

The Foundation Forum Speaker

Álvaro Uribe

PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA (2002-2010)



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

10:30 A.M. — 12:00 P.M.

The IADC and the IADC Foundation are pleased to present Álvaro Uribe as the 2012 Foundation Forum speaker. During his eight years in office as President of Colombia (2002-2010), President Uribe was responsible for the transformation of Colombia from a country with limited territorial control and escalating violence into a thriving, dynamic country under the rule of law.

President Uribe was first elected in 2002 with the conviction that Colombia needed to be governed with moral authority and a strong sense of leadership. In 2006, he was reelected with an overwhelming majority; the first president to be consecutively re-elected in Colombia in more than a

century.

One of President Uribe's most remarkable achievements is security. From 2002 to the first half of 2010, homicides per year dropped 70%, and kidnappings dramatically reduced by 84%. The economy during his presidency performed consistently, and he left office in 2010 with a 75% popularity rating.

President Uribe went into public service at a very young age. In 1976, he became head of the Real Estate Office of the Public Works Department of Medellín. From 1977 to 1978, he was Secretary General of the Labor Ministry and from 1980 to 1982, he was head of the Civil Aviation Department. He was the mayor of Medellín in 1982 and later, from 1984 to 1986, he was elected city councilman. He was then elected Senator for two terms (1986-1990 and 1990-1994) and finally elected governor of the department of Antioquia for the 1995 -1997 period.

In May 2010, the UN Secretary General chose former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe together with former New Zealand Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer and representatives from Israel and Turkey, to write the Palmer Report, which declared the Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip legal and legitimized the deadly attack on the first Freedom Flotilla.

President Uribe holds a degree in law from the Universidad de Antioquia and a postgraduate degree in Management and Administration from Harvard University. From 1998 to 1999 after being awarded a Simon Bolivar fellowship by the British Council in Bogotá, he worked as an associate professor at Oxford University.

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