

Building Human Capital in an Aging Mexico

**A Policy Forum Hosted by
The CSIS Mexico Project & Global Aging Initiative**

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3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Center for Strategic and International Studies

1800 K Street, NW, Washington, DC

B1 Conference Level (Room C)

The forum will present the findings of the **latest Report of the U.S.-Mexico Binational Council, “Building Human Capital in an Aging Mexico.”** Today, there are nine Mexican children for every Mexican elder—but by mid-century, there will be as many elders as children. The report explains how this stunning demographic transformation will reshape Mexico’s economy and society—and why it adds great urgency to its human capital agenda. Can strategic investments in education, worker training, and science and technology allow Mexico to boost living standards in advance of the age wave—or will it grow old before it grows rich? What are the implications for of its success or failure for cross-border trade, investment, and immigration? Are there potential demographic and economic synergies between Mexico and the United States?

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Chaired by:

Armand Peschard-Sverdrup, Director, CSIS Mexico Project

Presenters:

Richard Jackson, Senior Fellow and Director, CSIS Global Aging Initiative

James Jones, Chairman, Manatt-Jones Global Strategies & Binational Council