

**SAGSE-CENTROAMÉRICA  
AND THE “4<sup>TH</sup> AMERICAN  
CONGRESS OF GAMING  
REGULATORS”**

The big gaming multinationals have come out in favour of the Panama fair, in a bid to end the multiplicity of fairs in the Central American and Caribbean region.

SAGSE-Centroamérica will be held on 14-15 June 2007.

Companies who have already confirmed their participation include WMS Gaming, who will have the largest stand at the fair, Aristocrat, Bally, Unidesa, Atronic, GPI, Smart Games, EGT, Hispania Casino Equipment, Copag, GEM, Orion Gaming and others.

The 4<sup>th</sup> American Congress of Gaming Regulators will be held alongside the fair, with the participation of lawmakers from several Latin-American countries.

The success of the referendum to widen the Panama Canal has been a shot in the arm for the country's economy. Financial analysts expect growth of over 8% in the GNP and a development of over 25% in the tourist industry over the coming 12 months.

Investment in the canal will exceed US\$5,500 million, between now and its inauguration in 2014.

These boosts to the economy will go hand-in-hand with the launching of new Casinos, Bingos and Slot Arcades, a big incentive for the international gaming material manufacturing industry.

Forecasts for the end of 2006 expect Casinos to contribute over \$30 million to Panamanian state coffers, a big increase over 2005.

Consequently, Panama plans to increase its tourist offer by building new hotels and Casinos.

Three projects are already underway, the Colon Free Zone Mega Casino, where the big tourist cruise ships dock, and Donald Trump's Hotel & Casino and Los Faros, both in Panama City.



The Panama Canal



Royal Casino



Majestic Casino



Donald Trump's Hotel & Casino project

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