A Diverse Region

- **Area of Responsibility (AOR)**
  - 1/6th of earth’s surface (7.2M mi² of land)
  - 31 countries
  - 15 Dependencies & Areas of Special Sovereignty

- **Demographics**
  - 486 million people
  - 200+ million Portuguese speakers
  - 45+ million indigenous peoples

- **Economics**
  - 8 of 17 U.S. FTAs include AOR nations
  - ~ 8.3 % of U.S. trade
  - ~ 30% of U.S. energy imports
  - > $36 billion in remittances

- **Cultural Ties**
  - U.S. has the 2nd largest Spanish-speaking population in the world
  - Estimated U.S. will be 30% Hispanic by 2050

*Latin America, the Caribbean, and the U.S. share common interests and security concerns.*
A Decade of Progress

Optimistic Trends

A decade of progress...

- 3.5% average GDP growth
- ~$18 billion in trade growth
  - 72% increase of U.S. exports to region
  - 114% increase of U.S. imports from region
- 57% increase in per capita income
- 12% lifted from poverty
- Increased social developments
  - Lower infant mortality rate & longer life expectancy
  - Improved access to medical care, potable water & sanitation services
- With the exception of Cuba, all countries have a form of democratic government
# A Challenging Environment

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Our Vision, Mission, and Objectives

**Vision:** We are a joint & *interagency* organization supporting US national security interests, and with our partners, improving security, stability & prosperity in the Americas.

**Mission:** We are ready to conduct joint & combined full-spectrum military operations and support *whole-of-government* efforts to enhance regional security & cooperation.

**Strategic Objectives**

- **Defend the United States**
- **Foster Regional Security**
- **Be an Enduring Partner**

Ensuring the forward defense of the United States
Command Organization

- **U.S. Southern Command**
  - Miami, Florida

- **12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern)**
  - Tucson, Arizona

- **U.S. Army South**
  - San Antonio, Texas

- **U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command / U.S. FOURTH Fleet**
  - Mayport, Florida

- **U.S. Marine Corps Forces, South**
  - Homestead, Florida

- **Special Operations Command South**
  - Homestead, Florida

- **Security Cooperation Organizations (24)**

- **Joint Interagency Task Force South**
  - Key West, Florida
  - JIATF-S

- **Joint Task Force Guantánamo Naval Station, Cuba**
  - JTF-GTMO

- **Joint Task Force Bravo**
  - Soto Cano, Honduras
  - JTF-B

- **Joint Task Force Curacao**

- **Cooperative Security Locations**
Our Focus Areas

Countering Transnational Organized Crime (C-TOC)

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief (HA/DR)

Peace Support Operations (PSO)
Global Transnational Networks

Illicit Trafficking... a $394 billion per year global industry

Factors

- Major economies are major consumers
- Powerful Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) directly influence national govts
- Corruption lowers risk to criminal groups
- TCOs exploit national limitations
- Least capable countries are often used for transit
- TCOs range from highly to loosely structured
- TCOs come and go, but markets remain
- Transnational problems require cooperative solutions

Existing financial, communications, transportation networks make illicit trafficking profitable
TOC Portends Violence

- 2007: Major shift in illicit trafficking routes
- >85% of cocaine destined for the U.S. now passes through Central America
- 2007-2010: 20,232 homicides in Honduras

**Trends in Homicide Rates per 100,000**

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**Sources:** National Civilian Police Figures; Government Institutions (various); Inter-American Development Bank; UN Office of Drug and Crime

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Transnational Organized Criminal Network

Drug-nexus illicit trafficking criminal networks

**Mexican Cartels**
Control the preponderance of critical items required for operations

**Cartel Accountants, Brokers, & Transportation Coordinators**
Most interconnected actors in the network & most impactful on system

**Critical Network Items**
- Highly interconnected nodes
- International maritime corridors
  - 80% of cocaine moves via maritime

**Strategic Source of Strength**
Mexican Cartels (Managers)

**Operational Source of Strength**
TBD by COUNTRY

**Critical Network Vulnerabilities**
- Cartel Accountants
- Transportation Coordinators
- Brokers
- Maritime Corridors

= Key Node  = Node  = Link
**USSOUTHCOM Support Concept for C-TOC**

Operational Framework
(in Support of Partner Nations and Law Enforcement Agencies)

**Indirect Approach**

1. **Support the Enabling of Effective Partner Nations and Regional Security**
   - Support to Dept of State, Drug Enforcement Administration, Dept Homeland Security & Partner Nations

2. **Support the Fostering of Alternatives to TCO Influence**
   - Support to Dept of State, US Agency for International Development & Partner Nations

**Direct Approach**

3. **Support the Dismantlement of TOC Networks**
   - Support to Drug Enforcement Admin, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dept of Homeland Security Dept of Treasury & Partner Nations

4. **Support the Disruption of TOC Illicit Trafficking**
   - Support to Dept of Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Admin, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dept of Treasury & Partner Nations

- **Training with Partner Nation militaries**
  - Disaster Response Training
  - Humanitarian Assistance Programs

- **Information Sharing and Analysis**
  - Detection & Monitoring
  - Coordinated Operations
Economic & Social Impacts to US Citizen Safety

Mexican Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) Activity

- Major drug cartels or affiliates operating in > 1200 cities
- U.S. deaths/year: 37,485 (est)
  - Traffic-related: 36,284
  - Murders: 15,399
- Cost of illicit drug use: $193 billion/year
- National Counter Drug Budget: >$26 billion/year
Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief

• Disaster Preparedness
  – Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) & DOD Excess Property Program
    > 55 projects donating supplies
  – Build & stock Emergency Operations Centers and Disaster Relief Warehouses
    > 24 projects
  – Build / renovate schools, community shelters, warehouses, clinics, hospitals, wells
    > 60 schools projects
  – Train PN medical first responders
  – Create disease surveillance programs

• Disaster Relief, 2011
  > 150 projects in direct support of internal country responses

$34.4M in disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance in FY11
Peace Support Operations (PSO)

- Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) provides funds to train & equip partner nations (PN) Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) units
  - 11 current GPOI PNs
  - Intended purpose: continuously deploy worldwide in support of PSO
- Partnership of the Americas (POA), Peacekeeping Operations of the Americas (PKOA)
- **UN Deployments**
  - 14 AOR countries
  - Contributing nearly 8,000 personnel to United Nations PKO missions worldwide
  - Troops, police, military experts
Theater Engagement Activities (FY-12)

- **Counternarcotics Assistance (131)**
- **Humanitarian Assistance (116)**
- **Combined/Multinational Exercises (28)**
- **Combined/Multinational Training (193)**
- **Combined/Multinational Education (63)**
- **Combined/Multinational Experimentation (7)**
- **Security Assistance (16)**
- **Counter/Non-Proliferation (14)**

~1,500 Uncategorized Programs, Meetings, Visits, and Engagement Activities
“As we move to the future, we are committed to building focused, collaborative approaches that will enable all of us – USSOUTHCOM, our interagency colleagues and partners alike – to work together to address the challenges we collectively face.”

-- General Douglas Fraser
Commander, U.S. Southern Command