

CONFERENCE AGENDA



TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

*(C)=confirmed (T)=tentative

0835-0845: Opening Remarks by FIU President Ken Jessell (T)

0845-0900: Welcome Remarks by DASD Daniel Erikson (C)

0900-1000 Paula Dobriansky (Fmr. Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs) Keynote

1000-1030: Networking Break

1030-1045: Remarks from Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (C)

1045-1145: Protecting our People: Achievements in Citizen Security

- Themes: Efforts to combat TCOs/ gangs; combatting illicit trafficking; combatting corruption, upholding rule of Law; insecurity in Venezuela
- Panelists: Samantha Chaitram, Caribbean Policy Consortium (C), Maria Paula Romo, Former Minister of Government of Ecuador (C), Sandro Torres Avelar, Brazilian Secretary of Public Security for the Federal District (C), Jackie Charles, Miami Herald (C)
- Moderated by: Ryan Berg, CSIS (C)

1145-1200: Video Message: SOUTHCOM Commander, GEN Laura Richardson

1200-1230: Lunchtime Chat with VADM Alvin Holsey, Military Deputy Commander, U.S. Southern Command

Moderated by: Bruce Vitor, FIU (C)

1330-1430: Fireside Chat with NSC Director Juan Gonzalez (C)

- Theme: U.S. security policy
- Moderated by: Brian Fonseca, Director, Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy, FIU

1445-1515: Keynote Address with USAID Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman (C)

1515-1615: After COP27: Climate and Environmental Security in the Region

- Themes: HADR; combatting illegal mining; combatting IUUF: CMAR progress; LAC views on COP27
- Panelists: Erin McFee, Perry Center (C), Tony Long, Global Fishing Watch (C), USAID NSC Director
 Colin Thomas-Jensen (C), Michele Devlin (C), U.S. Army War College
- Moderated by: Tim Padgett, NPR (C)

1630-1700: Fireside Chat with Ron Johnson, Fmr. US Ambassador to El Salvador (T)

Moderated by: Leland Lazarus, FIU (C)



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1700-1800: In the Middle: Opportunities and Challenges in the Era of Strategic Competition

- Themes: U.S.-China strategic competition in LAC, especially the PRC's growing military exchanges in the region; port investments; environmental abuses; 5G technology
- Panelists: Jorge Heine, Former Chilean AMB to China (C), Nicole Wong, Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Panama (C), Evan Ellis, US Army War College (C), Margaret Myers (C), Inter-American Dialogue
- Moderated by: Jason Marczak, Atlantic Council (C)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2021

0835-0845: Opening Remarks with SOUTHCOM J2 Ana-Christina Gonzalez

0845-0915: Keynote Address with Sébastien Carrière, Canadian Ambassador to Haiti

Moderated by: Anthony Pereira, FIU (C)

0915-1015: Cyber Security and Combatting Disinformation

- Themes: How Partner Nations (PNs) are strengthening cyber defense capabilities; how PNs are gearing up to combat disinformation, especially in the lead up to elections in Guatemala, Argentina, and Paraguay in 2023 & Mexico, El Salvador, Panama, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela in 2024
- Panelists: Boris Saavedra, Perry Center (C), Marty Trevino, U.S. Army (C), Louise Marie Hurel, RUSI
 (C)
- Moderated by: Randy Pestana, FIU (C)

1030-1100: Keynote Address with Mario Montoto, CEO of Codesur, Argentina

1100-1200: How New Technology is Solving Old Security Challenges

- Themes: Assessment of Safe/Smart Cities; highlight specific countries that are making strides and can share best practices
- Panelists: Samantha Howell, Center for a New American Security (C), Joana Monteiro, Getulio Vargas Foundation (C), Cristobal Ramon, Independent Migration Consultant (C), Charlette Betts, Regional Technology Officer, State Department (C)
- Moderated by: Miguel Asencio, FIU (C)

1200-1215: Concluding Remarks

