



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Colombia – The Political Science Institute (ICP) launched edition number 22 of the CIPE-sponsored regional magazine, *Perspectiva*. This edition of the quarterly magazine on economic and political analysis featured varied perspectives on freedom of expression in Latin America. Fifty people attended the event, which included presentations by Alejandro Santos Rubino, director of *Semana* magazine, Juanita Leon, director on the online journal *LaSillaVacia*, and Beethoven Herrera, professor at the National University of Colombia.

Nicaragua – The Superior Council for Private Enterprise (COSEP) made more progress in developing the 2010 National Business Agenda (NBA), meeting with the board of directors for the Nicaraguan Association of Vehicles and Automotive Distributors to discuss the 2010 NBA process. COSEP leadership also met with representatives from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to discuss the process of approval for the IMF's fourth program for Nicaragua.

Venezuela – Rafael Alfonzo, president of the Center for Dissemination of Economic Knowledge (CEDICE), and Luis Alfonso Herrera, legal analyst for CEDICE, spoke at a conference in Caracas on “The State of Rights and Economic Freedom.” This event was organized by the Venezuelan-American Chamber of Commerce and CEDICE to present the results of the Index of Economic Freedom released by the Heritage Foundation. CEDICE's weekly radio segment on “Tiempo de Palabra” featured Cecilia Gonzalez and project director Gustavo Rojas, who discussed the law for the protection of individuals' access to goods and services.

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Calendar of Events for the Week of March 13 – March 20

- March 1-20 Parliamentarian trainings in Plateau, Nasarawa and Benue States, Nigeria (CIPE)
- March 15 Institute of Directors workshop in Zahle, Lebanon (Lebanese Transparency Association)
- March 15 Training seminar on advocacy in context of Ukraine's World Trade Organization membership in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine (Property and Freedom Institute)
- March 16 Bahrain corporate governance code launch event in Bahrain (Bahrain AA)
- March 17 Lebanon Anti-Bribery Network working group in Beirut, Lebanon (Lebanese Transparency Association)
- March 19 Conference on Ukraine's obligations as a World Trade Organization member state in Kyiv, Ukraine (Property and Freedom Institute)