

PROJECT COUNTRIES

In Latin America the Hanns Seidel Foundation conducts projects in the following countries:

- ▶ Argentina (RA)
- ▶ Bolivia (BOL)
- ▶ Chile (RCH)
- ▶ Colombia (CO)
- ▶ Cuba (C)
- ▶ Ecuador (EC)
- ▶ El Salvador (ES)
- ▶ Guatemala (GCA)
- ▶ Peru (PE)
- ▶ Venezuela (YV)



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The Hanns Seidel Foundation, founded in 1967, is a German political foundation, close to the Christian Social Union (CSU), providing political education “in the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development” in Germany and abroad. It has been working for more than 40 years in the field of development cooperation and is currently taking an active part in 80 projects in 55 countries worldwide.

Our international activities based on Christian-social ideals seek to promote humane living conditions and to contribute to sustainable development by strengthening peace, democracy and social market economy. In cooperation with our local partners we realise projects in the areas of political consulting and education. Our partners' independency and ownership are of particular importance to us.

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LATIN AMERICA



Hanns Seidel Foundation worldwide



OUR PROJECT WORK

Democracy in Latin America has a long tradition. However, there is increasing discontent among the population with respect to the actual political systems. Extreme social inequality, poverty, corruption and discrimination of particular social and ethnic groups, especially women and indigenous, are still widespread. Sustainable social development requires a new quality of policy formulation and implementation. To guarantee good governance, several conditions are essential: the participation of civil society, the capacity and efficiency of public institutions, the transparency of political actions, the technical orientation of political programmes.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation promotes active participation of civil society in political processes. Through our projects we support the strengthening and integration of disadvantaged groups and the decentralisation of administrative structures. In the area of local and national affairs we carry out measures such as counselling of decision makers in order to contribute to democratic and sustainable development on the continent. Our work is supported by our local partner institutions, such as party-linked foundations, think tanks, NGOs, representatives of ethnic groups, national and regional parliaments, local authorities, chambers of commerce, independent research institutes and universities.



Presentation: "Investment in infrastructure – a key prerequisite for a sustainable social and economic development."

ACTIVITIES – EXAMPLES

Argentina

- Consulting parliamentarians and members of the public parliamentary administration
- Strengthening decentralisation processes, improving local public management

Bolivia

- Supporting the construction of a pluralistic and open society
- Improving the functioning of democratic institutions

Chile

- Promoting Good Public Policies
- Strengthening political participation of youths

Ecuador

- Accelerating the inclusion of indigenous people into society (e. g. awarding scholarships)
- Supporting the consolidation of democratic processes with particular focus on young political talents

Colombia

- Consulting parliamentarians and members of the public parliamentary administration, academic simulations in the National Congress with young political talents
- Promoting dialogue between government, armed forces and civil society

Cuba

- Improving vocational know-how of leaders and qualified employees in the tourism and cultural sector
- Support of economic reform processes

Peru

- Parliament simulations with aspiring young politicians
- Promoting dialogue between politicians and society

Venezuela

- Promoting an effective and citizen-friendly police force that respects human rights
- Informing the Warao minority about their civil rights

Central America (El Salvador, Guatemala)

- Consulting parliamentarians and members of the public parliamentary administration
- Promoting an effective and citizen-friendly police force that respects human rights

UPLA (Unión de Partidos Latinoamericanos)

Promoting transnational exchange of views about political, economic and social challenges

FOCUS OF OUR WORK

- ▶ Consolidation of democracy and rule of law
- ▶ Counselling of decision makers in politics and business
- ▶ Strengthening the political commitment of civil society, especially of young people, women and indigenous
- ▶ Promoting socio-political integration of disadvantaged parts of the society