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The Latest on Latin America

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

This has been an eventful week for Venezuela, after it was announced that representatives of the government of Nicolás Maduro and the opposition Unitary Platform coalition will resume formal talks in the negotiations framework that began in Mexico City in 2021.

We applaud the restart of these negotiations, as well as reports of a humanitarian accord that could benefit those in great need.

Read our [statement](#) to learn more about the announcement and the importance of including the voice civil society in these negotiations. If you want to know what the United States can do to help ensure these negotiations lead to positive changes in Venezuela, you should read this [opinion piece](#) by Geoff Ramsey, WOLA's Venezuela Director and David Smilde, professor of sociology at Tulane University and a senior fellow at WOLA. You can also [sign-up for](#) a roundtable discussion with representatives of civil society organizations on their perspective of the ongoing negotiations.

Also this week, we [analyze](#) how new setbacks in a key case in Guatemala impact the lives of victims of human rights violations.

Finally, please join me at the [International Anti-Corruption Conference](#) in Washington D.C., on December 6-10 where I'll be speaking about the importance of standing side-by-side human rights defenders across the Americas.

Best,



Carolina Jiménez Sandoval
President



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 🇻🇪 On November 26, representatives of the government of Nicolás Maduro and the opposition Unitary Platform coalition will resume formal talks in the negotiations framework that began in Mexico City in 2021. Read our [statement](#) as we urge for the parties to commit to a comprehensive discussion with proper oversight and transparency to ensure a successful implementation.

- 🇻🇪 As the Venezuelan government and the opposition Unity Platform coalition are poised to sign a major humanitarian agreement in Mexico City, read our opinion piece on [How the Biden Administration Can Encourage Venezuela Negotiations](#).
- ⚖️ Read our commentary on the [distortion of justice in Guatemala](#), where honest legal professionals are being criminalized and forced into exile while corrupt individuals and criminals are free to engage in “business as usual.”
- 📄 In a recent [joint statement](#), WOLA joins seven other international organizations to denounce serious setbacks in the "Diario Militar" case.

UPCOMING EVENTS



📍 WOLA's President [Carolina Jiménez Sandoval](#) will be participating in [Transparency International's International Anti-Corruption Conference #IACC2022](#) taking place in Washington, D.C. on December 6-10.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENT](#)

📍 WOLA will be hosting a virtual forum on **“Perspectives on the Civil Society Consultation in the Venezuela Negotiations”**. The event will serve as an opportunity to discuss future scenarios in the context of renewed negotiations between the Venezuelan government and the opposition, and the role of civil society in ensuring that agreements respect human rights and justice and are implemented with transparency.



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In April of 2022, WOLA launched its one-of-kind [Border Oversight Database](#) which documents hundreds of reports of human rights violations and abuses against migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

WOLA IN THE NEWS



Jo-Marie Burt
WOLA Senior Fellow



"These are people, she told me, who have connections not only to the disappearances of the 1980s but also to organized crime today: 'The defendants include very powerful people who'll unleash whatever is in their power to prevent the trial from going forward.'"

"Guatemala's Death Squad Dossier" - [The New York Review](#)

JOB OPENINGS

WOLA seeks an **Assistant Director for Institutional Partnerships** 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](#).

WOLA seeks a **Development Assistant** to support our development team. They should be interested in learning more about development and fundraising and thrive with multitasking. To learn more click [here](#).

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