

Latin American Briefing: The 3-Ds in Latin America

From: The Honorable Sam Farr

The 3-Ds in Latin America

The Common Purpose of Defense, Development, and Diplomacy in US Assistance to Latin America

4:00pm, Thurs, Feb 16
Congressional Meeting Room North
Capitol Visitors Center

Dear Colleague:

The 21st century has ushered in a complex set of security challenges for the United States and Latin America. Weak democracies, staggering economic inequity, transnational narcotrafficking networks and internal displacement, among other forces, necessitate a multipronged approach to regional stability. In April, the region's heads of state and governments will convene at the VI Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia to address major issues facing the hemisphere. The Summit presents an opportunity for the United States to examine how our defense, development, and diplomacy resources can interface to address root causes of instability and promote regional security, equity, and prosperity.

Please join me for *The 3-Ds in Latin America*, the 2nd briefing in the *Roadmap to Cartagena* series, a four-part series I am hosting in anticipation of the Summit that brings in a diverse array of perspectives to speak to the importance of US aid to Latin America. *The 3-Ds in Latin America* will examine what role our defense, development, and diplomacy capacities play in hemispheric stability, and what are our most cost-effective tools to promote regional security.

Panelists

Hon. Mark L. Schneider
Senior Vice President, International Crisis Group

Ret. Col. John (Jay) Cope
Senior Research Fellow, National Defense University

Dr. Thomas Bruneau
Professor of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School

Moderator
Mark Sullivan

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If you have any questions, please contact Caitie Whelan (Caitie.whelan@mail.house.gov) in my office.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

Up next in the *Roadmap to Cartagena* briefing series:

Refugees, Displacement, and Hemispheric Stability
4pm, Tues, March 6 ~ 121 Cannon House Office Building

US Priorities at the VI Summit of the Americas
10am, Thurs, March 22 ~ Congressional Meeting Room North, Capitol Visitors Center