

**Promoting Peace in Colombia:
Ideas for the New Administration**

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

U.S. Institute of Peace
1200 17th Street NW
2nd Floor Conference Room
Washington, DC 20036

WORKING AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00** Continental Breakfast and Coffee
- 9:00 – 9:15** Welcoming Remarks
- 9:15 – 9:45** Challenges and Opportunities for Colombian Peacemaking

Moderator: Virginia M. Bouvier, Chair, Colombia Conflict Team; Senior Program Officer, United States Institute of Peace

- Marc Chernick, Research Associate Professor, Georgetown University
“Getting to Peace with the FARC”
- León Valencia, Director, Corporación Nuevo Arco Iris, “Status of Current Peace Options with the Guerrillas”
- Laura Gil, Consultant, Fundación Social
“Paramilitaries: Demobilization, Reintegration, and Re-emergence”
- Juan Gabriel Uribe, “New Proposals for Peace”

9:45 – 12:00 Round-Table Discussion

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

Ambassador Craig Kelly, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Representative, UN Secretary General’s Office, United Nations

1: 30 – 2:00 War and Peace in Colombia: The Role of the United States

Moderator: Virginia M. Bouvier, Senior Program Officer, U.S. Institute of Peace

- Carl Meacham, Senior Professional Staff Member, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate
- Cynthia M. “Cindy” Buhl, Legislative Director, Office of Cong. James P. McGovern (D-MA)
- Cynthia Arnson, Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Julia Sweig, Director, Latin American Studies Program and Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
- Adam Isacson, Director, Colombia Program, Center for International Policy

2:00 – 4:30 Round-Table Discussion and Conclusions

4:30-5:00 Coffee and Closure

6:00-7:00 Reception for All Conference Participants
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Embassy of France Compound
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