



# WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

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Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

This week, 125 national and international organizations working on Venezuela urged the United Nations Human Rights Council to renew the mandate of its Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Venezuela. The Mission, established in 2019 to investigate systematic human rights violations in Venezuela, has played a key role in pushing for accountability for serious crimes in the country and ensuring international scrutiny over the ongoing crisis.

Also, WOLA's Senior Fellow, Coletta Youngers contributed to an analysis piece on women's participation in the drug trade and Adam Isacson, WOLA's Director for Defense Oversight, looks at fresh dynamics at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Finally, there's still time to become a sponsor for our upcoming Human Rights Award Ceremony and Benefit Gala, check out the details below.

Best,

Carolina Jiménez Sandoval  
President, WOLA



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 🇺🇸 On August 17, 125 national and international organizations urged the United Nations Human Rights Council to renew its Independent International Fact-Finding Mission in Venezuela to establish accountability for serious crimes. Read our [joint statement](#) here.
- ♀ The War on Drugs has stereotyped women's relationship to illicit drugs in Latin America. The commentary, [Villain Or Victim? Understanding The Role of Women In The Latin American Drug Trade](#) explores the punitive policies, socio-economic vulnerability, and gender victimization realities for many women in the drug trade.

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## Weekly U.S.-Mexico Border Update

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### WOLA IN THE NEWS



**Gimena Sánchez-Garzoli**  
Director for Central America



"Here some tough conversations will take place, but as long as the lines of communication are open and there is a willingness to figure things out, it should not rupture relations."

– *Latin America Advisor*

WOLA's Director for the Andes explains that dialogue between the Biden Administration and Gustavo Petro has calmed fears that Colombia's first leftist president will shake the strategically important relationship U.S.-Colombia relationship.

### JOB OPENINGS

WOLA seeks a **Grant Coordinator** to join our fast-paced and dynamic development team. This creative team works to increase and expand the philanthropic partnerships that make WOLA's human rights advocacy possible. Learn more [here](#).

### 2022 WOLA Human Rights Awards Ceremony & Benefit Gala

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STARTS TODAY

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AWARDS CEREMONY  
& BENEFIT GALA**

**2022**  
September 21



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WOLA's 2022 Human Rights Awards Ceremony and Benefit Gala on September 21 is only one month away! [Join us](#) for a night to remember as we honor several courageous individuals who have worked tirelessly to promote human rights, democracy, and justice in Latin America.

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