

BRIEFING: US FOREIGN AID & HEMISPHERIC STABILITY

FROM: THE HONORABLE SAM FARR

US Foreign Aid and Hemispheric Stability

How US Foreign Assistance to Latin America Promotes Regional Security

4:30pm, Thursday, Feb. 2nd

HC-8, the Capitol

Dear Colleague:

The Americas are in a state of significant change. The global financial crisis, organized criminal networks, and natural disasters have impacted hemispheric political stability, democratic governance, human rights, and migration. This April, the region's heads of state and government will convene at the VI Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia to address major regional issues. The Summit is an important opportunity to discuss the role US assistance plays in promoting hemispheric stability, equality, and growth.

In anticipation of the Summit, I am hosting a four-part briefing series called *Roadmap to Cartagena* that brings in a diverse array of perspectives to speak to the importance of US aid to Latin America. Please join me at 4:30 on Thurs, Feb 2nd in HC-8 for the kickoff briefing, *US Foreign Aid and Hemispheric Stability*, to examine the impact of US foreign assistance on key hemispheric stability indicators, including economic growth, rule of law, and citizen security.

Panelists

Cynthia Arnson, Director, Latin American Program
Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

Stephen Johnson, Director, Americas Program
Center for Strategic and International Studies
Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs

Moderator

Michael Shifter
President, Inter-American Dialogue

If you have any questions, please contact Caitie Whelan (Caitie.whelan@mail.house.gov) in my office.

Sincerely,

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