



**ALAS AND THE INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK PRESENT THE “PUBLIC
AGENDA FOR EDUCATION”**

Panamá, March 16, 2007 – During the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) General Assembly, which took place in Guatemala, the Colombian Singer Juanes presented ALAS proposal, and met Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Organization, to sign an agreement (protocol of understanding) between ALAS and the IDB.

This activity was the beginning of constant actions, where different artists, while in tour, will meet with Latin American presidents and Secretaries of Education with the mission of transmitting the importance of the approval of a new legislation that considers including preschool education to the mandatory educational system.

This initiative takes place in the frame of ALAS' Program “ALA Escuela” (To School), which is directed to develop concrete actions to improve the access and permanence of Latin America's most vulnerable childhood in the educational system.

The delegation, headed by Juanes, will be also composed by Colombia's and Argentina's ex secretaries of education María Emma Mejía and Andres Delich.

The Interamerican Development Bank General Assembly is a periodic meeting of the Presidents from the countries members of this organization and of the Interamerican Cooperation of Investments with the purpose of contributing to the sustainable development of the region.

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