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Our Mission

The Inter-American Dialogue engages our network of global leaders to foster democratic governance, prosperity, and social equity in Latin America and the Caribbean. Together, we work to shape policy

About

For more than three decades, the Inter-American Dialogue has worked to shape policy debate, devise solutions, and enhance cooperation within the Western Hemisphere.

Our most valued asset is our select membership of over 100 distinguished citizens from the United States, Canada, and 23 countries of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe. Members actively participate in our work, informing and advancing our vigorous debate. Eighteen Dialogue members served as presidents of their countries, over three dozen have held cabinet-level posts, and twenty-five have served in national legislatures. Our members also come from the business, finance, media, civil society, and academic sectors.

The Dialogue sets itself apart by the reach of its influence, the quality of analysis, and our unique identity as a truly hemispheric organization. Based in Washington, DC, we conduct work throughout the Americas in partnership with leading institutions in areas of crucial importance, such as education, the rule of law, energy and climate change, migration, and the region's relationship with the rest of the world, especially Asia. The Dialogue's policy papers influence the agenda of hemispheric events. We helped shape the Commitment Against Corruption at the 2018 Summit of the Americas and spearheaded the signing of the Bogota Policy Declaration on Early Childhood Development.

The Dialogue's standing as a preeminent, independent hemispheric forum is supported by our ranking as a leading center for policy analysis. In 2018, the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go-To Think Tank Index ranked the

Dialogue in the top 25 think tanks in the United States. In 2017, the British publication Prospect presented us the "One to Watch" award for "pushing the question of how the US relates to its neighbors," and in 2014, we were named "US Think Tank of the Year." Prospect's judges also commended the Dialogue for its work on US-Latin America energy investment and for its examination of China-Latin America economic relations. A not-for-profit 501(c)(3), we rely on the generous support of individuals, corporations, governments, and foundations.

By the Numbers



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This year, Dialogue experts published more than 40 articles and op-eds in 20 media outlets, and their analyses were referenced more than 1,100 times in 600 news sources from over 75 countries.



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