



# WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

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

There's little doubt that protests have taken center stage across the Americas over recent years. Cuba is no exception. Nearly a year after some of the most significant public demonstrations in the island's recent history, the human rights outlook remains concerning with activists and artists behind bars for expressing their views while ongoing U.S. sanctions are exacerbating the unprecedented humanitarian situation on the island.

Cuba is not the only country where short-sighted U.S. policies have had detrimental repercussions. For several decades, WOLA has been analyzing the consequences of the U.S.' "War on Drugs" in the region. We are now seeing how prohibitionist policies are affecting not only public health but the environment and contributing to climate change.

You can find more on that and on other essential stories to understand Latin America in this week's WOLA Weekly.

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

Warmly,

**Maureen Meyer**  
Vice President for Programs



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 🇺🇸 In anticipation of the anniversary of the J11 protests, read [July 11 in Cuba: A Year Later](#)
- 🌿 Read the latest commentary on [What's the Carbon Footprint of Drug Prohibition?](#)
- 🇻🇪 Learn how human rights crises affect women and girls in this week's [Venezuela Briefing Ep 14: The Impact of Venezuela's Crisis on Women and Girls](#)

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Latin America's historic current levels of migration were a central concern at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles in early June 2022. Maureen Meyer, WOLA's vice president for programs, and Lesly Tejada, WOLA's program assistant for Mexico and Migrant Rights, were in Los Angeles for the summit, and [shared](#) their views of what happened there.



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## WOLA IN THE NEWS



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“The numbers make clear that the strategy needs to change. The Biden administration’s perspective of addressing the root causes of migration by focusing on Central America just doesn’t hold anymore.”

– [The New York Times](#)

Reflecting on the recent tragedy in San Antonio, Texas, Maureen Meyer argues that US policymakers’ stance toward migration as a Central American issue rather than a regional one is inadequate – and, as the tragedy illustrates, dangerous.

## 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](#).

## SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Human Rights Awards & Benefit Gala is just around the corner! Mark your calendar for an evening of celebration, community, and reflection at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. For more information, click [here](#)!



# SAVE THE DATE



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HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS  
& BENEFIT GALA

September 21, 2022  
6 PM ET Cocktail Hour  
7 PM ET Ceremony and Dinner

Mayflower Hotel  
Washington D.C.

We hope you will join us  
for this in-person event.  
Invitation to follow.

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