



WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

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

There has been much talk about the new cabinet of Colombia's new President, Gustavo Petro, who is taking office on Sunday, and the many human rights challenges his country is facing.

The road will not be an easy one but what is clear is that protection of civilians, particularly those who have been marginalised for decades such as Afro-Colombian, indigenous and palenquero communities, is essential.

Find out more in [my recent commentary](#) outlining some of the main human rights challenges Petro's government will face and an [analysis](#) by WOLA's President, Carolina Jiménez Sandoval and WOLA's Director for Defense Oversight, Adam Isacson, on how the government can make Colombians safer.

And finally, huge congratulations to WOLA's Vice President for Development, [Lauren Kimball](#), for being granted the [Certified Fund Raising Executive \(CFRE\)](#) credential!

Thanks for reading and please help us [spread the word](#).

Best,

Gimena Sánchez-Garzoli
Director for the Andes



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 👉 Iván Velásquez Gómez, Colombia's new anti-corruption Defense Minister, held his first official meeting with WOLA's President. [They spoke about corruption, citizen security, and more.](#)
- ⚖️ The U.S. Senate's "vote-a-rama" may pass amendments that further endanger asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border. [Read our statement here](#)
- 🇸🇻 WOLA condemns last week's arrests of the Guatemalan journalist José Rubén Zamora and assistant prosecutor Samari Carolina Gómez Díaz. [Read our statement against censorship here](#)
- 🇨🇴 [Read the new commentary on Colombia: A Human Rights Agenda for Petro.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Did you know women make up for the majority of people who care for those held in prisons across Latin America? This is how they do it.

[READ THE COMMENTARY](#)

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WOLA IN THE NEWS



Adam Isacson
Director for Defense Oversight



“With social leaders being killed nearly every other day during the past four years, this was the worst time for the unit to fall into disarray,” said in response to news that Colombia’s National Protection Unit uses GPS tracking on vehicles provided to activists and journalists at risk.

– *The Associated Press*

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](#).

MEET THE HONOREES

WOLA’s 2022 Human Rights Awards and Benefit Gala on September 21 is getting closer, and it promises to be an event you will not want to miss. Every year, we honor organizations or individuals who have worked tirelessly to promote human rights, democracy, and justice in Latin America. Our awardees exemplify a commitment to WOLA’s vision for the future, where human rights and social justice are the foundation for public policy.

[Learn more about the honorees](#)



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