THE INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE’S

10th SOL M. LINOWITZ FORUM

Gala CELEBRATION

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Hall of the Americas
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 1982, I had the opportunity and privilege to be at the conference that launched the Inter-American Dialogue. That conference has evolved and is now known as the Sol M. Linowitz Forum. Tonight we are delighted to mark the Forum’s 10th anniversary.

The late Peter D. Bell, founding member and former co-chair of the Dialogue, described the genesis of this initiative more than three decades ago:

“The Dialogue began as an ad hoc conference in 1982…. Abe Lowenthal and I had arrived a few minutes early for a meeting with Sol... Disturbed by the breakdown in inter-American communications during the recent war in the South Atlantic and by the inaccessibility of US leaders to democratically oriented Latin Americans, we began discussing the possibility of bringing together leading citizens from throughout the hemisphere to set a new inter-American agenda. … Sol immediately seized on the proposal to establish an 'inter-American dialogue,' and agreed to test the idea on Galo Plaza, the former secretary general of the OAS and president of Ecuador. We also talked with Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil, Gabriel Valdes of Chile, Daniel Oduber of Costa Rica, and others. The rest is history.” [Peter D. Bell, Address to the Inaugural Gala of the Sol M. Linowitz Forum, Organization of American States, May 16, 1996.]

Today that conference, the Sol M. Linowitz Forum, has become the centerpiece of a well-established institution that engages global leaders to focus on hemispheric affairs. The issues have naturally changed and so, too, have the people who take part in the deliberations. But the Dialogue’s fundamental purpose and mission endure: to foster democratic governance, social equity, and prosperity across the Americas.

The question was—and remains—whether a small group of concerned citizens, brought together under private auspices, could find a common basis for dealing with shared problems, come up with useful and constructive approaches, and make government and private sector decision makers sit up and listen.

Seeing all the wonderful supporters who have stepped forward tonight to make this Gala such a success clearly shows that the answer is yes. Your presence is compelling testament not only to the vision of Peter Bell, Abe Lowenthal, Sol Linowitz and others over three decades ago, but to the quality and diversity of the Dialogue’s most treasured asset—its members.

So many others—too many to mention—should be acknowledged as playing a key role in building this firm foundation, including the Dialogue’s superb Board of Directors, various networks throughout the Americas, and staff. We thank you for being part of this important endeavor by joining us this evening and supporting the Inter-American Dialogue.

Michael Shifter
November 13, 2014
ABOUT THE INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE’s
Sol M. Linowtiz Forum

The centerpiece of the Inter-American Dialogue is the meeting of the Sol M. Linowitz Forum, which brings the Dialogue’s entire membership together in plenary session once every two years. The Forum addresses the most critical issues in hemispheric affairs and provides a meeting ground where members probe their differences, seek to forge a common agenda, and develop agreed-upon, practical proposals for action.

The Dialogue began in 1982 as an ad hoc conference of about 50 leaders from throughout the hemisphere. Concerned by the lack of inter-American communication on an array of contentious political and economic issues, the founders of the Dialogue convened leading citizens from throughout the hemisphere with the goal of forging a new inter-American agenda. Those discussions led to the formation of the Inter-American Dialogue, and, in 1996, the inauguration of the Sol M. Linowitz Forum—the banner under which the Dialogue’s plenary meetings convene.

Today, the Dialogue’s select membership of 100 distinguished citizens from throughout the Americas includes political, business, academic, media, and other nongovernmental leaders. Sixteen Dialogue members have served as presidents of their countries and more than three dozen have served at the cabinet level.

The program for the 10th Sol M. Linowitz Forum addresses themes such as: the effectiveness of multilateral mechanisms to resolve regional challenges, like setbacks to democracy; the skills gap facing firms in Latin America; changing dynamics in energy and the environment; currents of regionalism and integration and the role of China and other non-hemispheric actors; and the persistently high levels of crime and violence in many countries.

Following its plenary meetings, the Dialogue issues a policy report that reviews the main challenges in hemispheric relations, discusses alternative courses of action, and offers policy recommendations based on the consensus of its members.

Since 1982—through successive Republican and Democratic administrations and many changes of leadership elsewhere in the hemisphere—the Dialogue has helped shape the agenda of issues and choices in inter-American relations. Given the rapid and fundamental changes in recent years and the challenges that lie ahead, the role of the Inter-American Dialogue has never been more important to the future of the Americas.
Dear Friends of the Inter-American Dialogue,

It is our sincere pleasure to welcome you to this special celebration of the Inter-American Dialogue’s 10th Sol M. Linowitz Forum.

We come together this evening not only to commemorate the Linowitz Forum, named after the Dialogue’s founding co-chair; but, importantly, to advance the Dialogue’s mission to foster democratic governance, social equity, and prosperity across the Americas.

We deeply appreciate that so many of you have shared your time, talents, and resources to make this event possible. To our honored guests, Salvador Paiz, Senator Tim Kaine, His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, and our emcee, Ray Suarez, we are deeply grateful for your being here.

The Dialogue’s Gala Committee, named individually on the next page, deserve special recognition for achieving all they were asked to do, and more.

We also wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the generous business and philanthropic sponsors of this evening’s gala celebration, and the many of you who, by being here tonight, are showing support and helping build the financial foundation for the Dialogue’s continued success.

Inter-American relations will face extraordinary challenges—and opportunities—in the period ahead. Your continued engagement is critical to addressing these challenges effectively. We are so pleased to have you accompany us in this important work, both tonight and in the years to come.

With appreciation,

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DINNER PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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Welcome

His Excellency José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General, Organization of American States

Invocation

His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick,
Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC

Opening Remarks

Mr. Michael Shifter
President, Inter-American Dialogue

Introduction and Presentation of Leadership for the Americas

The Honorable Carla A. Hills
Co-Chair, Inter-American Dialogue
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Dinner

Music by the Antonio Madruga Trio
Introduction of President Bachelet’s Remarks

**The Honorable L. Enrique García**
Co-Vice Chair, Inter-American Dialogue
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Remarks (by video)

**Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet**
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Presentation of the Award for Civic Engagement

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Acceptance of Award for Civic Engagement

**Mr. Salvador Paiz**
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Acceptance of the Award for Public Service in the Americas

**The Honorable Tim Kaine**
US Senator for Virginia
MENU

First Course

**Autumn 100-Mile Salad**
Local, greenhouse purple and white endive, frisée and mizuna with caramelized pears, roasted cubes of butternut squash, candied walnuts and wedges of meadow creek’s Appalachian cheese and Jasper Hill Oma cheese. Lightly dressed with walnut-cider vinaigrette.

Main Course (Dual Entrée)

**Filet of Bronzino**
Filet of Bronzino is lightly browned in olive oil and served with ribbons of butternut squash and roasted Hen-of-the-Woods mushrooms. Finished with a red wine-fish fumet emulsion.

**Beef Tenderloin Pavé**
Beef tenderloin Pavé rubbed with garlic, seared and oven-roasted until medium-rare.

**Golden Potato Risotto**
Potatoes finely diced and prepared risotto-style with chicken stock, butter and white wine.
Finished with Parmesan cheese.

Vegetarian and Vegan Alternative

**Eggplant with Thyme-scented Lentils**
Eggplant filled with wild mushrooms, tomato, spinach, basil and Asiago cheese. Oven-roasted on a bed of thyme-scented lentils. Drizzled with warm tomato vinaigrette.

Dessert Course

**Trio of Apple Desserts**
Three apple desserts in one: Apple cider Crème Brûlée, a juicy miniature apple tart tatin and apple sorbet with a sprig of candied thyme.

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**Dinner Wines**

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José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States

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The Inter-American Dialogue is pleased to present its Award for Civic Engagement to Salvador Paiz of Guatemala.

The Dialogue's Award for Civic Engagement recognizes extraordinary effectiveness in promoting good policy in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Paiz has advocated for poverty reduction and the improvement of Guatemala’s educational system, spearheading effective non-governmental initiatives for change such as Empresarios por la Educación, Tecnología Para Educar, FunSEPA, FUNDESA and others. The concrete markers of success achieved under Paiz’s leadership have advanced social equity and economic development, goals very much at the core of the Inter-American Dialogue’s mission.

FunSEPA, which Paiz chairs, has installed over 16,000 computers in over 1,050 public schools, and has trained and certified over 85,000 public school teachers (over 60 percent of the total teacher population). Paiz has been a leading advocate for “Mejoremos Guate”, a long-term holistic development roadmap with short-term actionable projects, such as Alertos.org, a new platform that recruits citizens to report crimes using email, Twitter, Facebook, mobile apps, and text messaging that chronicles thousands of criminal activities in Guatemala, a nation where police struggle to address the fifth-highest murder rate in the world. Another is the Alliance for Nutrition, an initiative to reduce the country’s 49 percent chronic malnutrition rate, as well as Guatemala Visible, a citizen movement whose main objective is to improve the quality of the nomination process for candidates to the Supreme Court and Attorney General, among others.

Paiz is co-chairman of Grupo PDC, a holding company with interests in distribution and real estate finance throughout Central America. He also is a Member of the Board of Wal-Mart Mexico. Paiz obtained a Bachelor’s degree with honors from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, received an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Business as a Martin Trust Merit Scholar and is currently a Research Fellow at Fordham University.
Tim Kaine was elected to the US Senate in 2012, where he serves on the Armed Services, Budget, and Foreign Relations Committees.

A Democrat, he has worked constructively with Republican counterparts in the Senate to enhance US diplomatic leadership, with a special focus on the Middle East and Latin America, while calling for stronger multilateral institutions and collaborative decision making to address conflicts around the world.

As one of the Senate’s few members fluent in Spanish, Kaine is chair of the US-Mexico Inter-Parliamentary Group and honorary chairman of the US-Spain Council. He is also currently working with a bipartisan group of senators to revise the War Powers Resolution of 1973 and establish a more orderly consultative relationship between Congress and the president regarding the initiation of military action.

Kaine received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri and attended Harvard Law School. He began his public service career by taking a year off from Harvard to work with Jesuit missionaries in Honduras in 1980 to 1981. After law school, he practiced law in Richmond for 17 years. He also began teaching part-time at the University of Richmond in 1987 and continues his involvement with the University to this day. Kaine was first elected to public office in 1994, serving as a city council member and then mayor of Richmond. He became lieutenant governor of Virginia in 2002 and was inaugurated as Virginia’s 70th governor in 2006.

In an era that has become notorious for polarization in the US Congress, Kaine has built a reputation for collaboration and helped prioritize issues of concern to Latin America and the Caribbean with US policy makers. These are the same values and goals long embraced and promoted by the Inter-American Dialogue and its members.
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