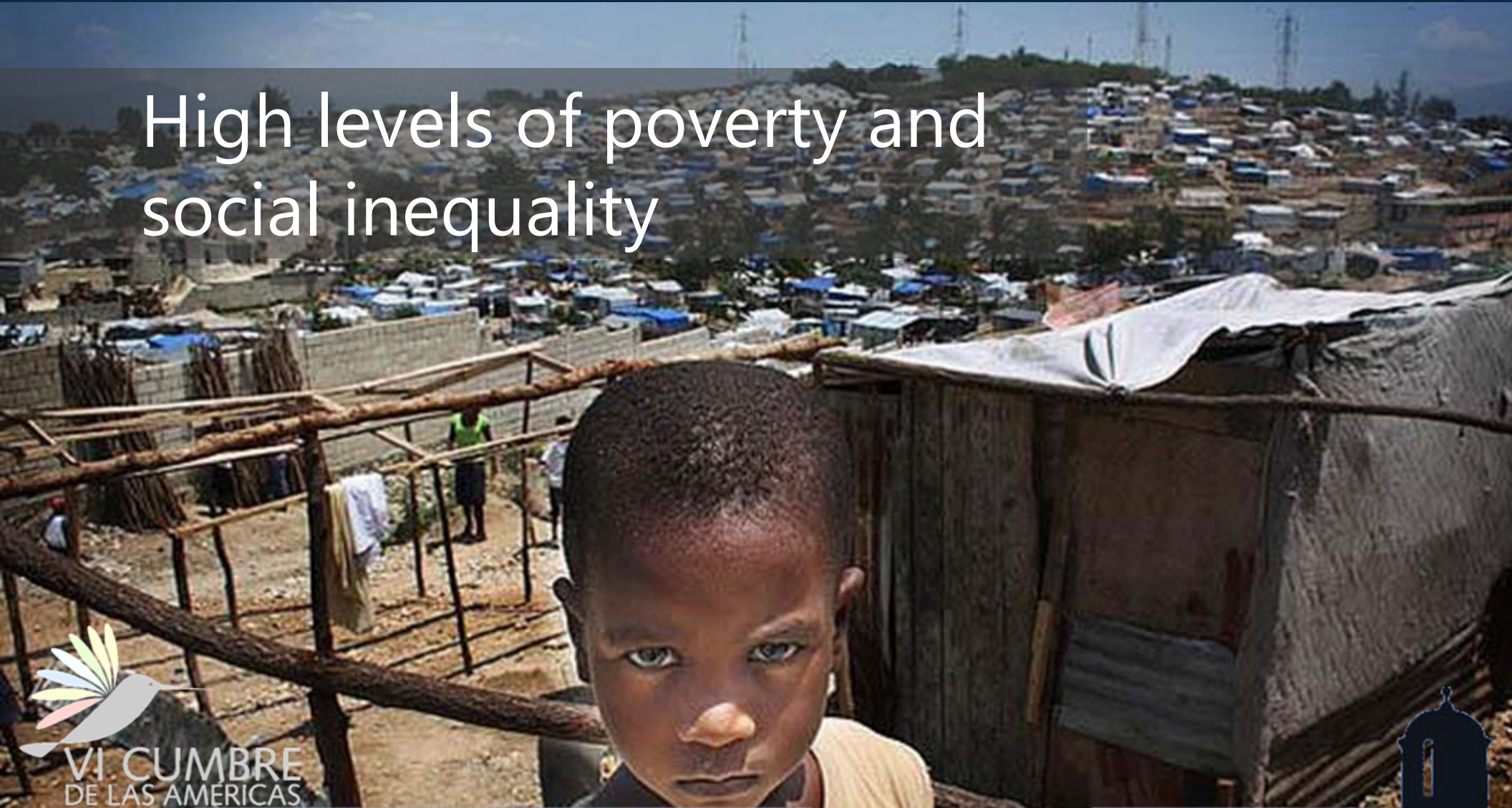


This is the **DECADE OF THE AMERICAS**



**Ready to face up to its difficulties**

High levels of poverty and  
social inequality





Ready to face up to its difficulties

Natural disasters





**Ready to face up to its difficulties**

**Insecurity and transnational  
organized crime**



**Ready to face up to its difficulties**

Underdevelopment in access  
to and use of technology



**By strengthening ...**

**Partnerships for cooperation**

**Physical integration**





# Partnerships for Cooperation



Design of innovative instruments and programs to reduce poverty and inequality and to interact with the institutional partners of the Summits process in order to encourage:

- **More fluid and productive hemispheric relations** ("partnership for prosperity")

- ✓ Reduction of asymmetries



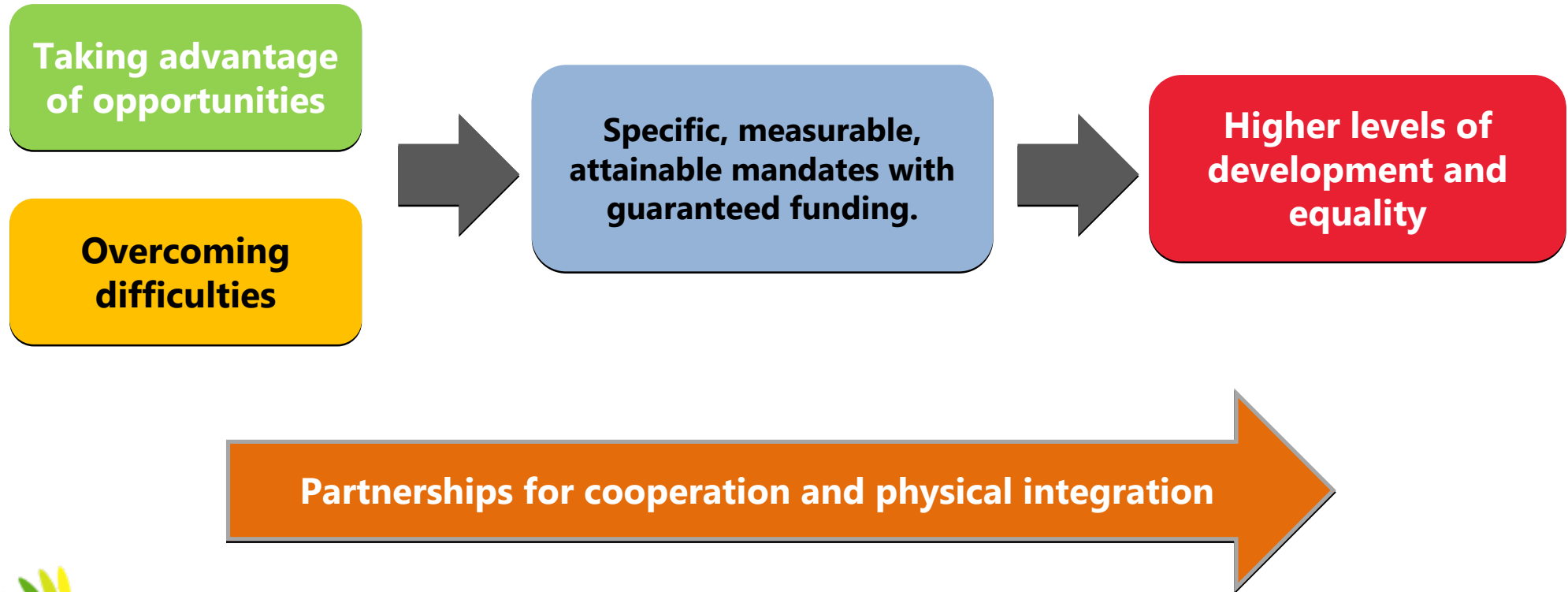
# Physical integration



- ✓ **Development of infrastructure:** Ports and airports; interconnected energy; air, road, and maritime connections
- ✓ **Greater efforts:** will create development and investment resources
- ✓ **Subregional experiences:** UNASUR/IIRSA and Meso-America Project



# To summarize ...



# A Summit with results



- ✓ Promotion of development and equality in the Hemisphere
- ✓ An opportunity for a more dynamic and productive hemispheric relationship
- ✓ Positioning the Hemisphere as a leading global player
- ✓ A strengthened Summits process







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