

Trip to DC, December 2022

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Description

From December 5 to 7, we received a delegation of Mexican think-tanks in Washington, DC. We met with the leaders of the most relevant think tanks for the bilateral relationship in order to share experiences and explore areas of collaboration.

On December 5, we met with **Dr. Santiago Levy** to discuss the challenges for Mexico's economic development and the common interests of think-tanks in Mexico and the United States.

The second day, we had a meeting at the **Brookings Institution** with **Joshua Meltzer**, **Diego Marroquín**, and **Maricarmen Barrón**. We talked about the competitiveness of North America, the implementation of the TMEC, the relevance of Mexico to the United States, and the importance of regional and bilateral trade.

Later, we met with **Mark Hadley**, COO and General Counsel of the **US Congressional Budget Office**, and **Deborah Kilroe**, Director of Communications. We talked about the history, tasks, best practices and management of independent tax institutions.

Additionally, we met with **Dr. Andrew Selee**, President of the **Migration Policy Institute**, to discuss bilateral integration, migration, labor mobility, and the Mexican political and economic context.

To continue our meetings, we met with **Elaine Dezenski**, Director of the **Center on Economic and Financial Power of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies** (and co-author of our studies on ally-shoring). We talked about democracy, China's role in the region, and national economic security.

To end the day, we spoke with **Rebecca Bill Chavez**, President and CEO of the **Inter-American Dialogue**, about binational cooperation and partnership opportunities between Mexican think-tanks and your institution.

The last day of activities began with a conversation with **Alejandro Werner**, Director of the **Institute of the Americas at Georgetown University**. We talked about the Mexican economic and political context, and the partnership opportunities between academia and think-tanks.

Later, we were hosted at the **International Republican Institute (IRI)**, where we spoke with **Jennifer Schreider**, Director for Mexico & the Southern Cone, and **Ximena Hillebrandt**, Director of Programs. We discussed open government, youth, transparency and anti-corruption, gender and how to close the pay gap.

Before returning to Mexico City, our delegates met with **Daniel Raisbeck**, **Ian Vazquez** and **Alex Nowrasteh** from the **Cato Institute**. They talked about immigration policy, militarization, freedom and social progress.

Thank you all for your time and we look forward to collaborations!