



Programme

Workshop

Facing Common Challenges – Latin American and European Cooperation in Security and Climate Policy

Wednesday, March 24th, 2010
14h00 to 17h30
(light lunch offered from 13h15)

Venue:
EU Office
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Rue du Taciturne 38, 1000 Brussels
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Background

The sixth summit between the EU and Latin American and Caribbean countries is scheduled for May 2010. Climate change and security policy are identified as key challenges for both continents and are addressed in their strategic partnership. Upcoming to this summit the EU office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung has invited a delegation of Latin American Parliamentarians to come to Brussels. This Experts' Round Table will bring together European and Latin American experts to exchange different perspectives on those two issues which need to be tackled not only at a regional, but also at a global level.

Within Latin America positions on climate policy are diverse. However, Latin America could play a crucial role in the future of international climate policy. Are there chances for a common Latin American and European position to contribute to a successful outcome of the next international climate conference in Cancun?

Global security policy is central to international relations. Transnational organised crime is a major challenge to security in Latin America. Europe is focusing on international terrorism and its engagement in international missions. Both continents share experience in establishing regional cooperation to address these challenges. The expert's round table will promote the participation of civil society in this dialogue.

13h15 Registration

14h00 Welcome and Introduction
Ms. Dörte Wollrad, FES Berlin

Panel on Cooperation in Climate Policy

14h15 Input
Mr. Daniel Barragan Terán
Ecuadorian Centre for Environmental Law

14h35 Comments by participants of Latin American Delegation and Open Discussion
Chaired by
Ms. Judith Illerhues, FES Berlin

15h45 Coffee Break

Panel on Cooperation in Security Policy

16h00 Input
Mr. Alcides Costa Vaz
University of Brasilia, Brazil

16h10 **Mr. José Bayardi**, Member of Parliament, Uruguay

16h20 **Ms. Angelica Lazar**, DG Relex, European Commission

16h30 Open Discussion
Chaired by
Mr. Wolf Grabendorff, Senior Fellow, John Hopkins University

17h30 End of Discussion

Translation English-Spanish will be provided.