

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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OUR PROJECT WORK

Democracy in Latin America has a long tradition. However, there is increasing discontent among the population with respect to the political systems. Extreme social inequality, poverty, violence, corruption and discrimination of particular social groups, especially indigenous groups and women, still exist. Sustainable social development requires a new quality of policy formulation and implementation. Participative policy-making and efficient public institutions both are prerequisites to the realisation of good governance. In addition, transparent political action and fact-based policy programmes also contribute to reaching this aim.

The Hanns-Seidel-Foundation's projects in Latin America promote the idea of an impartial, reform-minded and democratic-pluralistic state that acts in the public interest. The foundation aims at empowering citizens to speak up for their own interests as active, informed members of society, taking value-based decisions and cooperating with like-minded people. In order to work towards this goal, the foundation is supported by foundations affiliated to political parties, local think tanks and NGOs, representatives of ethnic groups, national and regional parliaments, chambers of commerce, universities, independent research institutions or public administrations.

ACTIVITIES – EXAMPLES

Argentina

- Consulting services for Members of Parliament and administrative staff of national and regional parliaments
- Promotion of an efficient and people-oriented police force respecting human rights
- Support to national, regional and local public administrations in the process of public policy implementation

Bolivia

- Support for the construction of a pluralistic society
- Strengthening young talents' political and social commitment
- Promotion of environment and climate protection as well as sustainable use of natural resources

Chile

- Promotion of Good Public Policies
- Promotion of political reforms with emphasis on social market economy
- Strengthening political participation of young people

Ecuador

- Accelerating the inclusion of indigenous people into society
- Reinforcement and promotion of democratic pluralism and political commitment of young people
- Fostering contact between political representatives and the general public

Colombia

- Consulting services for Members of Parliament and administrative staff of parliaments
- Strengthening political commitment of young talents
- Fostering the peace process and social dialogue

Cuba

- Improving vocational know-how of leaders and qualified employees in tourism and the cultural sector
- Support of economic reform processes
- Improving socio-economic prospects of marginalised young people

Peru

- Parliamentary simulations and political schools for young talents
- Enhancement of public confidence in the judicial sector and strengthening of the judiciary
- Promotion of regional exchange (at national level and within the Andean region)

Venezuela

- Support for social dialogue and the reconciliation process
- Violence and crime prevention work in schools
- Increase in knowledge and of commitment of the Warao indigenous people to an environmentally sound and healthy way of life and nutrition

El Salvador

- Consulting services for Members of Parliament and administrative staff of parliaments
- Awareness raising on the causes of corruption and development of solution approaches
- Support for social dialogue and a reconciliation process

Guatemala

- Strengthening professional competencies and ethical values of junior staff
- Strengthening institutional capacities of the parliament
- Support for economic and political involvement of indigenous peoples

UPLA (Unión de Partidos Latinoamericanos)

- Promotion of an international exchange of views as well as knowledge sharing on political, economic and social challenges in Latin America
- Promotion of youth participation in political affairs

FOCUS OF OUR WORK

- ▶ Consolidation of democracy and rule of law
- ▶ Counselling for political and economic decision makers
- ▶ Strengthening the political commitment of civil society, especially of young people, women and indigenous
- ▶ Promoting socio-political integration of disadvantaged members of society
- ▶ Promotion of democratic institutions, particularly by offering consulting services to parliaments
- ▶ Propagation of the concept of social market economy