

Challenges to Democracy in the Americas

The Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia

October 16-18, 2000

Monday October 16

- 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Participant registration at The Carter Center
Cecil B. Day Chapel Lobby
- 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Welcome by Jennifer McCoy, Director, Latin American and Caribbean
Program, The Carter Center
Opening Comments by former President Jimmy Carter
Cecil B. Day Chapel
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm **Plenary Panel 1: The Promise and Performance of Democracy**
Chair: President Jimmy Carter
Moderator: Jennifer McCoy
- The Quality of Democracy, New Challenges - Adolfo Nanclares,
Argentine Undersecretary for Latin American Politics
 - Public Attitudes Towards Democracy – Marta Lagos, Director,
Latinobarometro, Chile
 - Democracy and Inequality – Edmundo Jarquin, Chief, State and
Civil Society Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
 - Analyzing Democratic Governance – Daniel Kaufmann, Lead
Economist, Development Economics Group, The World Bank
 - The Citizens' Audit on Improving the Quality of Democracy in
Costa Rica -- Jorge Vargas Cullel, Deputy Director, Estado de la
Nación, Costa Rica
- Question and Answer Period
- 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Coffee Break
Cecil B. Day Chapel Lobby

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm **Plenary Panel 2: Hemispheric Responses**

Chair: Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, Former Prime Minister Barbados

Moderator: Shelley McConnell, Associate Director, Latin American and Caribbean Program, The Carter Center

- Collective Response to New Threats to Democracy – Robert Pastor, Professor of Political Science, Emory University
- The Potential and Limits for Multilateral Support for Democracy – Elizabeth Spehar, Executive Coordinator, Unit for Democracy, Organization of American States (OAS)
- Supporting Democracy in the Andes: a Regional Approach – Enrique Garcia, President, Andean Development Corporation (CAF)
- Strengthening Democracy: A U.S. Perspective – Peter Romero, Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, United States
- Opportunities Presented by the 2001 Summit of the Americas – Marc Lortie, Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of Canada

Question and Answer Period

5:30 pm Return to Ritz-Carlton Hotel

6:45 pm Proceed by foot from Ritz-Carlton Hotel to King & Spalding

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Cocktail
Hosted by King & Spalding
King & Spalding, 50th Floor

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Dinner
Hosted by King & Spalding

- Kenneth “Buddy” MacKay, Special Envoy for the Americas, USA
- Porfirio Muñoz Ledo, Chair of the Mexican Commission for Reforming the State, representative of President-Elect Fox, Mexico

Keynote Address

President Hugo Chávez, Republic of Venezuela

Tuesday October 17

8:30 am - 9:00 am Continental breakfast at The Carter Center
Cecil B. Day Chapel Lobby

9:00 am - 9:20 am **Overview**
Cecil B. Day Chapel

- Institutional Design and Accountability in Latin America – Laurence Whitehead, Official Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College, Oxford University
- Charge for the day – Jennifer McCoy

9:20 am - 12:00 pm **Simultaneous Working Groups** : (Participants will be divided into five groups to form recommendations on their topic, addressing the question of accountability and considering potential actions by the external community, governments, and civil society).

A. Ensuring Public Security through:

- reducing criminality while protecting human rights;
- regulating private security forces, paramilitaries, intelligence forces;
- controlling the flow of small and large weapons.

Ivan Allen III Conference Room

B. Strengthening the Armed Forces in Democratic Regimes through:

- military subordination to civilian governments;
- enhancing fiscal oversight
- improving accountability in the security forces.

Executive Dining Room

C. Making Democracy Meaningful and Empowering Citizen Participation through:

- freedom of expression;
- responsible civil society organizations;
- involving the private sector and encouraging corporate responsibility.

Lower Allen Foyer

D. Moderating Executive Power by Seeking Institutional Balance and Decentralization through:

- coordinating modes of institutional accountability;
- countering impunity and ensuring transparency;
- independent and interdependent government branches and agencies;
- federal systems and fiscal decentralization.

Cecil B. Day Chapel

E. Achieving Effective Representation through:

- democratizing parties;
- creating independent and professional electoral authorities;
- modifying systems of representation;
- assuring campaign fairness.

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- 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch and Luncheon Address
Jorge Santistevan, Defensor del Pueblo, Peru
Cyprus Room
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Working groups reconvene**
same locations as morning sessions
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Coffee Break; Opportunity to tour Carter Museum & Gardens
Cecil B. Day Chapel Lobby
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Working Groups report out to the Plenary**
Cecil B. Day Chapel
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Closing cocktail
Carter Presidential Museum Lobby

Participants may either leave or stay for the press conference the following day.

Wednesday October 18

- 9:15 am - 10:15 am Press conference with members of the Council of Presidents and Prime Ministers and concluding statement
Cyprus Room