

FACT SHEET

Partnerships for Progress: Citizen Security in the Americas

Insecurity and violent crime is near the top of citizens' concerns in most countries in the Americas, and President Obama has recommitted the United States to creating practical partnerships in the hemisphere to advance shared interests and protect our citizens. This cooperative approach is based on a deeper recognition of new and traditional threats to the safety of our citizens in the hemisphere. This strategy is grounded in our shared responsibility for addressing such challenges; the critical importance of political will, rule of law, and effective institutions of governance; and the common aspirations for secure, prosperous and inclusive societies.

In addressing insecurity and its root causes, President Obama has also underscored the importance of reducing demand for illegal drugs that fuel many of the transnational criminal organizations responsible for insecurity throughout the hemisphere.

Today, the President announced a new [Citizen Security Partnership in Central America](#), which will build upon and compliment existing efforts aimed at enhancing citizen security in the Americas:

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