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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON THE AMERICAS

**Toward a Sustainable, Resilient,
and Equitable Future**



The Washington Conference on the Americas, in its 52nd edition, continues to be the premier annual meeting on the Western Hemisphere.

Top cabinet officials from the Biden administration joined the Conference at the U.S. State Department and virtually to discuss the administration’s agenda for the region, including a preview of the June 2022 Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, the first hosted by the United States since 1994. Closely connected to the Summit, the Washington Conference on the Americas played a valuable role in laying the foundation for the conversations and meetings that took place a few weeks later.

As the keynote speaker at the May 3 luncheon, U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken highlighted the region’s “vibrant, diverse, and growing civil society” as a powerful driver for democratization in the region. Secretary Blinken noted that this belief has driven the U.S. to host the “most inclusive Summit of the Americas in history.”

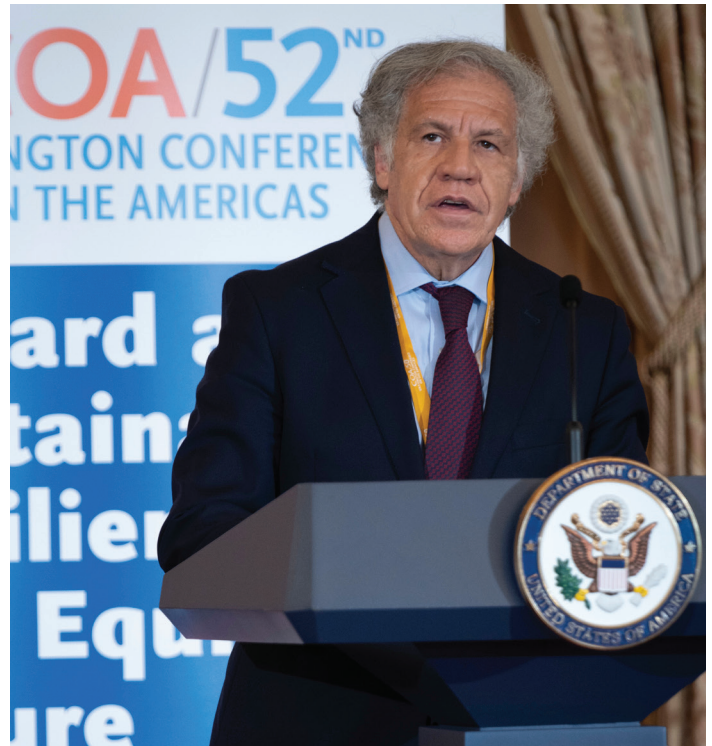
Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Brian Nichols highlighted the Summit as a chance to “support the implementation of our commitments to democracy and transparency, including free and fair elections; citizen participation; protection of human rights defenders, journalists, workers, women, and girls, and members of vulnerable and marginalized groups.”

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Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Brian A. Nichols giving remarks, May 3, 2022



OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro giving remarks, May 3, 2022

The 52nd Washington Conference on the Americas featured the Secretary of State, senior cabinet officials and hemispheric leaders from the public and private sectors. Highlights included an in-person keynote luncheon at the U.S. Department of State on May 3, 2022, exclusive meetings with senior government and multilateral officials, and an innovative public virtual conference on May 12, 2022.

The conference theme, “Toward a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future,” offered government and industry leaders the opportunity to share their vision for regional trade, development, investment, democracy, and recovery from shocks induced by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Conference was a thorough success, setting forth plans for trade cooperation, regional security, clean energy, and regional recovery.

During our keynote luncheon, United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken welcomed the Council of the Americas back to the Department of State in the historic Benjamin Franklin Diplomatic Reception Hall, the home of previous Washington Conferences, after being closed for two years due to the pandemic.

The luncheon also featured U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy and various high-ranking U.S. government officials. OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro was honored with the Chairman’s Award for Leadership in the Americas for his work supporting democracy across the Western Hemisphere.



Chairman of the Council of the Americas Andrés Gluski giving remarks, May 3, 2022

During our virtual session, we welcomed Senator Ben Sasse, multiple U.S. Cabinet level officials including U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy David Turk, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Jayme White, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security John Tien, and foreign government ministers as well as leaders in the private sector.

The COVID-19 pandemic proved exceptionally tough for the region, highlighting existing challenges. Social and economic disparities across the region came to light, migration patterns changed, and a host of new challenges emerged in the region. These challenges offered a unique opportunity for Conference speakers to discuss regional recovery in a manner that addresses trade, development, migration,

security, and energy. As the region moves forward, there are unique opportunities for the Americas to transition to more environmentally sustainable energy sources.





Julian Nebreda (top left) moderating the plenary discussion panel featuring Stuart Richard Young (top right), Omar Paganini (lower left) and Ángel Cabrera (lower right), May 12, 2022.

As the Americas look towards a clean energy transition, the war in Ukraine has highlighted the importance of Latin America and the Caribbean for global energy security.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy David Turk said, there is a “comparative advantage ... to partner in the Western Hemisphere.”

On the topic of trade, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Jayme White highlighted the importance of an inclusive trade policy, ensuring the interests of both workers and the environment are considered. World Bank Group president David Malpass discussed the prospect of economic recovery in the region, noting how Latin America and the Caribbean are well poised to meet demands for nearshoring that have arisen due to the geopolitical tensions exacerbated by the pandemic.



Bloomberg's Shery Ahn interviewing Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Jayme White, May 12, 2022.

In a larger context, the Council of the Americas has played a vital role in shaping the policy agenda in the region, advocating on behalf of the private sector, and creating spaces for private and public sector cooperation. For almost 60 years, the world's leading companies count on the Council's expertise and experience to promote economic and social development, open markets, the rule of law and democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere. The Council's membership consists of international companies representing a broad spectrum of sectors, including banking and finance, consulting services, consumer products, energy and mining, manufacturing, media, technology, and transportation. As an international business organization, the Council is uniquely positioned to support the needs and objectives of the private sector.

The Council plays an important role not only in the Washington, D.C. policy community but in business communities at our offices in New York City and Miami. However, the Council's reach goes beyond North America. With regional meetings and conferences in capitals across the Americas, the organization has expanded beyond corporate board rooms and conference venues.

Offering more to our members than ever before, the Council is now a hybrid organization. Using emerging technology and growing expertise, our digital expansion has enhanced what we offer to our members across the globe. More than virtual meetings, the Council has developed innovative ways to connect our members to a growing list of leaders of new emerging spaces and familiar ones, while offering unparalleled opportunities to engage with change makers from across the globe.



Washington Conference on the Americas pre-luncheon meeting with U.S. Under Secretary of State Jose W. Fernandez, May 3, 2022.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

- **Antony Blinken**, U.S. Secretary of State (in-person May 3)
- **Brian A. Nichols**, Assistant Secretary of State, Western Hemisphere Affairs (in-person May 3)
- **Omar Paganini**, Minister of Industry, Energy, and Mining, Uruguay
- **Stuart Richard Young**, Minister of Energy, Trinidad & Tobago
- **Luis Almagro**, Secretary General, Organization of American States (in-person May 3)
- **David Malpass**, President, World Bank
- **David Turk**, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy
- **Jayme White**, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative
- **John Tien**, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security
- **Scott A. Nathan**, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation
- **Ben Sasse**, U.S. Senator (R-NE)
- **Bill Hagerty**, U.S. Senator (R-TN) (in-person May 3)
- **Jose W. Fernandez**, U.S. Under Secretary of State (in-person May 3)
- **Ángel Cabrera**, President, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Marie Jones**, National Intelligence Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (in-person May 3)
- **Shery Ahn**, Anchor, Bloomberg Television
- **Susan Segal**, President and CEO, Council of the Americas (in-person May 3)
- **Eric Farnsworth**, Vice President, Council of the Americas (in-person May 3)
- **Andrés Gluski**, Chairman, Council of the Americas (in-person May 3)
- **Julian Nebreda**, Executive Vice President & President, U.S. Global Business Lines, AES Corporation
- **Sarah Jane Gunter**, Vice President Latin America, Amazon
- **Paul Freedman**, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, AES Corporation
- **Omar Vargas**, Vice President and Head of Global Public Policy, General Motors

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