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8<sup>th</sup> COURSE ON MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY  
FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS



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***THE 8TH COURSE ON MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY  
FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS***

August 22 – September 5, 2012

Matías Romero Institute  
República de El Salvador, No. 43  
Colonia Centro  
México, Distrito Federal, 06080

I. PURPOSE

Participants will learn about Mexico's international involvement, and about the political, economic and cultural context that motivates it.

II. PARTICIPANTS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Participants:

The course is designed for diplomats whose countries are invited to participate. **Diplomats currently posted to an embassy in Mexico are not eligible.** Candidates may apply only if they are officially nominated by their government, have a good grasp of the Spanish language and travel unaccompanied.

2. Requirements:

- For Foreign Service members and Foreign Ministry officials of the invited countries
- Bachelor's or equivalent university degree (as a minimum)
- Officially nominated by the candidate's Foreign Ministry
- Adequate command of the Spanish language
- Must have medical insurance (full coverage)

### III. COURSE

#### 1. Goals:

- To explain the principles of Mexico's foreign policy, its historical evolution and its ties to national affairs.
- To provide an overview of Mexico's contemporary foreign policy and its challenges and opportunities, both bilateral and multilateral, in the political and economic spheres.
- To familiarize the participants with various Mexican governmental agencies and other national actors by meeting senior officials and visiting their offices.
- To understand the role played by the private sector in the country's economic development by visiting representative companies.
- To provide insight into the academic world through meetings with professors and visits to universities and academic institutions.
- To provide an introduction to Mexico's artistic and cultural creativity.

#### 2. Methodology:

The course consists of conferences, meetings, artistic and cultural events and visits to businesses and educational and cultural institutes, through which the Matías Romero Institute (IMR) will provide the participants with an overview of:

- Mexico's foreign policy
- The Mexican Foreign Ministry: its structure and operation
- The society, economic potential and democratic life of contemporary Mexico
- The country's cultural wealth and diversity

The conferences will be given by well-known academics and senior officials from the Foreign Ministry and other areas of the Mexican government.

Each participant must prepare a brief presentation on his/her country's foreign policy and its relations with Mexico for one of the class sessions.

The participants will also have the opportunity to visit a Mexican state.

### IV. FINANCING

- The Matías Romero Institute of the Foreign Ministry will cover the cost of the course and all transportation within Mexico related to the course and its programmed activities.
- Each participant will receive \$1,250 pesos a day (about USD\$90) for room and board (double occupancy) starting the day before the course begins and including the last night of the course. Participants who would prefer a single room must pay the difference.
- **The international airfare will be paid by the Foreign Ministries of each of the participating countries.**

- Participants are responsible for covering any additional hotel expenses (telephone calls, laundry, room service, additional nights, etc.), additional local transportation, airport and immigration taxes, etc. (Additional expenses are explained in the participants' handbook.)

## V. APPLICATION, DOCUMENTS AND DEADLINE

### 1. Application:

Each candidate must fill out the application form in annex 1.

### 2. Documents:

To nominate their representatives for the course, the Foreign Ministry of each country invited must present a verbal note directly to the Matías Romero Institute of the Foreign Ministry or through its embassy in Mexico or via the Mexican embassy accredited or concurrent in its country. The note must include the name and title of the designated official and the following documents must be attached:

- Curriculum vitae
- Spanish language certificate
- Photocopy of the candidate's diplomatic or official passport
- University diploma or degree certificate, with Spanish translation
- Medical certificate, with Spanish translation
- Letter of commitment in which the candidate agrees to fulfill the academic requirements of the course, and comply with the conditions of the invitation, the schedule and program of activities and the instructions received on arrival (Annex 2).
- Two recent passport-size photographs

### 3. Deadline:

The above documents must be submitted no later than **Monday, July 16** to the candidate's embassy in Mexico or to the Mexican embassy accredited in or concurrent with the candidate's country. The Foreign Ministry nominating the candidate may also send the documents to the following email address: [imromero@sre.gob.mx](mailto:imromero@sre.gob.mx).

## VI. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

On Friday, July 27, the Matías Romero Institute will announce the list of countries and their respective representatives selected to participate in the course. **Please note that the candidates may be announced before that date.**

## VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course will take place from Wednesday, August 22 to Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

From Monday through Friday, the dress code is business attire.

For more information, please call (5255) 3686-5100 ext. 8237 or 5167 or email [imrinfo@sre.gob.mx](mailto:imrinfo@sre.gob.mx)

## VIII. CALENDAR

Publication of the announcement: **Wednesday, May 30, 2012**

Deadline for applications: **Monday, July 16, 2012**

List of accepted candidates published: **Friday, July 27, 2012**

Course begins: **Wednesday, August 22, 2012**

Course ends: **Wednesday, September 5, 2012**

Mexico City

May 30, 2012