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Colombia in Colorado: Ambassador Discusses Innovation at Biennial of the Americas, Meets with Gov. Hickenlooper



Photo: Ambassador Urrutia during July 17 Biennial of the Americas symposium; Photo Credit: Biennial of the Americas



Photo: The July 17 panel discussion at the Biennial; Photo Credit: Biennial of the Americas



Photo: Ambassador Urrutia with Governor John Hickenlooper

2013 Biennial of the Americas

Colombian Ambassador to the U.S. Carlos Urrutia this week participated in the [2013 Biennial of the Americas](#), an international festival of ideas, art and culture focused exclusively on the Americas and hosted in Denver, CO. The festival, which began on Tuesday, July 16, and wraps up today, is themed “*Unleashing Human Potential: Reinventing Communities, Business, and Education.*”

On Wednesday, July 17, Ambassador Urrutia participated in a [symposium](#), themed “*Reinventing Communities and How We Live,*” on ways to create more affordable, reliable and efficient systems that produce happier and healthier societies. The forum was moderated by **Arianna Huffington**, Chair, President and Editor-in-Chief of the Huffington Post Media Group.

Other symposium participants included: **Ken Salazar**, Former United States Secretary of the Interior; **Peter Kareiva**, Chief Scientist of The Nature Conservancy; **Jim Rogers**, Chairman of the Board of Duke Energy; **Steve Williams**, President and CEO of Suncor Energy; and **Alberto Alemán Zubieta**, Former CEO of the Panama Canal Authority.

Colorado-Colombia Partnership

Ambassador Urrutia also met with **Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper** in Denver to discuss ways to further the Colorado-Colombia economic partnership, including new trade and investment opportunities flowing from the [U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement](#) implemented on May 15, 2012.

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