

Perspectives on Security and the Environment in the Binational U.S.-Mexican Border Region

A CSIS and SCERP Inquiry

January 30, 2007
8:30 am – 12:30 pm
B1 Conference Center, CSIS
1800 K Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Dear Colleague,

It is our pleasure to invite you to an interactive session with some of the foremost experts on security and the environment in the U.S.-Mexican Border region from **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, in the B1 conference center of CSIS**, located at 1800 K St. NW.

The U.S.-Mexican Border Region (USMBR) has been significantly impacted by domestic and international migration trends, pre- and post-NAFTA industrialization and cross-border trade, and most recently, September 11th security concerns.

The purpose of this roundtable event is to add a tangible environmental dimension to the traditional security dialogues. In particular, the meeting will delve into the environmental impact of the various border security measures that have been implemented on both-sides of the border, as well as, environmental degradation resulting from the two-way flow of cross-border activity that takes place outside of the official ports of entry. The meeting will also explore the extent to which state and local authorities—both U.S. and Mexican—have participated in their respective federal governments' planning and execution process as part of broader binational cooperation and collaboration. Please find attached the agenda for this program.

We kindly ask that you RSVP by noon on Monday, January 29, to Kristin Wedding, Mexico Project Research Associate, by email to kwedding@csis.org or by phone at (202) 457-8743. We look forward to seeing you on January 30.

Regards,



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