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 47th 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.
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.
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Conference co-sponsor Francisco Palmieri, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere.

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

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The conference sponsors with Senator Marco Rubio and COA staff.
In Memoriam:
David Rockefeller
Founder and Honorary Chairman. Americas Society/Council of the Americas 1915-2017

The Council of the Americas thanks the sponsors of our 47th annual Washington Conference on the Americas for their tangible and meaningful support. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2018 at the 48th annual Washington Conference on the Americas!