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New Atlantic Council-Baker McKenzie Analysis Lays out Future of Hemisphere's Supply Chains under New US Administration

The seventeen-author interactive dialogue tackles five questions set to reshape supply chains under COVID-19

WASHINGTON, DC – With US President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris preparing to enter office as the world braces for a second wave of COVID-19 pandemic-driven shutdowns and economic setbacks, a new seventeen-author spotlight publication by the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, in partnership with Baker McKenzie, lays out a vision for the future of supply chains and hemisphere-wide commercial cooperation under new US leadership.

Featuring perspectives from the United States and Mexico, as well as Asia, Europe and the Middle East, the publication, ***The Biden-Harris Administration and the Future of Supply Chains in the Americas***, looks at how cooperation across the Western Hemisphere can position suppliers to withstand future shocks while setting the stage for the modernization and increased resilience of supply chains in the medium to long term.

"This unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has pushed our hemisphere's suppliers to the brink as they strive to diversify, expand, and increase production facing new challenges by the day. With a Biden administration that fundamentally believes in working alongside partners and allies, we have the opportunity to implement shared solutions to the truly global challenge of getting goods into the hands of consumers at one of the most challenging times in our history," said Jason Marczak, director of the Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center at the Atlantic Council.

Authors spanning the private and public sectors and industries including aerospace, retail, and chemical, tackle questions on greater commercial integration, new technologies for innovation of supply chains, the prioritization of environmental, social, and governance goals, and lessons from other regions.

"In our global world of inherently connected economies, US success is intricately linked with the success of our partners in the Americas," said Maurice Bellan, managing partner for the Washington, DC office of Baker McKenzie. "As the US navigates its way out of this multi-pronged health crisis, a resilient, nimble, and technologically advanced supply chain in the Americas will aid in the recovery," added Jennifer Trock, partner and chair of the firm's North America International Commercial Practice Group and Global Aviation Group.

The spotlight publication is being launched at a [virtual event](#) from 2:00 to 3:00 pm EST today, December 9, 2020, featuring Maurice Bellan and Jennifer Trock of Baker McKenzie, Lisa Schroeter, Global Director for Trade and Investment Policy at The Dow Chemical Company, and Omar Vargas, Global Head of Government Affairs at 3M, among other experts.

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