

WOLAWEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

Friday, March 10, 2023

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

This week WOLA observed International Women's Day. While there are millions of women who should be celebrated on March 8, it is important to remember that too many women to this day continue to face adverse challenges and gender inequality in the Americas. For this reason, this week's newsletter will include a list of our primary 2022 publications that advocated for women's rights, as well as, our weekly update.

On Wednesday, we analyzed the [Regressive Wave for Women in Central America](#) and highlighted human rights advances, obstacles, and setbacks for women and the implications for their democracies. Additionally, we published an array of social media posts, including a [tweet](#) from myself and a [tweet](#) by WOLA, to further amplify the importance of addressing inequality and discrimination against women. In January, we published an [op-ed](#) that examined the ways in which arbitrary detention of women in Latin America significantly impacts their families. Since then, 222 Nicaraguan political prisoners were released and forced into exile while arbitrarily deprived of their nationality. For all the women political prisoners in the region, especially those in Guatemala, Cuba, and Venezuela, we [continue to call](#) for their freedom.

In other news, this week we also published a [commentary](#) on 10 cases of fatalities since 2020 in which CBP officers and Border Patrol agents may have violated the Department of Homeland Security's Use of Force policy.

Although we have seen progress in advancing sexual and reproductive rights in some countries in Latin America, gender-based violence, inequality and discrimination are still a reality experienced by millions of women around the world. Therefore, we remain committed to continuing to push for policies and reforms that advance the human rights of women.

That and much more in this week's WOLA Weekly.

In Solidarity,



Carolina Jiménez Sandoval, President



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ♀ On International Women's Day, WOLA analyzed the [Regressive Wave for Women in Central America](#).
- This week on the border, read about how [CBP and Border Patrol officers used deadly force](#) in 10 fatal incidents.
- 🇮🇹 Read our recent commentary on [Beyond Plan B: Democracy and Checks and Balances in Mexico](#).
- 🇵🇪 Learn more about Peru's political crisis in this analysis piece, [Crisis política de Perú reaviva ecos de conflicto civil](#).

📅 JOIN US NEXT WEEK

Friday, March 10th
 5:30 pm EDT | 6:30 pm Colombia
Evento en Español



Colombia Acuerdo de Paz: Crisis de Seguridad en Quibdó Afecta Centro Cultural Afro

Una de las joyas culturales importantes en Quibdó ha sido el museo Muntú Bantú. Fundado por el profesor Sergio Mosquera, este centro cultural ha enseñado la historia de los Afro-Colombianos desde sus orígenes en África, la trata transatlántica, esclavitud, emancipación e historia desde entonces. Debido a actos de intimidación y amenazas Muntú Bantú tuvo que cerrar sus puertas en diciembre de 2022.

Hablaremos con el fundador y la directora del museo y centro cultural sobre el significado del centro y la situación que los llevó a esta decisión.

WATCH LIVE

Tuesday, March 14th
 11:00 am EDT | Virtual
Evento en Español

Centroamérica: sin independencia, la justicia se corrompe

En este Diálogo CONNECTAS, cuatro expertos debatirán sobre la preocupante situación de la justicia en Centroamérica y las consecuencias que esto tiene para la democracia. Esta injerencia supone desafíos enormes para el equilibrio de poderes, que además de las presiones por parte de los gobiernos de turno, enfrentan la violencia generada por el narcotráfico y bandas criminales. Esta actividad se realiza en alianza con WOLA, George Mason University, TraCCC y Con Criterio.

REGISTER TO ATTEND

Wednesday, March 15th
 12:30 pm EDT | Virtual













What Exactly is Colombia's Total Peace Effort and How is it Advancing?

This webinar will seek to answer questions about President Gustavo Petro's announced total peace process effort. It will also look at the present configuration of armed groups in Colombia and their links to grave human rights abuses, killings of social leaders, internal displacement and humanitarian confinements.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2022 Publications Advocating for Women's Rights

-  [How Women in Argentina are Resisting the Damages of Incarceration](#)
-  [Electronic Monitoring: A New Form of Punishment for Many Women](#)
-  [More Women Are Being Imprisoned. It's Not Making the World Safer](#)
-  [Dr. Jo-Marie Burt: 'The Indigenous Women of Guatemala had the Courage to Break the Silence'](#)
-  [Villain Or Victim? Understanding The Role of Women In The Latin American Drug Trade](#)
-  [Colombia to Implement Law on Alternatives to Incarceration for Women Heads of Household](#)
-  [The Venezuela Briefing Ep 14: The Impact of Venezuela's Crisis on Women and Girls](#)
-  [The U.S. Supreme Court has Turned Back the Clock on Human Rights](#)
-   [Pride Month: Kenya Cuevas and Latin America's "Historic Debt" with Trans Women](#)
-  [The Venezuela Briefing: The Impact of Venezuela's Crisis on Women and Girls](#)
-  [Little to Celebrate: 5 Facts about Women and Violence in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras](#)

[CLICK TO READ THE LATEST BORDER UPDATE](#)



WOLA **Border Oversight**
Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas | Monitoring Conduct and Accountability in U.S. Border Law Enforcement

In April 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

"Families of the disappeared (can only) hope to have such a prompt response from Mexican officials to their reports of loved ones that go missing,"

– CNN, "[Four Americans kidnapped in Mexico were found in days. More than 100,000 people in the country remain missing](#)"



Maureen Meyer
Vice President for Programs



JOB OPENINGS

WOLA is looking for its next **Director for Venezuela**, to help advance human rights and a peaceful, democratic, and just solution to the country's deep political and humanitarian crisis. Learn more [here](#).

WOLA seeks an **Assistant Director for People and Culture**, a sole contributor to use progressive and equity-based policies to manage all human resources functions. This role will manage a variety of programs and projects, including: evaluations, payroll, timesheets, benefits, hiring, and the general life cycle of an employee. Learn more [here](#).

Support the Sally Yudelman Internship Program

At WOLA, Internships are critical to arming future generations of advocates with the necessary skills to champion human rights and social justice work in their careers. Please consider contributing to WOLA's internship program today!



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