Dear Members and Friends,

2017 was a year of transformation for the Americas. In Washington, a new administration reassessed its global role, sparked NAFTA’s renegotiation, and redrew immigration policy. As the United States pivots in a new direction, Latin America faces its own wave of change. Six countries including its three most populous—Brazil, Mexico, and Colombia—are scheduled to hold presidential elections in 2018 that in some cases may signal a major shift in social and economic policy and even relations with neighbors. Corruption and governance are at the heart of the concerns for voters who cry for improved economic performance, real accountability, and greater transparency from their leaders. In Venezuela, a humanitarian crisis looms as economic and social indicators continue to worsen amid political strife.

In these times, AS/COA’s role of fostering dialogue and strengthening hemispheric ties is more crucial than ever before. Our Latin American Cities Conferences offer an unparalleled platform for public and private exchange. Our Venezuela Working Group shares insights into the country’s significant challenges.

Our flagship publication Americas Quarterly has established itself as a must-read for leaders and influencers. Our programming across the hemisphere renews our commitment to young professionals and working women—groups in whose hands the region’s future lies. And our Music and Visual Arts programs make our landmark headquarters New York’s most respected and vibrant space for Latin American arts and culture.

As we look to the year ahead and beyond, we are excited to engage our members and board members, sponsors and donors, and our constituencies in the broader community. We appreciate your support and invite you to join us in our work to promote a more peaceful, prosperous, and inclusive hemisphere.

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MEASURING OUR IMPACT

Our programs span 14 cities.

70% private, members-only programs.

Over 15,000 participants.

More than 220 global corporate members.

More than half a million webcast views.

We’ve trended on Twitter in: Bogotá, Brasilia, Buenos Aires, Mexico City, Miami, Santiago, and Washington, DC.

Americas Quarterly print and online readership reached close to 1 million.

Music and Visual Arts activities attracted nearly 8,000 enthusiasts.

700 journalists.

8,000 media mentions in over 40 countries.
ENGAGING TOP LEADERS

Our Presidents of the Americas series provides members with exclusive opportunities to meet with and hear from Latin America’s heads of state at our U.S. offices and across the region.

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1/ Lenín Moreno, President of Ecuador
2/ Mauricio Macri, President of Argentina
3/ Juan Carlos Varela, President of Panama
4/ Michelle Bachelet, President of Chile; Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia
5/ Luis Guillermo Solís, President of Costa Rica
Held every year in Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Lima, Mexico City, Santiago, São Paulo, and other major cities, our Latin American Cities Conferences feature both public and private events.

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For nearly 50 years, the **Washington Conference on the Americas** has been the premier event covering the region. The annual conference, held at the U.S. State Department, serves as a platform for top government and industry leaders to set an agenda for hemispheric affairs.

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All year round, leaders gather in cities across the Americas to forge relationships and share industry trends at the BRAVO Leadership Forums, a signature series that includes the Council of the Americas Symposium, BRAVO Business Awards, CFO Forum Series, and CEO Roundtables.

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Our public and private, members-only events draw top leaders from across the Americas to address economic and political outlooks, investment opportunities, energy issues, and innovation in the region.

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7/ Antonio Ledezma, former Mayor of Caracas, Venezuela
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AS/COA initiatives and working groups allow members to engage in results-oriented discussions on issues critical to business and investment in the Americas.

Women’s Hemispheric Network
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Trade Advisory Group
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Venezuela Working Group
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1/ Laura Chinchilla, former President of Costa Rica

2/ Meeting with U.S. Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX) and Trade Advisory Group senior representatives

3/ Martin Marron, JPMorgan Chase & Co; Ricardo Hausmann, Director, Center for International Development, Harvard University

Cuba Working Group
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Energy Action Group
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Tech Series
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4/ Cuban entrepreneurs brief members during AS/COA’s eighth delegation to the island

5/ Sue Saarnio, U.S. Acting Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, U.S. State Department

6/ Pedro Less Andrade, Google; Miguel Braun, Secretary of Commerce, Argentina
With a network of over 1,500 young people in New York, Washington, Miami and across the hemisphere, Young Professionals of the Americas (YPA) inspires and connects its members through professional development and social events.

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Our **Boards**, **Chairman’s International Advisory Council**, **Corporate Members**, and **Sponsors** form a collaborative network of leaders who focus on hemispheric issues through our meetings, discussions, elite programming, and conferences across the Americas.

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RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

The recipients of the Americas Society 2017 Gold Medal were honored at the annual Spring Party held June 6 in New York City. In Miami on November 3, Council of the Americas recognized outstanding achievement at the BRAVO Business Awards.
Americas Quarterly is the leading publication on politics, business, and culture in the Americas, reaching an influential audience of policymakers, business executives, and opinion leaders throughout the Western Hemisphere. The award-winning magazine had a circulation of 15,000 and the website averaged 120,000 unique views per month.

americasquarterly.org
The **MetLife Foundation Music of the Americas Concert Series** showcases talented artists and cultural ambassadors from across the hemisphere. Presented year-round, concerts include a wealth of diverse music and performers, ranging from contemporary classical to folk-roots to reggae and jazz.

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The **Visual Arts** program celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with three outstanding exhibitions: **Facundo de Zuviría: Siesta Argentina and other modest observations**, **Erick Meyenberg: The wheel bears no resemblance to a leg**, and **José Leonilson: Empty Man**. Each show was accompanied with artist talks, panel discussions, guided tours, and book launches, some in partnership with The New School, Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, Hôtel Americano, and Cinema Tropical.

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1/ **Mezzo-soprano Trinidad Goyeneche** and tenor **Ariel Casalis** perform as part of Instituto Superior de Arte del Teatro Colón’s evening of opera favorites.

2/ **Americas Society’s choral ensemble Meridionalis** performs Pablo Ortiz, conducted by AS Music Director **Sebastián Zubieta**.

3/ **First-place winners of the 2016 Banff International String Quartet Competition** **Rolston String Quartet** perform at Americas Society.

1/ **Facundo de Zuviría: Siesta Argentina and other modest observations**. Installation view

2/ **Erick Meyenberg: The wheel bears no resemblance to a leg**. Installation view

3/ **José Leonilson: Empty Man**. Installation view
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