

Mexico and the United States present a work plan derived from the HLED

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Institutional Context

The High Level Economic Dialogue (HLED) between the United States and Mexico is a binational dialogue mechanism created in 2013 by Presidents Barack Obama and Enrique Peña Nieto. This mechanism focuses on advancing economic and trade priorities to promote economic growth, job creation, and global competitiveness for both nations. The HLED meets once a year at cabinet level. Through this mechanism, a variety of bilateral dialogues and working groups are promoted. In 2021, Presidents López Obrador and Biden agreed to restart the HLED, after a 5 year pause, to promote cooperation and mutual strengthening.

HLED Work Plan¹

The work plan presented on December 13th, 2021, derived from the last meeting of the HLED held in Washington D.C., defines advances and specific strategic activities between both countries based on the four established pillars. The work plan considers the following initiatives:

Pillar I: Rebuilding Together

- Strengthening supply chains and coordinating their management in crisis situations.
- Cooperation between Mexico and the United States in environmental technologies.
- Improving border conditions to facilitate legal bilateral trade and the transit of people.
- Association for trade facilitation for medical equipment

Pillar II: Promoting economic, social & sustainable development in southern MX & Central America (CA)

- Partnership to address the causes of irregular migration in southern Mexico and northern CA.

Pillar III: Securing the tools for future prosperity

- Mexico-United States cooperation in cutting-edge telecommunications and ICT networks.
- Strengthening cooperation on cybersecurity.
- Digital cooperation on border privacy regulations.

Pillar IV: Investing in our towns

- Campaign to support economic growth through innovation and creativity.
- Inclusive recovery through initiatives to invest in entrepreneurs and MSMEs.
- Technical training programs in priority sectors.

¹ México y Estados Unidos presentan plan de trabajo derivado del Diálogo Económico de Alto Nivel. (2021). SRE.

<https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-y-estados-unidos-presentan-plan-de-trabajo-derivado-del-dialogo-economico-de-alto-nivel-290361?idiom=es>