

2008 Presidents of the Americas

September 22-25, 2008

During the week of the United Nations General Assembly, Americas Society and Council of the Americas hosted private and public programs with the presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Panama, and Paraguay.



President Elias Antonio Saca El Salvador

September 22, 2008



President Saca; Susan Segal, President and CEO, AS/COA



Andrew Vesey, AES Corporation; President Saca; Susan Segal; Alexis Rovzar, White & Case



Luis Dominguez, Unisys; President Saca, Maurice Sonnenberg, JP Morgan, Greenberg Trarig LLP



Arminio Borhas, AES Corporation; Andrew Vesey



President Saca in *Cromosaturacion*, a site-specific installation designed by Venezuelan artist Carlos Cruz-Diez, as part of the Americas Society's current visual arts exhibit

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva Brazil

September 22, 2008



William Rhodes, Chairman, AS/COA; President Lula;
Susan Segal, President and CEO, AS/COA

President Lula received the Americas Society's highest honor in recognition of his achievements in Brazil and throughout the region. Americas Society's Gold Insigne is awarded to democratically elected heads of state from the Western Hemisphere who promote awareness of the cultural, social, and political realities of the region and greater understanding among the peoples and nations of the Americas.



President Lula addressing the audience



President Lula



Thomas McLarty, McLarty Associates; President Lula; William Rhodes; James Mulva, ConocoPhillips



Ali Moshiri, Chevron; President Lula

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President Fernando Lugo Paraguay *September 23, 2008*



Ernesto Gutiérrez, Corporación América; President Lugo; Eladio Loizaga, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the UN



President Lugo; Jorge Castañeda, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico



Alejandro Hamed Franco, Minister of Foreign Affairs; President Lugo; Dionisio Borda, Minister of Economy



Tom Shannon; Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Alberto Weissner, Bunge; President Lugo

President Martín Torrijos Panama

September 23, 2008



Samuel Lewis Navarro, Vice President of Panama; Susan Segal; Richard T. McCormack, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.



Akihiro Hashimoto, Mizuho; President Martín Torrijos; William Rhodes



Brian O'Neill, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere, U.S. Treasury Department; Federico Antonio Humbert Arias, Panamanian Ambassador to the U.S.



Christopher Sabatini, Senior Director of Policy, AS/COA; Andrew Vesey, AES Corporation; William Irwin, Chevron



Ruben Blades, Minister of Tourism, Panama



President Torrijos; William Rhodes; Samuel Lewis Navarro, Vice President of Panama

The Panamanian government awarded William Rhodes the Order of Manuel Amador Guerrero, its highest honor, "in recognition of his personal virtues and unwavering support and friendship to Panama and its peoples."

President Álvaro Uribe Colombia

September 24, 2008



President of Colombia Álvaro Uribe



President Uribe; Hernán Rincón, Microsoft



Thomas D. Avazian, Bank of America; Ken Arredondo, Ca, Inc.



Luis Guillermo Plata, Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism, Colombia



Susan Segal; Alexis Rovzar, White & Case

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President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner Argentina

September 25, 2008



Nestor Kirchner, former President of Argentina; Tom Shannon, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Jorge Taiana, Minister of Foreign Affairs



Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of Argentina



Eduardo S. Elsztain, IRSA Inversiones y Representaciones, S.A.; Ned Cloonan, AIG; Julio De Vido, Minister of Planning



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