



Standing with a coalition-led binational delegation, Rep. "Chuy" Garcia prepares to address a crowd on gun violence and the flow of U.S. arms into Mexico. June 12, 2024. Photo Credit: Tania Del Moral, LAWG.

WHAT IS THE LATIN AMERICA WORKING GROUP?

The Latin America Working Group brings together **over eighty** civil society organizations in the United States and abroad, coordinating advocacy initiatives that promote human rights in the Americas. **Founded in 1983, it is one of the U.S.' longest-standing coalitions dedicated to foreign policy and human rights.** Learn more about LAWG's history [here](#).

The Latin America Working Group designs advocacy campaigns, organizes national strategy sessions on grassroots action, coordinates international advocacy initiatives with associated Latin American human rights networks, and conducts public outreach. LAWG is both an independent NGO with its own **programs** and a facilitator of coalition work that catalyzes cross-organizational collaboration.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE LATIN AMERICA WORKING GROUP?

Participants include national-level faith-based, policy, human rights, labor, environmental, Latino, migrant, grassroots, educational, and humanitarian organizations. Participating organizations bring deep insights and years of experience on the issues and wide-ranging capacity to mobilize their diverse networks for change.

Joining the Latin America Working Group offers your organization opportunities:

- To attend **monthly cross-organizational coordinating calls** such as the Colombia Steering Committee, Central America Migration & Foreign Policy, and Cuba Working Group, where LAWG staff and partners share the latest updates on U.S. policy towards Latin America, trends in the region, upcoming events, and actions you can take to promote just policies.
- To **amplify your reach by pitching your organization's campaigns**, sign-on letters and actions to other LAWG participating organizations via plenaries, meetings, and the LAWG listserv, which reaches tens of thousands of committed grassroots activists.
- To **join in coordinated actions**, such as sign-on letters, e-campaigns, international delegations, and other forms of targeted advocacy.
- To participate in ad-hoc subgroups and task forces for **strategizing and action** on specific campaigns.
- To seek **technical advice from LAWG's highly-skilled advocacy staff**.
- To receive **exposure for your organization** via LAWG's public outreach initiatives.

Your organization chooses where and when to join in. Participating organizations may choose to sign on to letters, campaigns and statements or not to sign on, according to their own organizational mandates.

What does my organization contribute? Organizations are asked to make a voluntary annual contribution to the LAWG in accordance with their capacity and level of involvement. Contributions range from \$500 to \$5,000/year and are set by the organizations themselves.

By working together, we can achieve real progress towards our common goals of peace, justice, and respect for human rights in Latin America and in U.S. policy towards the region.

OUR RESOURCES

- **Our Website:** Find resources, advocacy tools, and education materials covering all of LAWG's campaigns and more at www.lawg.org.
- **LAWG Action Alerts:** Sign up to our **e-alerts** list for regular updates and action opportunities on Mexico/Border, Colombia, Central America, and Cuba campaigns.
- **Our bi-annual publication, *The Advocate*:** Each Fall and Spring, LAWG publishes a curated collection of articles from our experts, offering analysis on important policy issues in the U.S. and critical developments in Latin America.
- **LAWG News Briefs:** Stay updated on the latest news on U.S. foreign policy and the politics of the hemisphere with our news briefs — which alternate weekly between the Colombia News Brief and the Migration News Brief.
- **Our Social Media Channels:** Follow us to stay in the loop & receive frequent updates.

