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The Mexico Institute, WOLA & LAWGEF

are pleased to invite you to:

Police Reform in Mexico:

Challenges and Opportunities to Strengthen Law Enforcement
at the State and Local Level

Featuring:

Edgar Mohar, former Secretary of Citizen Security, Querétaro State Government, Mexico

Juan Salgado, Associate Professor, Center for Economic Research and Education (CIDE), Mexico City

Daniel Sabet, Visiting Professor, Georgetown University

Moderated by: **Maureen Meyer**, Associate for Mexico and Central America, WOLA

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The Mexican government has enacted a series of initiatives designed to strengthen its public security institutions as part of broader efforts to combat organized crime. Nonetheless, reforms to Mexico's police at the state and municipal level continue to lag. These forces serve at the frontline in providing citizen security, yet are widely considered to be the most susceptible to corruption, are often poorly equipped and trained, and have long lacked adequate accountability and oversight safeguards.

As Mexico confronts these challenges and as the U.S. contemplates a more comprehensive, long-term strategy to work with Mexico on confronting organized crime, violence, and public insecurity, it is key to take a closer look at the subnational police forces. Please join this expert panel in examining past and present efforts to reform the state and local police; the obstacles to professionalizing these forces; and the best practices to promote enhanced accountability.

Please RSVP to Ashley Morse at AMorse@wola.org.