



EL SALVADOR

30th Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum

November 12-14 / 2025

FINAL AGENDA

San Salvador Parliamentary
Intelligence – Security Forum



NOVEMBER 12

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDEES, (12:00 PM)

- **Sheraton Presidente Hotel lobby** starting at 12:00 PM.

OPENING RECEPTION. (4:00 PM)

- **Location: Acantilados, La Libertad.** Transportation will depart directly from The Sheraton President Hotel at 3:30 PM.



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Opening Remarks

(9:00-9:30 AM)

Speakers to be confirmed

Honorable Robert Pittenger, Chairman, Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum.

Honorable David Rivard, Director, National Agency for Development and Design of El Salvador.

Honorable Ernesto Castro, President, Legislative Assembly of the Republic of El Salvador.

The Salvadoran Security Model as a Regional Reference, addressing the historical transformation of El Salvador: *from one of the most violent countries in the world to one of the safest*

(9:30-2:10 PM)

- The Role of the Legislative Assembly in the Transformation of El Salvador: Governance and Security. (9:30-10:15 AM)

Honorable Ernesto Castro, President, Legislative Assembly of the Republic of El Salvador.

Coffee Break

(10:15-10:30 AM)

- State Criminal Justice System Against Criminal Organizations. (10:30-11:15 AM)

Honorable Gustavo Villatoro, Minister of Security and Justice - El Salvador.

- The New Attorney General's Office. (11:15-12:00 PM)

Honorable Rodolfo Delgado, General Attourney - El Salvador.

- Support of the Armed Forces in Public Security and its Impact on National Security (12:00-12:45 PM)

Honorable René Merino, Minister of Defense - El Salvador.

Lunch Break

(12:45-1:45 PM)

- Challenges and Opportunities of Applying Artificial Intelligence in the Administration of Justice in El Salvador. (1:45-2:10 PM)

Honorable Dr. Henry Alexander Mejía, Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice of El Salvador.

Transnational Organized Crime, Illicit Trade and Drug Trafficking

(2:10-2:25 PM)

- Drug trafficking routes and their impact on Central America.
- New methods of illicit trafficking (drones, cryptocurrencies, dark web).
- Mutation of illicit trade in the global criminal ecosystem – including counterfeit goods, arms, wildlife trade, and other emerging markets.

Expert Presenters:

Honorable Víctor Gonzalez, Former Member of The Congress of Spain.

Migration, Human Trafficking, and Illicit Smuggling

(2:25-3:10 PM)

- How organized crime exploits irregular migration.
- Human trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation.
- Community prevention strategies and intergovernmental cooperation.
- Public–private alliances in cyber defense.

Expert Presenters:

Ms. Linda Moran - Director of National Council for Early Childhood, Childhood and Adolescence. - El Salvador.

Mr. Rene Escobar - Procurator General - El Salvador.

Vitor Ferreira Martins - Regional Specialized Officer – INTERPOL Regional Office.

Energy and Critical Minerals – Sustaining Global Supply Chains

(3:10-3:25 PM)

- Energy security in a multipolar world.
- The strategic role of lithium, cobalt, and other minerals.
- Ensuring supply chain stability through regional/global cooperation.

Expert Presenters:

Ambassador Carla Sands, Chair, Foreign Policy Initiative, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Energy Policy, AFPI - United States.

Closing Reception

(7:00 PM)

Ex Casa Presidencial, San Jacinto

NOVEMBER 14

Prayer Breakfast

(8:45-9:00 AM)

Honorable Víctor Gonzalez, Former Member of The Congress of Spain.

Honorable Lucas Rojas, Soloist, Paraguay.

Opening Remarks/Keynote Remarks

(9:00-9:30 AM)

Senator Bill Cassidy, United States Senate. Video.

Honorable Matt Pottinger, Former U.S. Deputy National Security Advisor. Video.

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Expert Presenters:

Dr. Sohan Dasgupta, Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security - United States.

Dr. Kevin Dayaratna, Director, Center for Data Analysis and Chief Statistician – United States.

The Role of Parliaments in Global Security

(10:00-10:30 AM)

- How legislators can strengthen legal security frameworks.
- Experiences of international parliamentary cooperation.
- Building regional consensus.
- Parliamentary Checks on the Judiciary as a Path to Structural Reform and Anti-Corruption: A Brazilian Perspective.

Expert Presenters:

Congressman Nikolas Ferreira - Member of Brazilian Parliament.

Ms. Suecy Callejas, Vice President of the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador.

Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, and Disinformation

(10:30-11:15 AM)

- Use of AI to prevent crime and anticipate risks.
- Manipulation of algorithms and digital disinformation as a threat to democracy.
- Balancing technological innovation and ethics in security.

Expert Presenters:

Mr. J.C. Boggs, Esq., Partner, King & Spalding LLP.

Mr. Combiz Abdolrahimi, Esq., Global Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy, ServiceNow.

Mr. John Strand, CEO of Strand Consult.

Threats to National Security in the Western Hemisphere

(11:15-11:30 AM)

- Key cross-border risks to political stability.
- The impact of transnational crime and terrorism on regional order.
- U.S.–Latin America cooperation frameworks.

Expert Presenters:

Hon. Erik Bethel, Fellow, Chamber of Digital Commerce; former U.S. Representative to the World Bank

The Geopolitical Impact of Crypto and Digital Currencies

(11:30-12:30 PM)

- How digital currencies affect financial stability.
- Risks of illicit use for laundering and terrorism.
- Regulatory frameworks and regional cooperation.

Expert Presenters:

Mr. Kristopher Klaich, Director of National Security Policy, Digital Chamber – United States.

Ms. Lilita Infante, Chief Executive Officer, CAT Labs, Former U.S. Department of Justice Special Agent.

Honorable Steve Stockman, Former Member of the United States House of Representatives.

Dr. Oonagh McDonald, CBE - Former Member of Parliament, United Kingdom.

Lunch Break

(12:30-1:30 PM)

Corruption, Money Laundering, and Governance

(1:30-2:00 PM)

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Expert Presenters:

Carlos González Yepes - Specialized Officer, IFCACC – INTERPOL Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Centre.

Cybersecurity and Cyber Defense

(2:00-2:45 PM)

- Cybersecurity: The Human Element.
- Protection of critical infrastructures (electricity, water, banking).
- Hacktivism and ransomware as national threats.

Expert Presenters:

Dr. Paul Maurer - President & CEO, Montreat College - United States.

Mr. Peter Dumas - Director of State Intelligence Agency.

Ms. Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Director, Center for Energy, Climate, and Environment and The Herbert and Joyce Morgan Fellow in Energy and Environmental Policy – United States.

Coffee Break

(2:45-3:00 PM)

Countering Hybrid and Transnational Threats in the Americas: *Building Integrated Resilience through Intelligence, Partnership, and Adaptation*

(3:00-3:30 PM)

- Identifying new hybrid tactics (cyber, disinformation, economic influence).
- Regional resilience and deterrence strategies.
- Joint strategies for border and maritime security.
- Maritime challenges including narcotrafficking, piracy, and irregular migration routes.
- Interoperability and cooperation among regional armed forces and with the U.S. and neighboring countries.

Expert Presenters:

Abraham Lugo, Advisor on Transnational Crime, Border Security and Anti-corruption, Puerto Rico.

Terrorism and Illicit Financing

(3:30-4:15 PM)

- Global terrorist threats and their links to Latin America.
- Illicit financing mechanisms: Cryptocurrencies, hawala, illegal remittances.
- Interparliamentary cooperation for asset control and sanctions.

Expert Presenters:

Mr. John Walsh - President and Chief Executive Officer, SightSpan Inc. - United States.

Dr. Varun Suthra, Director International Relations, KIIT University.

Mr. Alejo Campos, Regional Director, Crime Stoppers, Americas and Caribbean.

Corruption as a Threat to National Security

(4:15-4:30 PM)

Expert Presenters:

Volodymyr Kreidenko- Member of Parliament of Ukraine. Deputy Chair of the Committee on Transport and Infrastructure Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine