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9:45 AM-12:50 PM Keynote Remarks, Interviews, and

Panel Discussions

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Secretary of State Michael Pompeo gave remarks that acknowledged the importance of democracy in the region. In reference to countries not living under democratic administrations, he said, "We're working to change those outliers," including through multilateral coalitions such as the Lima Group and the Organization of American States. He highlighted the importance of the United States- Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) that entered into force on July 1, will help to solidify North American trade ties. "When the dust is settled, our companies will have new clarity," he said.

"We're not fated to go in one direction." That was one of the messages World Bank Group President David Malpass had for Latin American governments when discussing the region's recovery in a post-pandemic world at the 2020 Washington Conference on the Americas. The region will likely need to depend on multilateral institutions like the World Bank to support its recovery, but it must also make tough decisions that will benefit the region's economy in the long term. Malpass explained that countries need to take meaningful steps and actions that will mitigate the blow now, allowing capital and labor to move from industries that don't survive into jobs needed after the crisis. "Governments can't create all the jobs needed for the people losing their jobs now," he said, adding that countries must take social inclusion into account.

In a different session, **President of Chile**, **Sebastián Piñera** spoke on the achievements of his country since the return of democracy in 1989. "We've have had three decades of progress," he said, "because we've reached a strong agreement in our society based on a strong commitment to democracy and rule of law, strong commitment to open markets and a fair economy and a strong commitment to defeating poverty and increasing equality of opportunity."



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo giving remarks, June 29, 2020



World Bank Group President David Malpass giving remarks, July 1, 2020



President of Chile Sebastián Piñera giving remarks, July 28, 2020