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U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

## Washington Has Changed

Washington has changed. The long term implications are uncertain. As the United States shifts political and economic direction, the impact on the Americas and strategies for business and policy will take time to develop.

To discuss these new realities and to exchange views with U.S. government and private sector leaders, the Council of the Americas hosted our 47<sup>th</sup> annual Washington Conference on the Americas May 9, 2017, at the U.S. Department of State. As the first meeting during the Trump Administration of the top event each year on the Americas, speakers, panelists, and audience members alike took stock of current actions and debated future directions for government and the corporate sector.



U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross.



Governor of Colorado John Hickenlooper.

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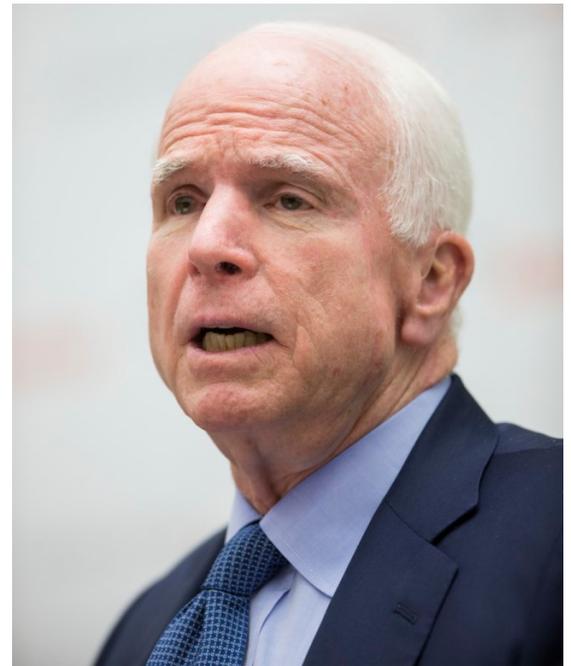


U.S. Commerce Secretary Ross

Topics of priority interest and discussion included trade relations with a focus on Mexico and Canada, Venezuela’s humanitarian crisis, corruption and political uncertainty in Brazil, Colombian peace, and finding a workable path forward for private-sector led development in Central America. Explaining the new Washington and political shifts in the United States overlay the entire agenda.



Canadian Minister of International Trade Francois-Phillipe Champagne



U.S. Senator John McCain, Chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services



Panel of journalists discuss “The New Washington: What Comes Next”



Conference co-sponsor Franciso Palmieri, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere.

Above: Eric Farnsworth and the Governor of Colorado. Below: Canadian Minister of International Trade Francois-Phillipe Champagne, COA President & CEO Susan Segal, and Mexican Ambassador to the U.S., Gerónimo Gutiérrez Fernández.



COA Chairman Emeritus John Negroponte, COA Chairman Andres Gluski and IADB President Luis Alberto Moreno at a private briefing for conference sponsors.



Conference participants came away with a much more informed and nuanced position of Administration policies and personalities, and a better understanding of ways to promote priority issues and interests.



The conference sponsors with Senator Marco Rubio and COA staff.



Susan Segal, Senator Marco Rubio and Eric Farnsworth



Richard Adkerson, CEO of FreePort-McMoRan and Secretary of Commerce Ross



*The Washington Post's* Charles Lane with NDN's Simon Rosenberg



*The Washington Examiner's* Michael Barone with POLITICO's Susan Glasser



Conference Participants.



Lunch in the Diplomatic Reception Room

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Chairman. Americas So-  
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