Introducing Mexico Matters

The Americas Program is pleased to present the **Mexico Matters** podcast series, which highlights key developments in Mexico and their impact on the United States. Hosted by CSIS Senior Associate **Mariana Campero** and featuring leading voices from both sides of the border, each episode brings in-depth analysis, commentary, and conversations, offering a deep dive into an array of subjects ranging from economics, trade, and energy, to national security, foreign policy, and business.

Latest Episodes:

**Episode 1: Waking Up to a New Reality: Where is Mexico Heading?**

In this first episode, Mariana is joined by Kim Breier, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere, and Luis de la Calle, a Mexican economist and the former Undersecretary at the Ministry of Economy who headed the NAFTA negotiations. They discuss how the economic and political priorities of the Mexican government can not only undermine confidence among investors but also hinder U.S. national interests.

**Episode 2: Complying with the USMCA is the New Priority**

In this episode, Mariana Campero speaks with Ken Smith, Mexico’s Chief USMCA negotiator and with the CSIS Trade Guys, Scott Miller and Bill Reinsch, about the new USMCA— which was signed two years ago by President Lopez Obrador. They dive deep into how some of his policies run counter to the spirit of free competition and risk hindering US investments and other key interests. They also discuss the focus on compliance by the new Biden Administration and how protectionist measures on both sides can affect the overall competitiveness of North America.

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**PAST EVENTS**

- **Feb 25, A Discussion with President Iván Duque on Granting Temporary Legal Protection to Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia**, Daniel Runde, Ambassador Mark Green, and President Iván Duque discuss Colombia’s recent historic decision to grant temporary legal protection to Venezuelan migrants.

- **Feb 23, Brazil’s Accession to the OECD**, Daniel Runde and Deputy Minister Roberto Fendt discuss Brazil’s potential accession to the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

- **Feb 17, An Armchair Conversation with Mauricio Claver-Carone, President of the Inter-American Development Bank**, Daniel Runde and Mauricio Claver-Carone discuss the possibility of the IDB receiving a capital increase, new priorities for the Bank as it seeks to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on the region, and areas of potential collaboration with the Biden-Harris administration.
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Feb 16 The Right Time for a Capital Increase for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)? Daniel Runde, Kristen Cordell, Romina Bandura, and Claudia Fernandez discuss the need for a capital increase for the IDB and how the Biden administration should consider the IDB within its Latin America strategy.

Feb 8 ‘A Cycle of Instability’: Haiti’s Constitutional Crisis, Georges Fauriol examines the need for reform of Haiti’s constitutional process as the start and end of Haiti’s presidential term stirs debate.

Feb 3 Ecuador’s Upcoming Elections, Armand Peschard-Sverdup assesses Ecuador’s presidential elections and analyzes the latest public opinion polls in the run-up to the election.

Jan 28 An Alliance for Prosperity 2.0, Daniel Runde, Linnea Sandin, Elena Méndez Leal, and Laura Guerra explore how an effective strategy in the region from the Biden administration can boost economic resiliency, stem migration to the U.S. mitigate the impact of organized crime, and enhance citizen security.

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