
May 20-25 2019

The week of May 20 to 25, the U.S.-Mexico 360 program trip was held in partnership with **Meridian International Center**, with 17 delegates, who are decision makers from Washington, D.C. We had the opportunity to talk and exchange ideas with personalities from the public and private sectors, as well as with Civil Organizations that are related to bilateral issues.

On Monday the 20th, we met with Chris Wilson of the Wilson Center, we talked about issues that involve Mexico and the United States, and the studies and publications they do at the Wilson Center. We also had the opportunity to meet with Hector Ortega of the Mexican Embassy in the US and to discuss expectations and topics of interest to our delegates.

We had breakfast with Carlos Heredia (CIDE), where we talked about his point of view in the Mexico-US relationship. We agree that bringing policy makers from the US to Mexico is a great first step for a better understanding between our countries.

We also met with Staff from the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, where delegates were able to hear their country's governmental perspective on the bilateral relationship. We visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and talked with Amb. Mario Chacón, who shared the governmental vision of Mexico towards the different situations. The delegates toured the interior of the SRE building and the National Palace.

Alejandro Ramirez from Cinopolis, received us in his HQs, and shared his vision as a businessman with companies in both countries and the role played by different factors in these investments.

We want to thank sculptor Rivelino for inviting us to his art studio, and Jana Nelson for hosting a cocktail party at her house.

Other meetings and outstanding visits were with Former Ambassador Gerónimo Gutierrez, José Oriol (Mexican Stock Exchange), Pedro Ferriz de Con (journalist), Genaro Lozano (political analyst), Felipe Vallejo (BITSO) and Bernardo Gonzalez (AMAFORE).

We organized a panel of "Women in Leadership" where we had the pleasure of listening to Saskia Niño de Rivera (Reinserta), Paulina Suárez (Ambulante) and Marcela Torres (HolaCode). They shared the challenges they have had and the opportunities they have identified to grow personally and professionally. Alexandra Zapata told us about what they do at IMCO, then we met with Cristina Martinez from CMinds and talked about Artificial Intelligence in the economic and social development environment.

To close the trip we visited the pyramids of Teotihuacán, where the delegates enjoyed a day full of history and new things to learn, we also went to Xochimilco with Yolcán.