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Participants

Colombia

Senator Juan Manuel Galan



Senator Galan is a member of Colombia's Liberal Party in his second term in the Colombian Senate. He has been Vice Minister for Youth Initiatives, Ambassador to London and, since 2006, a Senator in the Colombian Congress. Sen. Galan has promoted initiatives against corruption, abuse of human rights, and reform of the health system. He earned two MA degrees in Political Science and International Relations at France's Institute

of Political Studies and at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Senator Juan Mario Laserna



Senator Laserna is a member of Colombia's Conservative Party. He was part of President Gaviria's economic team and later Gaviria's Chief of Staff at the Organization of American States. Senator Laserna was named by President Uribe as Director for Capital Markets at the Inter-American Development Bank and later was named Director of Colombia's Central Bank. In 2010, he was elected to the Colombian Senate. He is an economist from Yale University and has an MBA from Stanford University.



Paraguay

Senator Hugo Estigarribia



Senator Estigarribia is a member of Paraguay's Colorado Party. He worked for the national government and as a judge between 1985 and 1990; was a member of Paraguay's Constitutional Convention (1991), Vice Minister for Youth (1996-98), and Advisor on political affairs for the Vice President of the Republic (2003/07). He has worked as consultant for many international organizations and is widely published. Senator Estigarribia is a lawyer of Paraguay's National University and holds a MA in Political Science from the same university. He also has a post-graduate degree in Public Administration from Shenandoah University in Virginia and an LLM in Law and Legal Studies from American University in Washington, DC.

Governor Carlos Alberto Amarilla



He is the former Governor of the Department (State) of Central in Paraguay, the largest and most populous Department of the country. An accountant by profession, Mr. Amarilla has a long and distinguished career in both the private and public sector. A member of the Liberal Party, he is now a Senate candidate in the upcoming national elections.

Panama

Director Rodolfo Caballero



Mr. Caballero is the National Director for Citizen Participation and Government Innovations, Government of Panama. He has designed and implemented the entire country's 311 Citizens' concern call center. In addition, he has worked as a business consultant for many international, national, and regional organizations in the areas of strategic planning, organization, and institutional strengthening. He has been, and is currently, a close advisor to the government on issues of strategic planning, innovation, and technology. He is a graduate of the Catholic University of Santa Maria La Antigua.



Representative Priscilla Valenzuela



Ms. Valenzuela is Representative of the Central American Parliament (reelected). A lawyer by profession, she is the political coordinator of Mr. Ernesto Perez Balladares and a member of the Political Committee of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD). Ms. Valenzuela has represented Panama at many international forums in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Brazil. She has been involved in regional development and has been a leader of the Youth movement within the PRD party.

Ambassador Candice Williams De Roux



Ms. Williams is a partner at Williams and Associates. She focuses her practice on corporate law, both domestic and international, and on commercial, transactional and tax law in general. Ms. Williams has advised international clients on a broad range of corporate matters. Ambassador Williams De Roux is now Assistant Chief Information Officer for the Government of Panama; and was the Deputy Permanent Representative to Panama's Permanente Mission at the United Nations. She is a graduate of Universidad Santa Maria La Antigua and holds an LLM, Corporations, Mergers and Acquisitions from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mexico

Mayor Tomas Gloria Requena



He is the Mayor of San Fernando, Tamaulipas and a former federal representative in the Mexican Congress. Mayor Gloria Requena has served in the Secretary of Agriculture and Food Administration of Mexico, has been Councilor at the municipal level, and is involved with many civic and political organizations. Mayor Gloria Requena's municipal administration received the Best Administration Award by the Mexican Federation of Municipalities in 2012. He is the President of the Committee of Rural Municipalities of the Mexican Federation of Municipalities, and has occupied numerous positions in Mexican municipal organizations. Mayor Gloria Requena is a public accountant graduate from the University of Valle de Bravo, has an MBA from the Autonomous University of Tamaulipas, and a MA in Administration and Finances from the Universidad del Valle de Mexico.



Ecuador

Doctor of Law James Armas Medina



In the private sector, Dr. Armas Medina has been a mediator for many international foundations; has worked as a senior legal and tax consultant for Ernest & Young and for many private legal offices. In the public sector, he has been a legal advisor to the Ecuadorian National Assembly since 2009. He has also been a legal advisor to the Ministry of the Interior of Ecuador; and for the National Secretary for Education, Technology, and Innovation. Doctor Armas Medina holds a degree on Public and Social Sciences; he is also a lawyer and holds a doctoral degree in Jurisprudence (2004).

Doctor Esteban Valdospinos Castro



Mr. Valdospinos Castro works as legal advisor for the Judicial Cabinet of the SEK International University and at legal office in Quito. He has offered training in his area of expertise on numerous occasions. He is a Law graduate of the SEK International University of Quito with a specialization in Financial Law from the Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar (Quito).